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OF THE SUPREME GRAND TABERNACLE OF THE ORDER OF GALILEAN FISHERMEN OF BALTIMORE CITY



NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

# ACT OF INCORPORATION



#### GALILEAN FISHERMEN

# OF BALITMORE CITY, Inc.

# KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS :----

That we, Columbus Gordon, Annie G. Heath, and Cornelius C. Fitzgerald. adults, all of Baltimore City, in the State of Maryland, being citizens of the United States and of the State of Maryland and residents of the City of Baltimore, do hereby certify that we do, under and virtue of the General Laws of this State, authorizing the formation of corporations, hereby form a corporation under the name of GALILEAN FISH-ERMEN OF BALTIMORE CITY, Inc.

II WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that said corpooration is formed for the purpose of conducting a Fraternal, Benevolent and Charitable Society in this and other States not operated with a view of profit and paying exclusively sick and death benefits, such sick benefits to be regulated and paid by the several sub-tabernacles working under the jurisdiction of the said corporation and not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars(\$150. 00) in the agregate to any one person in any one years and such funeral or death benefits, to those dependant on a member, not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) but in no case shall the said corporation be held responsible for such sick or death benefits; and that said corporation has no capital stock.

III WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the affairs of said corporation, when the Supreme Grand Tabernacle is not in session, shall be managed by twelve Trustees, including the Supreme Grand Ruler and the Supreme Grand Scribe.

IV. WE DO FURTHER CEFTIFY that the said corporation may establish Strike Grand Tabernacles, District Grand Tabernacles, Circles, Wings, Past Rulers' Council and Juyenile Departments in any State, all of which being subject to the laws of the Supreme Grand Tabernacle,

V. WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY that said corporation is formed upon the articles, conditions and provisions herein expressed and subject in all particulars to the limitations relating to corporations which are contained in the General Laws of the State of Maryland.

VI. WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the principal office of the said corporation shall be

# located in Baltimore City.

VII. WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the said corporation will be managed by a Board of twelve Trustees and that Columbus Gordon, Joseph P. Evans, Charles E. Homes, George W. Mead, Andrew W. E. Bassette, George H. Marshall, Annie G. Heath, John F. Hill, Martin L. Fairfax, John H. Ayers, William H. Gaskins and John H. Johnson are the names of the said Trustees who will manage the said corporation or the first year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereto set our hands and affixed our seals this 23rd day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

Test:

JOHN F. FARDYCOLUMBUS GORDON(Seal)CORNELIUS C. FITZGERALD(Seal)ANNIE G. HEATH(Seal)STATE OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORECITY,<br/>To wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this the 23rd day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for Baltimore City, personally appeared Columbus Gordon, Cornelius C.Fitzgerald and Annie G. Heath, the incorporators named in the above certificate of incorporation and they acknowledged the foregoing certificate of incorporation to be their act and deed.

As witness my hand and Notarial Seal, JOHN F. FARDY, Notary Puplic.

I, James P. Gorter, one of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, do hereby certify that the aforegoing certificate of incorporation has been submitted to me for examination and I do further certify that said certificate is executed in conformity with the provisions of the law authorizing the formation of corporations. JAMES P. GORTER

# Form of opening the Grand Tabernacle.

R. W. Grand Ruler will take the chair give one rap with the gavel and the Grand Tabernacle will come to order.

The R. W. Grand Scribe will call the roll of Grand Officers and name the chairs, after which the Grand Officers will take their stations.

The R. W. Grand Ruler will request the officers and members to give the pass word to the Grand Conductor of the Grand Fabernacle, after which the Grand Ruler will give four raps with the gavel and order the officers and members to clothe themselves in proper regalia and sing the opening ode.

The Grand Chaplain will then offer prayer and read a chapter from the Bible.

The Grand Conductors will give the signs of the Grand Tabernacle and the salutations shall be answered by all that are present.

The Grand Ruler shall declare the Grand Tabernacle open for the reception and transaction of business. Order of business for Subordinate Tabernacles.

1. Opening

2. Roll of Officers

3. Reading of Minutes of last Meeting.

4. Absentees last Tabernacle night fined.

5. Report of visiting Committee on Sick.

6. Report from Committee on Candidates.

7. Balloting for Candidates.

8. Initiation.

9. Proposition of Candidates.

10. Report of Standing Committee—R. W. Ruler R. W. A., Ruler, R. W. Scribe, R. W. Treasurer.

11. Report of Special Committees.

12. Report of Dress Committees.

13. Report of Auditing Committees Appointed on last meeting in December, April and August.

14. Deferred Business.

15. Bills presented.

16. Report of Nominating Committees appointed on first meeting night in December, April and August.

17. New Business. Report of Delegates Installation of Officers. Presenting of Charges, etc.

18. Application for Degrees.

19. Communications.

20. Calling Financial Roll.

21. Receipts of the Evening,

22. Closing the Tabernacle.

# CONSTITUTION.

# ARTICLE 1.-POWER.

There shall be a board of not less than 12 Trustees atached tto the National Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen, who shall control all property belonging to the Grand Tabernacle and any affairs pertaining to its interest.

