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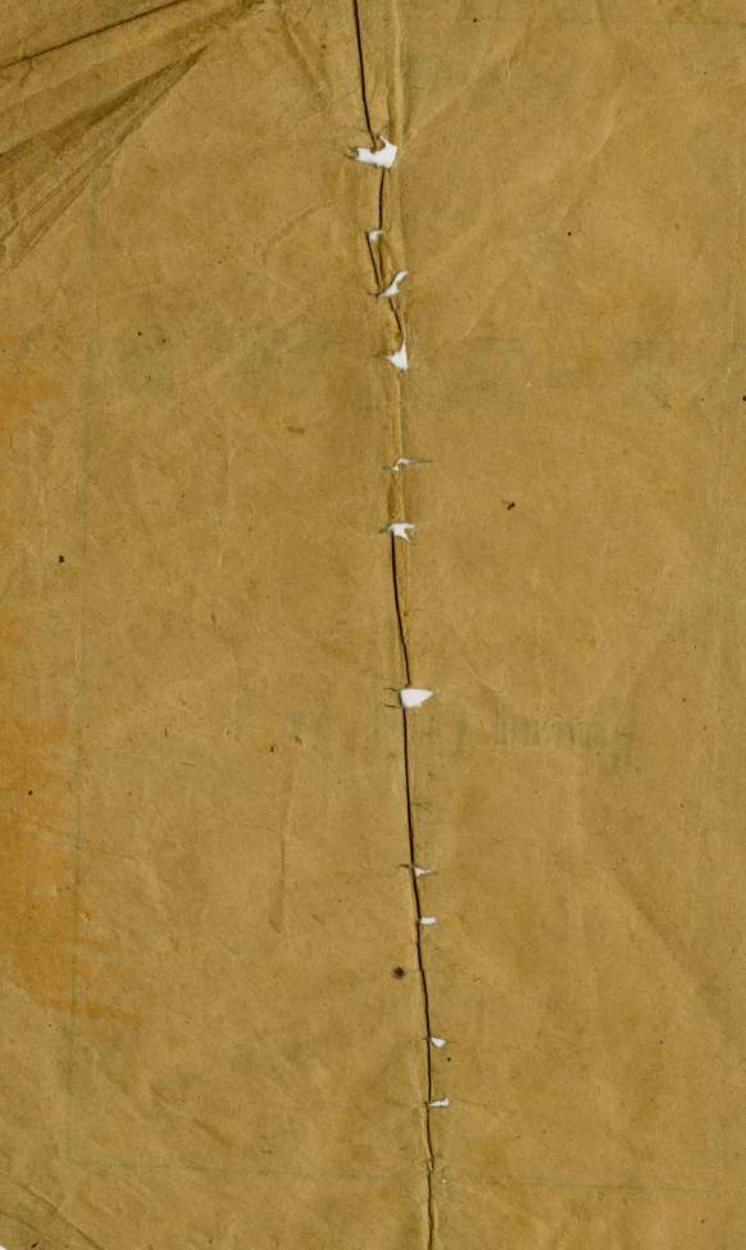
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CONSTITUTION
FOR
SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

PREAMBLE.

We, whose names are annexed, desirous of forming an Association, based upon the great principles of Faith, Temperance, and Charity, for the promotion of the welfare of our fellow-men, do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following Constitution and By-laws :

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Association shall be known as **MOOREFIELD COUNCIL, No 9,** of the Friends of Temperance.

ARTICLE II.

PLEDGE.

No brother shall make, buy, sell, or use, as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors, wine, or cider.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall consist of a P. A., Chaplain, S., F. S., T., C.,

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A. C., I. S., and O. S., all of whom shall be elected by ballot every six months, viz: last regular meetings in June and December, and installed first regular meetings in July and January.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the Council, enforce a due observance of the constitution and by-laws, and exact a compliance to the rules and usages of the Order; to see that all officers perform their respective duties; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote on all matters before the Council when a tie may occur; inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votes; direct the Secretary to call special meetings, when application shall be made in writing by five members of the Council; draw upon the Treasurer for all appropriations made by the Council; he shall see that the quarterly returns are prepared for the State Council, and the per centage appropriated, and forward the same in time for the regular sessions, certified by him with the seal of the Council. He shall perform such other duties as the Council or his charge shall require.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Associate to render the President such assistance as he may require of him; and in the absence of the President, the Associate shall perform his duties.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Council; write communications; notify all Subordinate Councils not more than ten miles of its place of meeting, within four weeks after, of the name, occupation, and residence of every person rejected or expelled from this Council. He shall fill up certificates; notify meetings when ordered by the President; attest to all moneys ordered to be paid at a regular meeting and none other. He shall make out at the end of each term, for the Council, a full report of the proceedings during his term, and also the quarterly returns to the State Council, which shall embrace the number of members initiated, admitted by card, reinstated, and who have withdrawn during his term, together with the names and occupations of those expelled and rejected, with the dates and causes of expulsion, the number who violate the pledge, how many re-sign, how many violate a second time, the number of active and associate members, the amount of receipts for

