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Constitution

ARTICLE I.

The name of this society shall be the Holland American Benevolent Society "Helpt Elkan-der," of Rochester, N. Y.

ART. II.

The object of this society is to assist one another in case of sickness, accident and death according to the by-laws.

ART. III.

The members of this society must be of Dutch birth, born of Dutch parents or be of Dutch origin.

ART. IV.

The officers of this society are President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. V.

There shall be an executive committee consisting of the President, Rec. Secretary, Finance Secretary and two members at large elected by the Society.

ART. VI.

The officers of this Society shall be elected each year except President and Vice-President,

who shall be elected every 6 months by secret majority vote. The term of office begins the first meeting in January and July.

Candidates shall be nominated in the first meeting in December and June and the election shall take place in the following meeting respectively.

A candidate must be a member six months and in good standing to hold office.

ART. VII.

The meetings of this Society shall be held twice each month.

ART. VIII.

This constitution can be altered only by a vote of three-fourths of the members present; all members having been beforehand officially notified of the proposed changes.

ART. IX.

This Society can not be disbanded as long as there are ten active paying members. Should one of these members cease to be an active paying member, any surplus remaining in the treasury at that time shall be equally divided among the then yet remaining members.

By-Laws

Duties of Officers

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, preserve order and decorum and see to it that all rules and regulations of the Society are strictly enforced.

Sec. 2. In case of a tie vote, the President shall cast the deciding vote except at the election of officers.

Sec. 3. The President shall instruct all new members on their rights and obligations.

Sec. 4. Every six months the President shall issue a new password.

Sec. 5. The President can, if deemed necessary or desirable, in accordance with the other members of the executive committee, call an extra meeting.

Sec. 6. The President shall appoint all committees, Standing or Special, except the Financial Committee, which shall be nominated.

Sec. 7. In case of absence of one of the officers the President shall appoint a member present to take his place during the meeting.

Sec. 8. An office neglected for three consecutive meetings without written notification to

the Society for reason of such neglect shall be declared vacant by the President and a new officer elected at the same meeting.

ART. II.

In the absence of the President the Vice-President will assume all rights and obligations as the President.

ART. III.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary, to call the roll of officers, to read the minutes, to record and to correspond, and in case of special meetings to notify the members thereof.

ART. IV.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep an accurate account of all dues.

Sec. 2. The Financial Secretary shall read off the names of members three months in arrears, at the meeting after such expiration.

ART. V.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys of the Society and make a quarterly report of all funds received and expended.

All funds received by the Treasurer shall be deposited in the city banks.

Whenever deemed necessary by the Treasurer, he may withdraw funds from deposit by advice and consent of the Finance Committee.

ART. IV.

Candidates

Sec. 1. Men from 18 to 45 years of age,

residing in Rochester and its specified suburbs are eligible to membership.

Sec. 2. Applications for membership must be made through a member of the Society and the following initiation fees must accompany each application: age of applicant, 18 to 30, two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50; 30 to 45, five dollars (\$5.00).

Honorably resigned members may rejoin the same as new members, without the initiation ceremony.

Suspended members must pay double initiation fee according to age.

Sec. 3. Should a person by misrepresentation on his application become a member he will be expelled from the Society.

Sec. 4. Each application should be accompanied by the initiation fee.

Sec. 5. One month's dues must be paid immediately after the initiation. This shall be considered the dues for the month in which the initiation takes place. In case of death no advanced dues will be refunded.

Sec. 6. All persons making application shall be examined by the regular physician of the Society, and shall pay the fee for their examination to the physician. Said fee shall be the sum mutually agreed upon between said physician and the Society.

Sec. 7. The president shall appoint a committee of three members to investigate the character of a candidate for membership.

Said committee shall report at the next meeting following its appointment.

Sec. 8. A candidate reported on favorably by the physician and the majority of the Investigation Committee, shall be voted for by the members at the meeting when said reports are received.

Sec. 9. All candidates for membership shall first be voted for by ballot by balls; four black balls rejecting a candidate.

Sec. 10. An application of a rejected candidate will not be reconsidered until six months after his rejection.

ART. VII.

Rights and Obligations of Members

Sec. 1. All members will be furnished with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, with printed application blanks and due book.

Sec. 2. Every member shall keep the Recording Secretary and the Financial Secretary advised of any change of residence he may make.

Sec. 3. Every member in good standing shall six months after the first of the month in which he was initiated, be entitled to all benefits, except cause of disability be intoxication or immoral conduct.

Sec. 4. Sick or injured members shall immediately notify the Sick Committee, or the Recording Secretary, and benefits shall be paid from the date of such notification.