# ARTICLE II.

Section 1. Immediately after the election of the Board of Trustees there shall be an executive committee consisting of five members of the board who shall meet the day before the Grand Tabernacle and audit the accounts. The secretary and treasurer must not be members.

Sec. 2. In case of violation, the chairman of the Board of Trustees shall call the board together and a majority of those present shall decide all cases and their decision shall be final except in Jurisdictions where there is a state or District Tabernacle in operation, providing it is according to the law of the incorporation.

#### ARTICLE III.—NATIONAL

The principal office of the Grand Tabernacle of The Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen shall be located at Baltimore Md. and the board of Trustees of the National Order of Galilean Fishermen that are working under the seal of the Grand Tabernacle of the National Grand Order of Galliean Fishermen do hereby forbid any party or parties that have drawn out or are expelled in any manner or form using our works or constitution in any manner or form, under the penalty of a fine or imprisonment in a jail or penitentiary. We beg the Grand Jury or Court to protect us according to the laws of the states districts, or territories.

## ARTICLE IV.

The Tabernacles of the order shall have the power and privilege to incorporate the order in any state, district, or territory in conformity to the laws of the state, district, or territory where they may reside. They shall be subject to the laws of this constitution and report to the Grand Tabernacle at its yearly session.

#### ARTICLE V.

This incorporation shall be perpetual and the Board of Trustees shall be elected yearly at the meeting of the Grand Tabernacle and shall re. main in office during the pleasure of the Grand Tabernacle. The Grand Tabernacle reserves the right to remove any trustee at anytime for misdemeanor or unsatisfacatory service.

#### ARTICLE VI.

Sec. I. Where there is no state or district Tabernacle in operation all applications for dis-

pensations and charts shall be made to the Grand Tabernacle.

Sec. 2. Where there is a state or district Tabernacle applications shall be made through the state or district Grand Ruler to the Grand Ruler of the Grand Tabernacle, and he shall grant them such facilities as the case may require.

Sec. 3. No subordinate Tabernacle shall be organized for a less sum than twenty four dollars which shall be paid to the Grand Tabernacle for its support and all charts shall eminate from the Gand Tabernacle signed by the Grand Ruler and Grand Secretary.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. Where there exists a state or district Tabernacle organized by the Grand Tabernacle in accordance with the laws thereof, the state or district Ruler shall preside at all meetings and shall have the power to call the state or district Grand Tabernacle whenever he deems it proper to do so. and in his absence the Grand Deputy Ruler or Grand Associate Ruler shall preside.

Sec. 2. The state or district Grand Tabernacle shall meet at least once a year and the erports of subordinate Tabernacles in its jurisdiction shall be submitted for approval.

Sec. 3. No state or district Grand Tabernacle shall exist without twelve officers, and among them one or two Right Worthy Past Rulers or Grand Officers, elected from subordinate Tabernacles in its jurisdiction except in cases where a subordinate Tabernacle has not been organized six months, and in such cases they shall elect the presiding Right Worthy Ruler and Right Worthy Associate Ruler whose duty it shall be to present credentials and term reports according to printed forms.

Sec. 4. They shall be elected by ball ballots in their subordinate Tabernacles, provided they are in good standing and do not owe more than one term's dues.

#### Form of Credentials.

By authority of Grand Tabernacle of Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen.

## Credentials

To the R. W. G. State (or district) Tabernacle of the Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen, greeting:

This will certify that at a regular meeting of Tabernacle No.... held on the evening.....

R. W. Past Rulers were duly elected to represent Tabernacle No.....and were sent to the R. W. state or district Grand Tabernacle of the Order of Galilean Fishermen to help transact business and they are in good standing.

attest:

# ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. The following officers shall be elected yearly for the state or district Tabernacle:

Right Worthy State Grand Ruler, Right Worthy State Grand Deputy Ruler, Right Worthy State Grand Associate Ruler, Right Worthy State Grand Scribe, Right Worthy State Grand Recording Scribe, Right Worthy State Grand Corresponding Scribe, Right Worthy State Grand Treasurer, Right Worthy State Grand Conductor, RightWorthy State Grand Chaplain, Right Worthy State Grand Orator, Right Worthy State Grand Marshall, Right Worthy State Grand Inside Guard, Right Worthy State Grand Outside Guard, Right and Left Supports to Grand Ruler, and Right and Left Supports to Associate Ruler, to be appointed at the session.

