

AMENDED RULES  
OF THE  
NEW FRIENDLY BROTHERS'  
TONTINE SOCIETY,

HELD AT  
27, LOWER KEVIN STREET,  
IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN.

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## AMENDED RULES.

### RULE I.—NAME.

1. That this Society shall be called "The New Friendly Brothers' Tontine Society," and shall meet at No. 27, Lower Kevin Street, in the City of Dublin, and if the place of meeting be changed, notice thereof shall, within fourteen days, be sent to the Registrar, signed by three Members and the Secretary.

### THE OBJECTS.

2. Are to provide for the decent interment of its Members and their respective Wives ; giving pecuniary aid to its Members in sickness ; and, after defraying all incidental expenses, divide the surplus funds, first lodging not less than £10 with the Treasurer to form a fund towards defraying mortality expenses for ensuing year.

3. No person whose age exceeds forty years shall be admitted, neither shall his Wife exceed that age ; they must be sound and healthy, and procure a Medical Doctor's Certificate in proof thereof, and must not be Members of a Society where sick relief is given, under pain of expulsion and forfeiture of all interest in the Society ; he must be competent to earn at his trade or calling not less than £1 sterling per week.

4. The Entrance Fee shall be 5s., payable within Three Months after admission, or be fined 1s., and for each month the same continues to be in arrears, after the first three months, 1s. fine, and not in benefit until paid ; all Members to be out of benefit for Thirteen Weeks after entrance, and their Wives for Six Months.



5. The Time of Meeting shall be from Half-past Eight o'Clock till Ten o'Clock every Monday evening; and Four Quarterly Meetings every year, at the non-attendance of which (sickness or absence in the country excepted) 6d. fine; Roll-call at 9 o'Clock.

#### RULE II.—WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

1. Shall be 1s. 1d. per week each, for the purposes of this Society, first lodging £10 as a stock fund, as set out in the "Objects."

2. Members four weeks' subscriptions in arrears—

"	"	Fine	...	Os.	4d.
"	Five weeks,	do.,	do.,	Os.	8d.
"	Six weeks,	do.,	do.,	1s.	0d.

If seven weeks, no payment being made, to be excluded; the Secretary to send a notice in writing five days previous to the night of exclusion. The Doctor's salary to be paid by the Members, apart from their weekly subscriptions; also all weekly arrears and fines at the end of each quarter, or to be fined 1s. 6d.

#### RULE III.—THE OFFICERS

1. Shall be appointed at the first meeting (after these rules are certified) by a majority of the Members present as follows:

1st, A President; 2nd, A Treasurer; 3rd, Two Trustees; 4th, Two Stewards; 5th, A Committee of Management, and 6th, a Secretary.

All Officers refusing to act shall give notice to the Secretary two days previous to their time for taking office, or be fined 1s. for neglect.

2. Notice shall be given to the Registrar of the appointment of every Trustee, in duplicate, signed by said Trustee, and by the Secretary. Any Officer absent from duty shall be fined as in the following Rule.

#### RULE IV.—THE CHAIRMAN

1. Shall hold office for one month, or be fined 3s. on refusal; absent at time of meeting 6d. fine, but ten minutes allowed; and if entirely absent 1s. fine, sickness

excepted. He shall see all money entries correctly made and fines marked in a book kept for that purpose, or be fined 3d. for each neglect; and any person addressing him except as Mr. Chair shall be fined 3d. He shall have the highest power, keep good order, and have the rules enforced; when his time of office expires, the next on the roll shall serve for the ensuing month, and so on.

2. A President shall be elected annually. He shall preside at all Quarterly, Special, and Committee Meetings; he shall have the same power as is given to the Chairman in the preceding Rule, and be subject to the same fines for absence and neglect; but he shall be exempt from all other duties.

3. All Extra and Quarterly Meetings shall be called by the President. Any Member leaving such Meetings without permission shall be fined 1s.; absence from Roll-call, 6d. fine. The President shall see the books made up every evening before leaving, or, in default thereof, be fined 1s.