Sec. 5. No sick or injured members will be

paid, unless such illness continues at least 14 days (2 weeks), being unable to perform any daily labor during such time. They shall be paid from date on which the Society is notified and must also present a doctor's certificate stating their condition on each meeting night.

Sec. 6. Should a suspicion of doubt exist in the Society in regard to reported illness or injury of a member, the Society retains the right to employ a physician and make an investigation of same.

Sec. 7. A member receiving benefits on account of sickness or injury and not taking proper care of himself or working without notifying the Society or Sick Committee (a complaint thereof being received) shall be duly notified by the Recording Secretary to appear at the following meeting to explain reported neglect. If he fails to appear, benefits will be discontinued.

Sick or injured members receiving benefits which are able to shall appear on each meeting night to collect their benefit and present doctor's certificate stating their condition.

Sec. 8. Benefits will be paid for 26 weeks, seven (7) dollars per week the first thirteen weeks and four (4) dollars per week the following thirteen weeks; this is the full amount paid for one year. No benefit will be paid if same sickness or disability becomes chronic. Members must be in good standing to derive sick or death benefit.

Sec. 9. Members confined and supported in institutions without cost to them shall receive

no benefits. Should such members have dependents, then benefits will be paid according to Art. 7, Sec. 8, or a part thereof, as the Society deems necessary. At the death of such members benefits will be paid according to Art. 7, Sec. 16.

Sec. 10. The monthly dues shall be 80c.

Sec. 11. A member neglecting to pay dues for three months shall receive no benefits until three months after he has paid all arrears.

Sec. 12. No member three months in arrears for dues has any right to vote or debate at the Society meetings, and when six months in arrears shall be suspended.

Sec. 13. On the death of a member his relatives should immediately notify the Recording Secretary.

Sec. 14. The Secretary shall send flowers, price not to exceed ten (\$10) dollars. The Society is not obliged to furnish pall bearers but by request to Secretary in time, they will endeavor to honor such request.

Sec. 15. Death Benefits will be paid within 60 days.

Sec. 16. After death of a member one hundred and fifty dollars shall be paid to whom-ever assumed the burial expenses.

Sec. 17. After the death of a member the charter of the Society shall be draped for a period of six weeks.

Sec. 18. After the death of a member's wife he shall be paid \$75, providing he pays cost of funeral.

Sec. 19. A member marrying is not entitled to the death benefit in case of death of his wife, if said wife at the time of marriage was over forty-five years of age.

ART. VIII.

Sec. 1. The society has a right at any time to expel a member for cause; three-fourths of those voting favoring expulsion. Blank ballots will not be considered in the result.

Sec. 2. An expelled member can never again become a member of this Society.

Sec. 3. A member residing out of the city or specified suburbs for six months or longer may remain a member, dues must be paid, but member will receive only death benefit.

Sec. 4. As suburbs of Rochester shall be considered the counties of Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Livingston, Genesee and Orleans.

ART. IX.

Initiation and Installation

Sec. 1. The initiation of an applicant to membership shall consist of a promise given in the hands of the President that he will obey all laws and regulations of the Society and assist in extending its benevolence.

Sec. 2. The installation of new officers shall consist of a promise given to an ex-President or an older member, named by the retiring President, that they shall faithfully perform their duties and promote the interest of the Society to the best of their ability.

ART. X.

Sec. 1. An officer or committee member wishing to resign his position must notify the Secretary in writing. Such resignation shall be acted upon at the meeting of its reception.

Sec. 2. Should an officer or committee member neglect his dues he will be dismissed by the Society on presentation of proof.

ART. XI.

No member can expect any benefits except those provided for in these by-laws. A motion further pledging the Society will not be considered.

ART. XII. Committees

Sec. 1. There shall be three standing Committees, viz: Executive Committee, Sick Committee and Finance Committee.

Sec. 2. All committees, except the Executive and Finance Committees, are appointed by the President.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall transact all business between meetings, requiring immediate attention and report at the next meeting of the Society.

Sec. 4. The Sick Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members and each member shall be assigned to a certain district.

Sec. 5. The members of the Sick Committee shall visit the sick of their district at least twice a week, assist them in every respect and report regularly at the meeting.

Sec. 6. The committee may call on any member of the Society for assistance.

Sec. 7. Three members shall act as Finance Committee. This committee may at any time examine any and all books, must sign all orders for money appropriations granted by the Society, investigate and approve all bills before they are acted upon and act as the Society's financial agent in general.

Sec. 8. Every six months the President shall appoint an Auditing Committee to revise the books, who shall report at the meeting previous to the election of new officers.

ART. XIII.