initiation fees and dues, with the per centage due the State Council, with the amount on hand, and, with the President certify to the same. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Council, or his charge, and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, all papers, books, or other property belonging to his office

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep just and true accounts between the Council and its members, credit the amount paid, and pay the same over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt. He shall, just previous to the close of his term, notify all members who are three months or more in arrears, of the amount due by them to the Council. At the end of his term he shall make out for the Council a full report, and furnish the Secretary with the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues during his term, with other information connected with his office necessary to enable the Secretary to prepare returns for State Council. He shall perform such other duties as the Council or his charge may require of him. He shall deliver up to his successor all matters pertaining to his office in his possession.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treas. to pay all orders drawn on him by the President, attested by the Secretary, and none others; he shall receive all moneys of the Council, and hold the same until the expiration of his term, unless otherwise ordered by the Council. He shall keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and expended. He shall give the Council a quarterly statement of the funds, and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers, and other property of the Council to his successor in office, or to whom the Council may especially appoint. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Council or his charge.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Conductor to introduce for initiation persons who have been previously elected. He shall also introduce visitors, and furnish them with suitable regalia. He shall, with the aid of the Associate Conductor, examine those present at the opening of the Council. He shall see that the officers' regalia are in their proper places at the opening of the Council, and take charge of the same at the close. He shall have charge of such property of the Council as may not be otherwise provided for, and render a full report to the Council at the end of his term.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Associate Conductor to render such services as the Conductor or the Council may require of him.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Inside Sentinel to attend

the door ; to admit none but members of the Order, and candidates for initiation.

SEC. 9. The Outside Sentinel shall guard the door outside and keep off intruders.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The members of this Council may consist of two classes, Active and Associate.

SEC. 2. The active members of this Council shall be composed of white male citizens of good moral character, of not less than fourteen years of age, who acknowledge the authenticity and reverence the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.*

SEC. 3. Any person desiring to become an active member of this Council shall make application in writing, stating age, residence and occupation, recommended by at least two members of the Council, which must be entered on record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation who shall report in writing at that or the next meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than four black balls appear against him, he shall be declared elected ; but if five or more black balls appear against him, he shall be rejected and so declared. No person so rejected shall be again proposed in any Council of the Order under six months.

SEC. 4. Associate members shall consist of both male and female white persons, without regard to age, upon a majority vote of the Council. They shall be required to sign the same pledge as active members, which pledge shall be filed among the archives of the Council. Associate members shall be subject to such penalties as the Council may determine, for violation of the pledge, or other immorality ; and when in attendance on the regular sessions of the Council they shall conform to all the rules of order governing the active membership.

SEC. 5. Ladies and old and infirm men, who are associate members, shall have the privilege of attending the sessions of the Council, after having a proper obligation of secrecy administered to them ; and boys under the age of fourteen years, and children of whatever age, at the discretion of the Councils, may be admitted

*Note.—By "good moral character" is only meant to indicate parties who, apart from drunkenness, are free from any odious or disreputable charge.

on similar conditions.

SEC. 6. A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee for investigation, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

SEC. 7. A vote of rejection, or election, may be reconsidered within three meetings, exclusive of the meeting at which the vote was taken.

SEC. 8. The name of a candidate or brother constitutionally rejected or expelled, shall not be published in any other manner than the usual notice to the Councils.

SEC. 9. Any brother applying for membership by deposit or card, shall be subject to the same ballot as a new applicant.

ARTICLE VI.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

SEC. 1. The amount of initiatory fees and quarterly dues shall be regulated by each Council.

SEC. 2. Each Council may make such contributions to benevolent objects as they may determine.

ARTICLE VII.

OFFENCE.

SEC. 1. Any member who shall offend against these articles, or the by-laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, or expelled, as two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting may determine.

SEC. 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, fine, or expulsion. But no member shall be put on trial unless charges, duly specifying his offence, be submitted in writing by a member of the Council.