#### RULE V.—THE TREASURER.

1. Shall be responsible for all the money received by him; account monthly, or when called upon by the Committee of Management, and give security pursuant to 38 and 39 Vic., cap. 60, sec. 20. He shall pay all accounts and demands on this Society, obtain receipts for all outlay, and he shall attend every Weekly Meeting, under a fine of 6d. His salary shall be £4 (payable quarterly), or such other sum as the funds of the Society can admit of. He shall be appointed by a majority of the Members present at the first General Meeting after these Rules have been certified. He shall be responsible for all the property of the Society, and any sum or sums of money with which he may be entrusted to defray the expenses of the Society. He shall invest the surplus funds in a Post Office Savings' Bank, in the name of the Society, and produce the Bank Book at every Weekly Meeting, under a fine of 6d. He shall continue in office one year, and be elected annually at a General Meeting, by a majority of the Members present. In case of death or resignation, his place shall be filled by a Member



appointed by a majority of the Members present at a Meeting convened for that purpose.

2. He shall bring and defend suits, as provided by the Act 38 and 39 Vic., cap. 60, sec. 21, and he shall attend every Meeting or be fined 6d.; sickness or in the country excepted.

He shall attend all the Meetings of the Committee of Management, and vote thereat, and perform all the duties required by the statutes.

#### RULE VI.—THE STEWARDS.

1. Shall serve four weeks, or be fined 3s. each; then the next on the roll to serve, and so on in rotation. They shall attend every Monday evening at the time appointed, or be fined as in Rule IV. Their duties shall be to act as check-clerks during their time of office. In the absence of one or both, the next on the roll to replace them. They shall direct the Secretary to call over the names of Members in arrears, or who are liable to be erased from the books, in order to give an opportunity to the Members present to pay for them.

2. That the Chairman and Stewards shall each hold a key of the Society chest, for the non-production of which at time of Meeting to be fined 6d., and if not forthcoming at 9 o'clock to be fined 1s., in addition to the fine for non-attendance.

#### RULE VII.

##### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

1. To consist of Seven Members, four of whom shall form a quorum, and settle any grievances not provided for in these Rules; to examine and pass all accounts, and direct payments to be made by the Treasurer.

2. They shall report at each General Meeting the business of the Society transacted by them for the past quarter year.

3. Two of the Committee may call special General Meetings by giving Seven Days' notice to the Secretary. No business transacted except that specified on the notice. Three of the Committee to retire at one quarter, and four at the next, and others appointed in their stead.

#### RULE VIII.—THE SECRETARY.

1. Shall be elected annually; attend all Meetings; if absent, to be fined as in Rule IV.; he shall furnish all Quarterly Bills and General Meeting Summonses **Three Days** previous; for neglect, 1s. 6d. fine. He shall receive 3s. 6d. per Member per year, payable quarterly; be furnished with stationery; he shall notice the Monthly Officers **Three Days** previous to their taking office, so as to appoint others in case they or any of them refuse to act—the party not taking office to notice the Secretary thereof two days previously; for neglect of this duty on either side, 1s. fine. He shall keep a Minute Book and a book for Bye-Laws; keep a correct account of the monies paid; call in arrears in the month of February in each year; prepare and send an annual return to the Registrar, or be fined 5s. for each neglect in not sending the returns required by law, and be out of benefit until paid. He shall perform all the duties appertaining to his office, be exempt from contribution in case of sickness, but be fined 2s. 6d. for not issuing Visiting Rolls.

#### RULE IX.—ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

1. Each Candidate to be proposed by a Brother **One Week** before admission, and have a Certificate of Health from the Society's Doctor.

2. Previous to admission, the President shall put the following questions:—

- (1) What is your trade or occupation?
- (2) Are you married?
- (3) Do you, or your wife, exceed forty years of age?
- (4) Do you earn £1 per week?
- (5) Are you Member of any other Society from which you receive aid in sickness—Trade Society excepted?
- (6) Have you been excluded from any other Society?
- (7) Do you undertake not to join any other Society where sick relief is given (Trade Society excepted) whilst you remain a Member of this Society?
- (8) Have you any complaint or disease which might in any way render you likely to become a burthen on this Society?



In case, at any time hereafter, it be found you have not truly answered, you will be excluded, and forfeit all claim upon this Society.

3. The Member so admitted will not be in benefit until after the expiration of three months from the time of admission; and his wife will not be in benefit for six months after the receipt of a Certificate of Health from the Society's Doctor. But should such Wife be pregnant at that time, no Certificate of Health will be received until after her confinement, when the Doctor's Certificate declares her in health and out of danger.