Sec. 2. The Tabernacle shall select their Installing Officer and the R. W. state or district Grand Ruler shall acquiesce in their selection, and shall visit the Tabernacle. He or she shall bring a term report (according to printed form) of the tabernacle over which he is appointed with the percentage due to the state or district Grand Tabernacle taking the recipt of the Grand Scribe for the same.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Installing officer to regularly visit the Tabernacle over which he is appointed. Install officers on the first meeting night in January, May, and September and instruct them in the laws of the constitution and the principles of the order, also to report their condition to the state or district Grand Tabernacle when in session.

Sec. 4. Before officers are installed the Right Worthy Installing Officer shall receive 5 percent of all moneys collected by the Tabernacle during te term. Any Tabernacle refusing to pay their officers shall not be installed nor the pass word given, providing the time does not exceed three months. If the time exceeds four months the Tabernacle shall be suspended by the state or district Grand Taberancle and shall remain suspended until it complies providing the the time does not exceed six months. If the time exceeds six months, its charter and work shall be taken away by the state or district Grand Ruler and the Tabernacle shall be consigered disbanded.

Sec. 5. All state or district Grand Tabernacles shall regulate their own percentage to cover expenses but in rural districts or where there is no state or district Tabernacle the R. W. Installing Officer must report to Grand Secretary.

#### ARTICLE IX.

Section 1. Each state or district Grand Taber-

nacle shall have the power to send two delegates to the Grand Tabernacle at its annual session. They shall be the R. W. Past state or district Grand Rulers and shall not owe more than one term's dues to their subordinate Tabernacles. Any state or district Grand Ruler shall have all the privilege of any delegate in the Grand Tabernacle and they shall hand in a yearly report of their state or district Grand Tabernacle.

Sec. 2. There shall be no law made to conflict with any laws that have been made in the Grand Tabernacle. Each subordinate Tabernacle shall have the power to make any laws that do not conflict with the general law, and present them to the state and district Grand Tabernacle for inspection. If they stand approved by the Grand Tabernacle and are signed by the Grand Ruler and Scribe, they shall become law and shall be put in force.

Sec. 3. All Subordinate Taberancles that are organized by the state or district Grand Body and are working under the authority of the Grand Tabernacle of the Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen shall be given a printed chart to transact their business according to the laws of the constitution. Whether the officers be male or female when they have passed the Ruler's chair in the state or district Grand Tabernacle, they shall be elegible to election as a delegate.

ARTICLE X.

Section 1. The Juvenile Tabernacle shall be

subject to the Right Worthy Grand Tabernacle and shall be governed by the Juvenile constitution. They shall be known by their names and numbers, and if there is a state or district Grand Tabernacle they shall be amenable to it, and if there be no state or district Tabernacle they shall be amenable to the Grand Tabernacle or to the Grand Ruler, who shall provide for them charters and such facilities as the case may require. The Juveniles shall be taxed only to meet their own demands and a yearly head tax of 5 cents. They shall pay into their funds such sums as the majority of the guardians may deem proper and pay

such aid as a majority may fix in its Guardian meeting.

Sec. 2. The Guardians shall hold an election once in every year, and in case of the death of the Guardians, they shall call a meeting and elect one in his or her place.

Any Guardian that violates the laws of the constitution shall be tried in a Guardian meeting and if the case requires it, he or she shall be repremanded, suspended, or expelled,

The Guardians shall make a term report to the state or district Grand Tabernacle and a yearly report to the Grand Tabernacle.

Sec. 3. Female members of the Juvenile Tabernacles may remain until they are fifteen years of age: males, sixteen years: and if then desired by parents or guardians shall be transferred to a Subordinate Tabernacle. Their membership fee in the Subordinate Tabernacle shall be \$1.00. Sec. 4. Guardians shall take in children at the age of one year, but shall not initiate them inless they are five years of age: and in case a child between one and five years of age should be taken sick or die, its parents or guardians shall receive half fee for sick relief and funeral benefits according to the laws.

Sec. 5. Each Juvenile Tabernacle shall have the power to send a delegate to the Grand Tabernacle at its yearly session or to the state or district Grand Tabernacle at its semi-annual or annual sessions.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Section 1. On application of members from any Subordinate Tabernacle to work up conventions of children to be made into Juvenile divisions, the Grand Ruler, state or district Grand Ruler shall appoint or cause the appointment of nine Guardians in good standing with their tabernacle, who shall be granted a printed chart and have the general oversight of the division. They shall make term reports to the proper authorities and shall be installed into office once every year by the Grand Installing Officer of the Tabernacle by which they were organized.