SEC. 3. When charges have been preferred against a brother in a proper manner, or any matters of grievance are brought before the Council, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, examine and determine the matter in question, and if their decision does not involve the expulsion of a member, and no appeal be taken from it to the Council, he shall be fined, without other action. Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of expelling a member, they shall submit a motion

for the purpose to the Council for action.

SEC. 4. When a motion for the expulsion of a member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at one regular meeting previous to action being taken; and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Council at the time when it may have been determined to consider the question, at which time, whether the implicated member be present or not, the Council may proceed to consider and determine it. Two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried, but the Council shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

SEC. 5. When the decision of a committee appointed under Section 3 of this Article, otherwise final, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested, shall have the privilege of appeal to the Council, and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the committee shall present to the Council, in writing the grounds on which their decision was founded; and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Council shall determine the correctness of the decision of the committee by a majority of the votes present.

SEC. 9. Any member having been expelled for any act, except for violation of Article II, shall not be proposed again for membership within twelve months.

ARTICLE VIII.

TERMS.

The Regular Term shall commence on the first meetings in January and July. Officers elected previous to the expiration of the first half of the Term shall be entitled to the full honors of the Term; those elected after half the Term has expired, shall not count the honors, except where they be elected to fill vacancies; in which case the brother who serves the residue of the Term shall be entitled to the full honors, and he who resigns shall forfeit his claim.

ARTICLE IX.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CHIEF OFFICERS.

After the Council has been instituted three terms, no brother shall be eligible to the office of President, unless he has served two terms in a subordinate office or offices.

ARTICLE X.

SEC. 1. Any member who has evidence that another has violated any provisions of Article II, shall prefer the charge and specify the offence in writing, to Council, as soon as possible.

SEC. 2. This charge shall be referred to a committee of *three members*, who shall, as soon as practicable, thoroughly investigate the matter, record all the evidence in the case, and submit it to the Council.

SEC. 3. If the Council, after due consideration of the facts, decide the charge is not sustained, the brother shall be honorably acquitted.

SEC. 4. If, however, the Council decide the charge sustained, the accused shall be expelled.

SEC. 5. If the person so expelled shall at any time manifest repentance and reformation, he may be proposed, and re-elected by a unanimous vote.

SEC. 6. If such person shall again be expelled for violating Article II, he shall not be restored to active membership within five years, unless he has faithfully served for one year as an Associate member.

SEC. 7. A violation of Article II involves a forfeiture of all honors

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a two-thirds vote of the Supreme Council.



BY-LAWS
OF
Moorefield Council, No. 9,
FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The regular meetings of this Council shall be on the first Tuesday and third Monday in each month. The hour of meeting shall be from the 1st of April to the 1st of October, at 8 o'clock, and from the 1st of October to the 1st of April at 7 o'clock.

2. The initiation fee of this Council shall be One Dollar, to be paid in Advance; and the weekly dues shall be Five Cents per week to each Active Member, to be paid during, or at the end of the quarter.

3. Eight active members of this Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. A fine of 25 cents for each absence of any officer from a regular meeting shall be exacted, unless such absence be excused by the Council. The fine shall be paid within the quarter to the Financial Secretary, and thence to the Treasurer, for the use of the council.

5. All reports of committees shall be made in writing to the council.

6. The usual parliamentary rules shall govern the deliberations of this council.

7. On the first meeting of each term the President shall appoint a committee of Finance to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary as to the receipts and expenditures of the previous term and report at the next meeting. It shall also be the duty of said committee to examine all accounts presented to the council for payment, and if found correct, to recommend their settlement at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE II.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. Any person having been elected a member of this council, and not appearing for initiation within six weeks thereafter, shall forfeit his election and initiation fee, unless for good cause shown.

2. Should it be discovered by the council that a candidate for membership (who has been elected) is from any cause disqualified for membership before he is actually initiated, this council shall desist from initiating him and his money be refunded.

ARTICLE III.

RESIGNATIONS.

Sec. 1. Any brother wishing to resign his office must do so in writing.

2. Any brother wishing to dissolve his connection with the council as a member may tender his written resignation which shall lay upon the table one week, when if still desired, and if there be no dues or charges against him, the council shall receive it without giving any card, and thereby enable him to terminate his connection with the council, provided always that such resignation shall not take effect until the close of the quarter for which he has the quarterly password.

ARTICLE IV.

CARDS.

Sec. 1. Any brother making application for membership by card shall send in his card and fee of 50 cents, when a committee shall be appointed by the President and he shall be balloted for as in case of a new member and if elected be required to sign the Constitution.