Physician

Sec. 1. A Society Physician shall each time be elected for the term of one year, the term to commence at the expiration of the contract with the present physician.

Sec. 2. The Physician shall be supplied with printed examination blanks on which he shall report the condition of any and all applicants for membership.

ART. XIV.

Sec. 1. These By-Laws shall not be altered except by written motion, made at a previous meeting, which motion must be carried by a two-thirds majority, blank ballots not counting.

Sec. 2. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. XV.

Sec. 1. After the election of officers there

shall be nominated, a janitor, musician and guard.

Sec. 2. The election of officers of the Society shall be by paper ballot, balloting for candidates by ball ballot, and voting on motions by raising the right or left hand or by standing up as the President may desire.

Sec. 3. Once a year the Society shall take inventory of their belongings, and such inventory list being kept by the Recording Secretary.

Sec. 4. The Musician shall play the piano and lead the singing. The President may appoint another in his place who shall receive the same compensation.

ART. XVI.

Sec. 1. These By-Laws are in force May 1, 1932.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening of meeting with song.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Temporary filling of vacancies in office.
4. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
5. Bills and correspondence.
6. Application of membership.
7. Reports on Committees and Candidates.
8. Balloting.
9. Initiation of new members.
10. Report of officers and committees.
11. Questions about employment.
12. Unfinished business of previous meeting.
13. New business.
14. Good and welfare of the Society.
15. Intermission.
16. Unfinished business of meeting.
17. Report of financial secretary of receipts and disbursements during the meeting.
18. Adjourn with closing Ode.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The President shall open the meeting at 8 o'clock P. M.

2. The Dutch language shall be the official language and spoken at the meeting if possible.

3. No member shall speak on any subject longer than five minutes at the time, unless permitted by the President.

4. No religious or political questions shall be discussed at the meetings.

5. The members shall address the chair when desiring to speak or debate on a motion.

6. A member desiring to leave the hall must ask permission of the President.

7. A committee cannot be discharged until it has finished all its duties and obligations, except it is proven that said committee is derelict in its duties.

8. The name of the maker and supporter of a motion shall, with the motion, be recorded in the minutes.

9. If a member, while speaking is called to order, he shall take his seat until the question of order has been determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

10. Points of order not herein provided, shall be decided by the President according to parliamentary usage.



IN MEMORIAM

J. Kusse	Feb. 15, 1899
M. De Roo	Dec. 8, 1902
J. Klein	Nov. 16, 1903
L. Luteyn	Dec. 23, 1903
W. P. Hendrikse	Nov. 8, 1904
F. Emmelkamp	Mar. 14, 1905
W. de Visser	May 11, 1906
M. Brakman	Feb. 16, 1907
J. Prevoost	July 6, 1907
I. Burle	Feb. 12, 1909
J. Maas	Feb. 18, 1909
A. Groskamp	May 12, 1909
J. de Winde	July 18, 1909
A. De Bruyne	July 18, 1909
Teunis de Vries	Dec. 11, 1909

Joxius Vercruisse	Oct. 25, 1909
William Boidine	Sept. 23, 1909
C. de Bruin	Oct. 16, 1911
A. van Wykhuiyse	May 7, 1912
A. Kusse	June 18, 1912
M. de Smidt	Jan. 7, 1915
J. Schout	Oct. 6, 1914
J. v. d. Ameele	Jan. 19, 1915
J. Vink	July 3, 1915
P. Mertens	July 30, 1915
P. De Roo	Oct. 7, 1915
Wm. Van Putty	Mar. 9, 1916
Adrian De Bruin	April 30, 1916
A. Bouwens	June 28, 1916
I. De Roo	Feb. 16, 1917
J. Porrey	March 31, 1917
J. Leenhouts	Oct. 1, 1917
H. De Oude	Aug. 14, 1918
A. Huibregtsen	Oct., 1919
D. Estbroeh	Nov. 3, 1918
Mr. Traas	Sept. 27, 1920
T. Merson	May 16, 1920
A. Baart	June 12, 1920
A. Cussament	Jan. 5, 1922

J. Ameele	Jan. 5, 1925
J. P. Ameele	Nov. 8, 1925
A. Tiemersma	April 30, 1926
G. De Bert	Nov. 12, 1926
L. Leere	June 8, 1927
G. Van Lare	April 8, 1928
G. Hendriks	April 11, 1928
W. De Graaef	May 30, 1928
C. Nuyens	Sept. 22, 1928
J. Vijverberg	Aug. 7, 1928
A. Gijsels	March 24, 1929
J. Faas	Sept. 19, 1929
H. Appeldoorn	Oct. 11, 1930
A. Frelhier	March 29, 1931

REMARKS

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