Sec. 2. Guardians of a Juvenile Tabernacle shall consist of a R. W. Ruling Guardian, R. W. Ruling Associate Guardian, R. W. Scribe Guard ian, R. W. Treasurer Guardian, R. W. Conductor Guardian, R. W. Instructor Guardian, R. W. Adviser Guardian, R. W. Messenger Guardian, and R. W. Doorkeeper Guardian. They shall be elected yearly and shall teach the Juveniles to fill the chairs and qualify themselves for the chairs and for the duties of officers whenever the case will allow it.

#### ARTICLE XII.

# Laws of the National Grand Tabernacle of the Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen.

Section 1. The Grand Tabernacle of the Order of Galilean Fishermen shall be the Supreme Head of the order in the United States of America and it shall not exist without twelve officers, one or two R. W. Past Grand Rulers of state or district Grand Tabernacles and one or two R. W. Past Rulers from Subordinate Tabernacles. The officers shall be elected yearly with the exception of the supporters who shall be appointed by the Grand Ruler from delegates present.

Sec. 2. The officers of the Grand Tabernacle shall be as follows: Right Worthy National Grand Ruler, Right Worthy National Grand Deputy Ruler, Right Worthy National Grand Associate Ruler, Right Worthy National Grand Scribe, Right Worthy National Grand Recording Scribe, Right Worthy National Grand Treasurer, Right Worthy National Grand Conductor, Right Worthy National Grand Chaplain, Right Worthy National Grand Marshall, Right Worthy National Grand Orator, Right Worthy National Grand Inside Guard, Right Worthy National Grand Outside Guard, Right Worthy National Grand Right and Left Hand Supports to the National Grand Ruler, Right Worthy National Grand Right and Left Hand Supports to the National Grand Associate Ruler.

Sec. 3. Officers shall begin their duty immediately after their election and installation, and shall serve until their successors are elected and installed. Any officer failing to attend to his or her duty when called on by the Right Worthy National Grand Ruler shall be suspended by a vote of the R. W. National Grand Tabernacle, and another shall be elected or appointed by the Right Worthy National Grand Ruler who shall receive all the honors of the term.

Sec. 4. The National Grand Tabernacle shall make all laws at any time to better the condition of the Subordinate Tabernacles, and any Subordinate Tabernacle failing to comply with the laws made by the National Grand Tabernacle shall be suspended until it complies, providing the time does not exceed three months and if the time exceeds three months their charter and work shall be taken away and placed in the hands of the R ght Worthy Grand Ruler of the state or district Grand Tabernacle, and shall be considered a disbanded Tabernacle.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

Section 1. All laws or rules shall be enforced by the Right Worthy National Grand Ruler. He shall keep a record of all his doins and read them before the National Grand Tabernacle at its annual session. If they stand approved, they shall be adopted as law. All Subordinate Tabernacles, state or district Grand Tabernacles shall be subject to the laws which are made in the National Grand Tabernacle.

Sec. 2. The Right Worthy National Grand Ruler shall preside at all meetings of the National Grand Tabernacle, have the sole power of granting dispensations during the recess of the National Grand Tabernacle not otherwise provided for by the constitution, call special meetings whenever he deems it necessary, issue term passwords to each subordinate Tabernacle, state Grand Scribes, and Installing Officers, and appoint all the Right Worthy Installing officers of all Subordinate Tabernacles under the jurisdiction of the National Grand Tabernacle.

Sec. 3. The Grand Installing Officer shall inspect the work of the Subordinate Tabernacles and if any of it is lost, he must report it to the state district or national Grand Tabernacle to save the work as it is worth five dollars per book. Any officer who is known to lose a book shall be fined five dollars, and if he or she fails to pay for it the amount shall be collected and paid to the Grand Body in one month. Installing officers shall not be paid for services, neither shall they be paid for travelling expenses or time by the Grand Tabernacle but the tabernacle requiring their services shall pay the same.

# ARTICLE XIV.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Kight Worthy Grand Ruler of all Grand Tabernacles at their sessions to appoint an investigating committee of three or more whose duty it shall be to inspect all credentials, reports, and other papers before they are handed to the desk of the Grand Scribe. This committee shall have the power to return or lay on the table all reports or credentials that do not come in accordance with the constitution. The term or annual report of Subordinate or Grand Tabernacles shall be filled according to printed forms furnished by the Grand Tabernacle.

Sec. 2. All Grand Officers shall receive during their attendance at the session of the National Grand Tabernacle, travelling expenses and one dollar a day for loss of time and board.