4. Any Member getting married shall, within one month after, notice the Chairman thereof; and his Wife shall be subject in every particular to the above Regulation in Section 3, from the time of such marriage.

5. A Candidate must be elected by a majority of the Members present, previous to which he must retire, and the opinion of the Members taken as to his eligibility for membership. Any Member concealing his knowledge of anything against his character, and not stating his objection (if any) shall be fined any sum not exceeding 10s.

6. Members leaving town must notice the Secretary and pay all arrears (fines excepted), or be fined 1s. for neglect. Members exempt from all official duty on paying 5s. yearly, payable quarterly—General Meetings and Funerals excepted.

#### RULE X.—BENEFIT IN SICKNESS.

1. The sick Member shall cause the Society Doctor's Certificate of illness to be sent to the Secretary, stating the nature of illness, the date on which it occurred, his incapacity to work at his trade or calling, and his place of residence. No Member will be entitled to receive benefit unless he complies with the above rule. The Secretary to issue a Visiting Roll commencing with the Member next on the Roll after the last who visited, to visit the patient (contagious diseases excepted) the day after certificate received. The Roll to be delivered by each visitor to the next named before 10 o'clock on the night preceding the day of the next visit, under a fine of 1s. Members residing within two miles of the General Post Office are to visit and be visited in sickness under a fine

of 1s. Visitors neglecting to report at next Weekly Meeting the state in which they found the sick Member, shall be fined 6d. The patient neglecting to report the omission of a visit to forfeit a week's sick contribution. Four hours in Summer and two in Winter allowed patients to have outdoor air, should the Doctor recommend same.

2. On its being proved to the satisfaction of the Society that a sick Member has been admitted into an hospital, it shall be a sufficient proof of his illness, but on his leaving hospital, and still requiring the Society's sick benefit, he shall act in every particular as in Section 1 of the rule.

3. That one week after the receipt of certificate of illness, on the same day of the week, the Treasurer shall pay the sick Brother 12s. 1d. per week for 13 weeks; on receiving a weekly certificate from the Doctor, for the next 13 weeks, 6s. 1d. per week; for the following 13 weeks, 3s. 1d. per week; deducting from each weekly allowance the invalid's contributions.

4. The Treasurer shall produce a receipt to the Society of such weekly allowances having been paid (if possible, signed by the patient; if not, then signed by himself in the name of the patient) at each weekly meeting, or be accountable therefor.

5. The Treasurer neglecting to pay the sick allowance at the time appointed shall be fined 1s.

6. Any Member receiving sick benefit for nine months successively, shall not be entitled to sick benefit for any complaint whatsoever for a period of six months after the expiration of his former claim. Any Member giving up his claim for sick benefit, should he again become ill within 9 months thereof, he shall only be entitled to the balance, if any, or each period of 13 weeks' sick benefit that his former illness shall not have exhausted.

7. Should any Member on the sick fund be found to work at his trade or calling, or buy or sell, or do any act whereby he would derive benefit to himself and family, or found drunk or gambling, or out of doors at prohibited times, he shall forfeit his claim, and be subject to expulsion.



8. Any Member falling sick in the country or out of the Kingdom shall send the certificate of a Doctor (as in Section 1 of this Rule) to the Secretary, and a weekly certificate (should his illness continue), in the absence of which no remittance for sick allowance will be sent; the certificate sent weekly to state the Doctor's name and residence, and the change (if any) in the patient's health.

9. Any Member accessory to his own illness shall not receive benefit, and if his illness be of an immoral nature he will be for ever excluded, and forfeit all claims on this Society.

#### RULE XI.—AGAINST FRAUD.

1. Any Member fraudulently converting to his use any of the property or funds, or aid, or assist in it by suggestion, or otherwise, shall be expelled and forfeit all claim, and proceedings taken against him for recovery, as provided for by the Acts of Friendly Societies.

2. Any Member who has been in confinement for felony or breach of trust, if not lawfully acquitted, shall be excluded and forfeit all claim.

#### RULE XII.—DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

1. On receiving the Registrar of Deaths' certificate of the death of a Brother, or a Brother's Wife, the Treasurer shall draw from the Burial Fund  $\text{£}4\ 4\text{s.}$ , and obtain a stamped receipt from the representative of deceased for the amount, retaining  $2\text{s. } 6\text{d.}$  therefrom for his trouble; and within one month after date of decease, each Member shall pay in to the Society  $2\text{s.}$ , repayable to deceased's representative under a fine of  $1\text{s.}$ , and for every month after the same remains unpaid,  $1\text{s.}$  fine. Debts due to Society by deceased to be deducted from mortality allowance; similar deductions in the event of the death of a Member's Wife.

