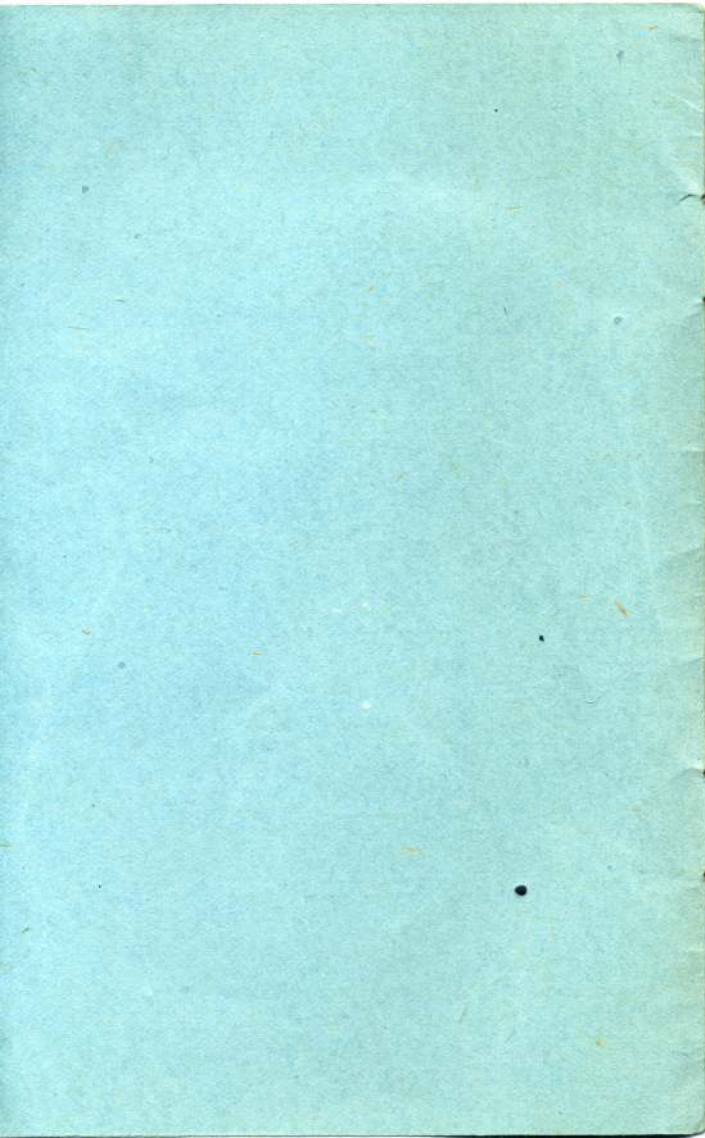


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## ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. The name of this Chapter shall be Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5, located at Hinton, W. Va., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sec. 2. The regular meetings of this Chapter shall be held in Masonic Temple, Hinton, W. Va., the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p. m., from October 1st to April 1st, or during the winter months; at 8:00 p. m. from April 1st to October 1st, or during summer months.

## ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. The election of officers shall consist of Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress and three Trustees who shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the first stated meeting in June. At the first election of such

Trustees, one shall be elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years and thereafter at each annual meeting one Trustee shall be elected for a term of three years.

Sec. 2. The appointive officers shall consist of Organist, Marshall, Chaplain, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa, Warden and Sentinel, who shall be appointed by the Worthy Matron Elect.

Sec. 3. All the officers except Trustees, shall be installed not later than the last meeting in June. If they are not so installed a dispensation must be obtained of the Grand Matron.

### ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. The Trustees shall be ex-officio a Committee on Finance, whose duty it shall be to audit all bills for current expenses and disbursements, examine the books and reports of the Secretary and Treasurer annually or oftener, if required by the Chapter or Worthy Matron, and make such recommendations upon the finances as in their judgment are for the best interests of the Chapter. It shall be the duty of the trustees to have general charge of the finances and property of the Chapter. At the first regular meeting in July they shall make a detailed statement of the finances of the Chapter, with such recommendations as

they may deem best.