#### Form of Yearly Report.

To the Right Worthy National Grand Tabernacle, Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen:

Yearly report of	.Taber-
nacle	
for year ending July 31, 19Located a	t
Total receipts for the year	
Total expenses of the year	
Whole amount in Treasurer's Hand	
Value of property	
Amount of money paid for sick relief	

Amount of Head Tax at 25 cts. per member
Total number of members on roll
Number of persons initiated
Suspended for non-payment of dues
Expelled for non-payment of dues
Deceased
Number of Encampment Members
Number of Third Degree Members
Number of Members reinstated
Number of Members transfered
Time of holding 'Meetings
Tabernacle No
Place of Meeting
County
Post Office_of R. W. Scribe
attest.

......Right Worthy Ruler .....Right Worthy Secretary

#### ARTICLE XV.

Section 1. Males from 16 to 50 and females from 15 to 50 years of age may be admitted as members of Subordinate Tabernacles for \$4.50 each, and no Tabernacle shall be allowed to charge more or less unless dispensated by the Right Worthy National Grand Ruler, state or district Grand Tabernacle.

Sec. 2. No Subordinate Tabernacle shall be allowed to elect its officers in a committee of the whole but it shall be the duty of the R. W. Ruler of all Subordinate Tabernacles on the first meeting night in Decer.:ber, April, and August to appoint a committee of three Right Worthy Past Rulers, who shall nominate the officers for the ensuing term. They shall report at the next meeting of the Tabernacle, and the officers shall be elected by ball ballots except the Right Worthy Ruler who shall be elegible to the chair. The secretary shall not be the chairman of the committee.

Sec. 3. The Right Worthy Rulers of all Subordinate Tabernacles on the last meeting night in December, April, and August shall appoint a competent committee of not less than five members, whose duty it shall be to properly audit the books of the Ending term and on the first meeting night in January, May, and September shall submit their report for approval, which shall embrace receipts and expenses.

Sec. 4. There shall exist in all Subordinate Tabernacles a committee on dress and regalia, who shall read to the Tabernacle the regulations of dress and regalia,

Sec. 5. The Right Worthy Ruler of all Subordinate Tabernacles shall appoint a banking committee who shall deposit and draw from the bank all money for the use of their Tabernacle.

Sec. 6. All Subordinate Tabernacles shall open their meetings at eight o'clock during the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September: and seven o'clock during the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March and adjourn at 10.30 P. M. RWR

## ARTICLE XVI.

Section 1. There shall be a Temple House attached to the Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen composed of the members of the Degree Department and all persons who have taken the first, second, third degrees are entitled to become members. All members of Subordinate Tabernacles who have a desire to take the degrees can do so by making application to the Right Worthy Ruler of the Tabernacle of which they are members: and the Right Worthy Ruler will make application to the Temple House where they shall receive their degrees by paying the amount specified in the laws of the constitution. The money paid by the members who take their degrees shall be for the use of the members of the Temple House.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

Section 1. All cases of grievance or expulsion must be referred to state or district Grand Tabernacle first. But an appeal can be carried from the same to the National.

Sec. 2. All appeals shall be presented in writing to a court of inquiry which shall consist of five R. W. Past Rulers who shall be elected the first day of the National Grand Session. All appeals shall be presented to the clerk of this court. The court shall have power to try such appeals and their decision shall be final. These appeals shall be sent to the Grand Secretary who shall hand over such appeals to the court. Sec. 3. Any member of any Subordinate Tabernacle in good standing who is known to do wrong, defraud, or speak disrespectfully of another member of the order shall, upon trial and conviction be reprimanded suspended or expelled

Any member known to strike another in passion shall be tried and on proper proof and conviction thereof shall be suspended for three or six months, according to the nature of the case or expelled from the order.

from the order.

Sec. 4. No members of any Subordinate Tabernacle shall go to law with any member of any other Subordinate Tabernacle before bringing the case before the order Tabernacle except in extreme cases.

Sec. 5. Where a member has been convicted of larceny, felony, imprisonment he shall be expelled.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

Section 1. Any member who brings another member's money to the Subordinate Tabernacle shall be fined the sum of one dollar, unless the member is sick, distant from the limits of the city or town or attending church duties, old age or infirm persons excepted.

Sec. 2. Members that move from one city to another shall secure travelling cards from the Tabernacle of which they were members and if there be a Taberaacle in the city or county to which they move, they shall deposit their card in that Tabernacle, and pay such dues as they paid at home. in case of sickness, the Tabernacle in which the card has been deposited shall pay such sick dues as are allowed by the member's Tabernacle at home.

Sec. 3. The action of the Tabernacle visited shall be reported to the Tabernacle to which the member belongs, together with the money collected.

Sec. 4. The home Tabernacle shall pay to the Tabernacle thus visited by its members such fees as that Taberacle has paid to said member while sick. When such members have decided to make 'the city their home they shall secure a card of removal from their Tabernacle and from the one with which they have deposited their card.