2. Funerals of a Brother or a Brother's Wife to be attended by the Members on Sundays only. The first Roll-call at the place from whence the funeral starts, absent Members fined  $1\text{s.}$ ; second Roll-call at place of burial, absentees,  $1\text{s.}$  If absent altogether,  $2\text{s. } 6\text{d.}$ ; and the Secretary, if absent from funeral,  $5\text{s.}$  fine. Members to attend on 12 hours' notice under the above penalty (sickness or in the country excepted).

3. Funerals proceeding Three Miles from the General Post Office to the place of interment, Members residing within that radius must attend, but should the place of interment be more than Three Miles from General Post Office no Members need attend.

#### RULE XIII.—MEMBERS' CONDUCT.

1. A noisy Member, refusing to be silent, to sit down, to take off his hat when three times called upon by the Chairman or President to do so, shall be fined  $6\text{d.}$ ; and for every successive 3 times he shall be called on,  $6\text{d.}$  fine; for swearing,  $6\text{d.}$ ; for laying wagers,  $3\text{d.}$ ; for giving the lie,  $1\text{s.}$ ; for challenging to fight,  $2\text{s. } 6\text{d.}$ ; for provoking language towards any of the Brotherhood,  $6\text{d.}$ ; for assaulting a Brother,  $5\text{s.}$  fine, or be excluded in default of payment within Three Months after the offence.

2. Should the assaulted party be rendered incapable to work at his trade or calling by reason of such assault, the party who committed the assault will be excluded; but should such incapacity be occasioned by reason of the assaulted party physically resenting and retaliating, no benefit will be allowed to him in such event from this Society during illness.

3. Members changing residences to notice the Secretary thereof within one week after, or be fined  $1\text{s.}$  for neglect.

#### RULE XIV.—AUDITORS.

1. Four Auditors shall be elected annually at a General Meeting, who shall audit the accounts quarterly, and at the end of the year lay before the Society a balance sheet signed by them, showing the gross receipts and expenditure, with the amount of dividend to which each Member is entitled. For being absent at time appointed for auditing,  $6\text{d.}$  fine.

#### RULE XV.—DIVIDEND OR DIVIDE FUND.

1. One week after last quarter day the dividend will be struck; all arrears to be paid on last quarter day or  $1\text{s. } 6\text{d.}$  fine. Any Member not lodging  $2\text{s. } 1\text{d.}$  on divide day, to form an additional fund for ensuing year, shall be considered a Non-Member, and his name shall be obliterated from the books; and should he wish to re-enter it must be as a New Member.



# RULE XVI.—MODE OF ALTERING RULES.

1. That it shall not be in the power of this Society to alter the fundamental principles of these Rules, but it shall be lawful at a General Meeting, convened for the purpose, to make additions thereto by a majority of the Members present, such additions to be certified by the Registrar in the same manner as the original Rules have been.

2. Any Member or Members attempting to dissolve the Society except under the provisions of 38 and 39 Vic., cap. 60, sec. 25, shall be for ever excluded, and forfeit all claims on this Society.

# RULE XVII.—DISPUTES.

1 All disputes shall be settled by the Divisional Magistrate.

JAMES CLARKE, *Treasurer.*  
PETER GROGAN, *Secretary.*

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Rules of "The New Friendly Brothers' Tontine Society," at 3, High Street, in the County of the City of Dublin, are in conformity with law, and that the said society is duly established from the present date, and is subject to the provisions and entitled to the privileges of the Acts relating to Friendly Societies.

The rates of contributions and payments are not stated to have been prepared by any Actuary.

Dated this 26th day of February, 1867.

EDWARD L. GRIFFIN,  
The Registrar of Friendly Societies in Ireland,  
9, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin.

The foregoing Amendments of the Rules of the "New Friendly Brothers' Tontine Society" are registered under the Friendly Societies Act, 1875, this 18th day of February, 1878.

WILLIAM F. LITLEDAL, Assistant-Registrar for Ireland,  
9, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin.

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