### RELIEF COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. The Worthy Matron shall appoint three members of the Chapter as a Committee of Relief, whose duties shall be to investigate all applications for relief made to the Chapter and report the circumstances of the case at the first meeting after receiving notice of the applicant. If the case be one of pressing necessity, the Matron may, on the report of the Committee, draw an order on the Treasurer for an amount not exceeding \$5.00, and the order so drawn shall be sufficient voucher to the Treasurer to pay the same.

### COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE SICK

Sec. 2. The Worthy Matron shall appoint annually a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to visit all members reported sick, and if needing watchers to see that such are provided.

Sec. 3. On the death of a member, if so requested, the members of the Chapter shall attend the funeral in a body and the Secretary shall notify all resident members of the time and place of such funeral.

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### MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. No member shall be admitted to membership in this Chapter except affiliated Master Masons in good standing, and their wives, mothers, sisters, half-sisters, widows, daughters and legally adopted daughters who have attained the age of 18 years.

### PETITIONS

Sec. 1. An applicant for the degrees of the Order shall reside in the jurisdiction of subordinate Chapters for one year prior to making application.

Sec. 2. Petitions for the degrees must be presented at a stated meeting, accompanied by the fee, and signed by the applicant and two members of the Chapter who recommend the petitioner.

Sec. 3. Petitions for affiliation must be accompanied by a dimit, and take the same course as a petition for the degrees.

Sec. 4. Petitions for the degrees or affiliation shall be referred to an investigating committee consisting of three members, one of whom must be a brother.

Sec. 5. If any applicant for membership by dimit be elected the dimit should be canceled. If rejected, the dimit must be returned, and such applicant may again apply at

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any subsequent regular meeting. No length of residence is prescribed before a member of the Order may petition a Chapter for Affiliation.

### ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1. The initiation fee shall be \$5.00.

Sec. 2. The dues of each and every member shall be \$1.00 per annum, payable annually in advance.

Sec. 3. The fee required for affiliation is \$1.00.

Sec. 4. A person elected to receive the degrees and failing to present herself or himself for that purpose within six months, forfeits the fee to the Chapter.

Sec. 5. Any member of this Chapter who is two years or more in arrears for dues shall be suspended, but only by the following procedure: By order of the Worthy Matron the Secretary shall notify the members in arrears to appear before a regular meeting of this Chapter, and show cause why he or she should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. Should such member fail to appear, or appearing fail to show satisfactory cause, the Worthy Matron shall put the question: Shall the member be suspended, which shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter. Such notice shall be served ten days before the meeting at which the member is to ap-



pear, but should the residence of the delinquent be unknown then a notice forwarded to the post-office at the last known place of residence of such delinquent twenty days before the date at which they are requested to appear will be sufficient.

Sec. 6. A member suspended for nonpayment of dues, upon the payment of the same is reinstated only as per Section 33 of Penal Code, as amended 1908.

#### ARTICLE V

Sec. 1. Neither of the first three officers of a Chapter shall be allowed to dimit during their term of office, unless such officer remove from the jurisdiction, but any other member may dimit on giving notice to the Worthy Matron or Secretary, who shall announce the subject to the Chapter, when if all dues are paid and no charges are pending, the dimit shall be granted.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. No officer of this Chapter shall receive compensation for services except Secretary and Organist.

#### ARTICLE VII

Sec. 1. Any alteration or addition to these

By-Laws must be proposed in writing at a regular meeting, and lie over until a subsequent regular meeting, when if two-thirds of the members present vote in the affirmative, the proposed alteration or addition shall become a part of the By-Laws upon approval of the Grand Chapter.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening Ceremonies.
2. Introduction of visitors.
3. Reading Minutes of previous meeting.
4. Reading and referring petitions.
5. Reports of committees on petitions.
6. Balloting.
7. Reports of special and standing committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Conferring of degrees.
11. Sickness and distress.
12. Good of the order.
13. Closing ceremonies.

**Mrs. Bessie Saunders,  
Mrs. Jane Lee Mann,  
G. J. Hughes.**  
Committee.