#### ARTICLE XVIII.

Section 1. If a member or members of any Subordinate Tabernacle after being properly notified to pay up their dues or fines to the amount of one term or four months dues in their Tabernacle and their names be reported to the Grand Tabernacle, fail to pay up their dues before three months have expired, they shall be put on the return sheet by the scribe as expelled for non-payment of dues. No member shall be suspended or be expelled for any offense, except for nonpayment of dues without due trail and examination.

Sec. 2. Any member or members refusing or failing to serve after being appointed on a com-

mittee shall be fined the sum of fifty cents except lawful excuse be given.

Sec. 3. There shall be an annual sermon preached to the Order once a year.

Sec. 4. No Subordinate Tabernacle shall be named after any living member of the Order. Adopted at yearly session 1877.

Order of Business for Grand Tabernacle.

- 1. Calling the Grand Tabernacle to order.
- 2. Calling roll of Grand Officers.
- 3. Calling roll of Grand and Subordinate Tabernacles.
- 4. Opening the Grand Tabernacle.
- 5. Appointment of various committees.
- 6. Credentials of Delegates and Collection of Vearly Tax.
- 7. Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 8. Reading of Minutes for Approval.
- 9. Reports of Grand Officers.
- 10. Reports of Grand Tabernacles.
- 11. Reports of Subordinate and Juvenile Tabernacles.
- 12. Reports of Deputies and Collection of Percentage.
- 13. New Business Resolutions etc.
- 14. Bills presented.
- 15. Selection of Chairman of Commttee of the whole, secretary, etc.
- 16 Nomination of Grand Officers.

- 17. Eelection of Grand Officers by roll of delegates.
- 18. Installation of Grand Officers.
- 19. Memorial Services
- 20. Selection of place of meeting.
- 21. Receipts of Grand Tabernacle.
- 22. Closing Grand Tabernacle.

# ARTICLE XIX. GENERAL LAWS.

#### For the government of Subordinate and Grand Tabernacles.

Section 1. No member shall be eligible for the Right Worthy Ruler's chair unless he or she has filled the Right Worthy Associate Ruler's chair, nor for the Right Worthy Associate Ruler's chair unless he or she has the third degree and has served one term in an inferior office. Organiza-. tion of new Tabernacles excepted. No Past Officer shall oppose a qualified member for such office as he or she may have filled unless they have been two terms out of such office, Scribe and Treasurer excepted.

Sec. 2. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No Subordinate Tabernacle shall be opened unless seven members are present, one whom shall be qualified to fill the Right Worthy Ruler's chair and the rituals shall be used. No Subordinate Tabernacle shall be dissolved while seven members are willing to continue. Sec. 3. The Right Worthy Conductor and Messenger shall see that the tabernacle is assembled in a secret place and they shall examine every member in the room prior to the opening of the Tabernacle.

Sec. 4. Any elected or appointed officer to any Tabernacle who shall absent themselves from their Tabernacles for more than three successive meeting nights their chair shall be declared vacant by the R. W. Ruler, unless excused by the Tabernacle: if not excused the R. W. Ruler shall appoint another officer in their place as the case may require, who shall be entitled to all the honors of the chair or term as though they had served the full term.

Sec. 5. The Right Worthy Ruler shall have full power to preserve order in the Tabernacle. Any member refusing to obey, after being called to order, shall for the first offense be fined twenty-five cents; second offense fifty cents, third offense one dollar, and for the fourth offense two dollars. Upon the refusal of any member to pay his or her fine, he or she shall be suspended until said fine shall have been paid to the Scribe of the Tabernacle.

#### ARTICLE XX.

Section 1. In case of application from sick members for sick relief the Right Worthy Ruler or Right Worthy Associate Ruler of the Tabernacle to which they belong shall convey or cause to be conveyed, weekly through the visiting commitee on sick (if they be financial members) such sick relief as is provided by the laws of the constitution and the by-laws of their Tabernacle. (Except in cases of family sickness), no sick relief shall be granted.

Sec. 2. All members of Subordinate Tabernacles shall procure a certificate from their attending physician and shall send same to the Right Worthy Ruler of the Tabernacle to which they belong. The sick relief shall begin from the time received by the Right Worthy Ruler. In all cases the nature of the sickness shall be stated when application is made for sick relief.

Sec. 3. The Right Worthy Ruler or Right Worthy Associate Ruler shall visit within twenty four hours after application in writing, all sick or disabled members residing within the limits of the city and continue to visit them as often as the nature of the case may require at least twice a week, and shall grant them such relief if they do not owe more than one term or four months dues as the law provides for them. Their dues shall be deducted from the first week's relief and the balance paid them. Failing to do this they shall be fined fifty cents for first neglect, second, one dollar.