2. No brother who procures a withdrawal card from this council shall be permitted to visit us more than three times by virtue of said card.

3. No brother having a withdrawal card from any sister council shall be permitted to visit this council after the end of the quarter for which he has the password.

4. Application for withdrawal cards shall be made either personally or in writing in open council, and shall be granted, provided the applicant be clear on the Financial Secretary's book and there be no valid objection.

ARTICLE V.

PENALTIES.

Sec. 1. Any member who shall divulge the name of a brother who has objected to any person proposed to become a member of the Friends of Temperance or reveal the private affairs of the council to any person not a member shall be subjected to a fine of 50 cents, suspended or expelled as two-thirds of the members present may determine.

2. If any member be convicted of felony or notorious conduct or use any unlawful means of procuring a livelihood he shall be suspended or expelled as two-thirds of the members may determine.

3. Any member who shall in the council make use of any profane or indecent language or refuse to obey the commands of the President when called to order or use disrespectful language towards the officers or members shall be subject to suspension or expulsion.

4. Any member of the Council whose account is not clear on the Financial Secretary's books at the end of any quarter shall not be privileged to vote until the same is paid or be entitled to receive the password.

5. Any brother who shall bring a charge against another brother, or give circulation to injurious reports against a brother which he is unable to sustain, or shall knowingly propose unworthy characters for membership, shall be subject to a fine, suspension or expulsion.

6. The seat of any officer may be declared vacant for neglect of duty for three successive meetings by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting after one week's notice.

ARTICLE VI.

FUNERALS.

Sec. 1. In case of the death of any brother in good standing the President shall order the Secretary to call a meeting of the

council to attend the funeral of the brother. The council shall assemble half an hour previous to the time appointed for the funeral and proceed to the house of the deceased member with badges shrouded in mourning, the officers marching in the rear according to the Order laid down in funeral processions.

ARTICLE VII.

REINSTATEMENTS.

Sec. 1. Suspended members being reinstated shall pay up all arrears to the time of their suspension.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or rescinded at any regular meeting of the council, notice in writing having been given two meetings previous, by a vote of two-thirds of the Active members present.

2. Any one of these By-Laws may be temporarily suspended by a three-fourths vote of the members present, such suspension only to be in force for the meeting at which it is done.

3. That when a withdrawal card be given to a brother he shall pay the expense of same.

ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1. That ministers of the Gospel be admitted into the council without any charge of fee or dues.

2. That should a brother fail to pay his dues within one month after the Financial Secretary has notified him of his arrears, the F. S. shall bring a charge against said brother, when he shall be liable to suspension or expulsion.

3. No brother or member shall use spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider, without the prescription of a regular physician.

ODES.

GREENVILLE.

- 1ST. Traveller through a world of danger,
Welcome to a refuge here ;
Safely to the trusting stranger,
Safely from the tempter's snare.
-

ROCKINGHAM.

- 2ND. The billows swell, the winds are high ;
Clouds overcast my wintry sky,
Out of the depths to thee I call,
My fears are great, my strength is small.
-

HEBRON.

- 3RD. Spirit of love ; benign and mild,
Inspire our hearts—our souls possess ;
Repel each passion rude and wild,
And bless us as we aim to bless.
-

BOYLSTON.

- 4TH. Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in purest love ;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
- 5TH. Before our Father's throne,
We pour united prayers,
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.
- We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear ;
And often for each other flows
The sympathetic tear.
- When we asunder part,
How deep, how keen the pain ;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

LABAN.

May Jacob's God defend,
And grant to us success ;
Our succor from his temple send,
Our cause from Zion bless ;
Oh ! Lord thy saving grace
We joyfully declare ;
Our banner in thy name we raise,
The Lord fulfil our prayer.

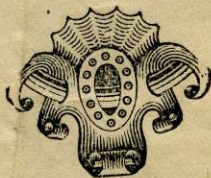
RIPLEY.

6TH. Lord dismiss us with thy blessing ;
 Let us now depart in peace,
 Still the cause of Temperance pleading,
 May our faith and zeal increase,
 Fill our souls with consolation ;
 Up to thee our hearts we raise ;
 Onward speed our reformation,
 And we will give Thee all the praise.



AULD LANG SINE.

7TH. Good night, good night to every one ;
 Be each heart free from care ;
 Let every Brother seek his home,
 And find contentment there.
 May joy beam with to-morrow's sun,
 And every prospect shine ;
 While wife and friends laugh merrily,
 Without the use of wine.





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