Sec.4. The Right Worthy Ruler of every subordinate Tabernacle, whenever practicable shall on installation to office appoint a visiting committee of brothers and sisters on the sick for the several districts. It shall be their duty to visit the sick members at least once a week and by advice of the Right Worthy Ruler shall pay the sick member the relief provided by the law of the constitution and by-laws of the Tahernacle of which the member belongs and if they neglect their duty they shall be fined fifty cents. When the condition of a sick or afflicted member, particularly one in good standing, requires the members to sit up with him or her at night the Right Worthy Ruler shall order the Right Worthy Scribe of the Tabernacle of which he or she is a member to notify the members. and if any member refuses or fails to sit up without a lawful excuse, they shall pay a fine of fifty cents. In no case shall the appointment be made to sit up where there is a contagious or infectious disease.

#### ARTICLE XXI.

Section 1 Any member of a Subordinate Tabernacle who may wish to leave his or her Tabernacle and join another shall make application in writing and receive a certificate of membership provided no accounts stand charged against him or her on the scribe's books. The member shall send the certificate of membership to the Tabernacle which he or she desires to join through a member of that Tabernacle within three months; and if a majority of the members do not oppose him or her becoming a member of the Tabernacle, he or she shall be admitted and granted whatever sums of money the laws or by-laws may call for. The member shall receive no money from the Tabernacle from which the or she withdrew.

Sec. 2. Members leaving one Tabernacle to go to another forfeit their membership in the Tabernacle which they left and should they be refused in the Tabernacle to which they make application the Tabernacle from which they withdrew shall not be compelled to receive them again

#### ARTICLE XXII.

Section 1. There shall be two delegates elected every six months who shall be Right Worthy Past Rulers whose duty it shall be to visit the Grand Tabernacle in their Jurisdiction and hand in return sheets as provided in this constitution. All commnications to the state, district, and national Grand Tabernacles must be made through their delegates and properly signed by their respective officers.

Sec. 2 . Any member of any Subordinate Tabernacle who shall on the occasion of any election try to canvas the election shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents or such other sums as the tabernacle may determine.

#### ARTICLE XXIII.

Section 1. The name, occupation, and place of abode of any person or persons desiring to become members of the Order shall be presented in writing by a member of the Tabernacle accompanied with one dollar, and the same shall be read, and if received there shall be a committee of three appointed, two by the Right Worthy Ruler and one by the Right Worthy Associate Ruler, whose duty it shall be to examine into the health and character of the applicant and report at the next meeting They shall be balloted for, and if after balloting no more than five black ballots be found against them they shall be declared elected: if six black ballots be found they shall be declared rejected, and notice thereof shall be sent to the Grand Tabernacle and all Subordinate Tabernacles under its jurisdiction. Such applications may again be proposed after an expiration of nine months from the time of such rejection and if elected shall be received in the Tabernacle.

Sec. 2. Any person or persons proposed and elected in any Tabernacle shall come forward within three months after their election and pay into the Tabernacle their admission fee Their membership is to bear date from their initiation. Any one neglecting to come forward within three months shall forfeit his or her election, money and all claim to membership, unless a reasonable excuse be given for such neglect.

Sec. 3. Any person joining a tabernacle and paying the full admission fee of four dollars and fifty cents shall be immediately entitled to full weekly sick relief in compliance with the law thereof. Nothing herein contained shall prevent any member from being entitled to the funeral benefits of the Order after initiation and payment of not less than four dollars and fifty cents in any Tabernacle.

Sec. 4. No Subordinate Tabernacle shall grant any sick benefits to any member, until the financial condition of the Tabernacle will enable it to do so. Donations from the funds of the Tabernacle may be made to sick members in case of distress if a majority of members present consent.

#### ARTICLE XXIV.

Section 1. Any member that makes use of any indecent or profane language while in the Tabernacle shall be fined the sum of one dollar unless excused by the Tabernacle.

Sec. 2. Any member found in a state of intoxication or pretend that they are sick while receiving or applying for benefits from the Tabernacle, shall pay a fine of one dollar, or forfeit the same at the discretion of the Tabernacle.

Sec. 3. Any member of a Tabernacle who shall follow any illegal practice, on trial and conviction thereof shall be suspended or expelled as the Tabernacle may determine.

Sec. 4. Any member of a Tabernacle who admits a member without the usual formalities shall be fined at the discretion of the Tabernacle. Should a stranger be admitted he or she shall be expelled forthwith by the Tabernacle.

#### ARTICLE XXV.

Section 1. Any disputes, grievances, or differ-

ences existing between members of any Tabernacle shall be laid before the Tabernacle in writing and a court of Inquiry shall be selected by the Tabernacle consisting of five Right Worthy Past Ruler of which the offending party is a member, three to be appointed by the Right Worthy Ruler and two by the Right Worthy Associate Ruler. This court of inquiry' shall have the power to summon the contending parties to settle the matter.

Sec. 2. An appeal may be made at any time to the Tabernacle and from its decision to the Grand Tabernacle in its jurisdiction.

#### ARTICLE XXVI.

Any member or members of any Subordinate Tabernacle desiring to take the first three degrees shall make application to their Tabernacle at any regular meeting and if there is no objection they shall pay one dollar to the Tabernacle one dollar to the Degree master or Encampment and receive a card for degrees in accordance with the regulartions of the Temple House or Grand Encampment.

Section 2. Any Tabernacle that disbands leaving a quorum of seven members all books, papers, personal and real estate belonging to the tabernacle before such action shall be the property of the remaining seven persons. In case that seven persons do not wish to continue as a tabernacle, all of the property shall be owned by the Grand Tabernacle Sec. 3. In case any Tabernacle disbands all books and papers belonging to said Tabernacle shall be handed<sup>a</sup>to the Grand Scribe of the Grand Tabernacle in its jurisdiction within thirty days after disbandment.

# ARTICLE XXVII.

Should any doubts arise respecting the laws they shall be determined by the Grand Tabernacle in their jurisdiction or annulled, except through a motion made in writing to the Grand Tabernacle.

# BY-LAWS.

For the government of Subordinate Tabernacles.

# ARTICLE I.

# ARTICLE II.

The Right Worthy Ruler shall preside in the tabernacle enforce a due observance of the laws and regulations of the order; see that the officers perform their respective duties, appoint a majority of all committees not otherwise provided for, give the casting vote in all matters before the Tabernacle when a tie may occur inspect and announce the result of all balloting and other votes, visit the sick or disabled draw on the treasurer all sums of money necessary to pay the benefits provided by the laws and by-laws and other appropriations made by the Tabernacle, also perform all other duties according to the laws and regulations of the Order.

#### ARTICLE III.

The Right Worthy Associate Ruler shall render the Right Worthy Ruler assistance in visiting the sick and disabled, preserve order in the tabernacle, and render such other service as may be required of him or her. In the absence of the Right Worthy Ruler, the Right Worthy Associate Ruler<sup> $\frac{1}{2}$ </sup> shall take the chair, perform the duties of the Right Worthy Ruler and assist in calling the order of business.

# ARTICLE IV.

The Financial Scribe shall keep a correct account with each brother and sister, credit all monies received, and pay the same over to the treasurer at the close of each meeting. He or she shall write all orders on the treasurer and at the end of the term present a bill to each member who may be three months in arrears and perform all other duties that the tabernacle may require.

The Financial Scribe may also be the Recording Scribe when the work can be easily performed by one person.

## ARTICLE V.

The Recording Scribe shall keep the proceedings of the tabernacle, assist the Financial Scribe, and attend to any other duties that the Tabernacle may require.

#### · ARTICLE VI.

The Right Worthy Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Right Worthy Scribe, give a receipt for the same, pay all the bills ordered by the Tabernacle drawn on him or her by the Right Worthy Ruler and attested by the Right Worthy Scribe after reserving the sum of twenty dollars in hand, the residue shall be deposited in such place as the Tabernacle may determine. He or she shall deliver all monies books, papers, or other property of the Tabernacle in his or her possession to their successor in office at the timeof installation and the treasurer shall hold the bank book.

## ARTICLE VII.

The Right Worthy Conductor shall open and close the Tabernacle, assist in the initiation of candidates collect money from the members, and perform such duties as may be required.

The Conductor and Messenger shall use a staff in the Tabernacle.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The Right Worthy Advisor shall read the Holy Bible at each meeting of the tabernacle, study the Constitution, and be prepared to give a word of advice in season.

## ARTICLE IX.

The Right Worthy Instructor shall offer prayer in the Tabernacle instruct the candidates in the signs and passwords and arrange for the interment of deceased members.

## ARRTICLE X.

The Messenger shall attend the inner door of the tabernacle admit members properly qualified and assist the Conductor when necessary.

## ARTICLE XI.

The Outside Doorkeeper shall take charge of the outer door, perform such duties as the ritual contains and permit none to pass without the usual formalities.

## ARTICLE XII.

Section 1. Any elected or appointed officer whose service may be required and neglects to attend the regular meetings of his or her tabernacle shall pay a fine of twenty five cents for the first offense and fifty-cents for the second without a lawful excuse be given. Sec. 2. Any member of any Tabernacle appointed to serve on a special committee and fails to perform the duty shall be fined the sum of fifty cents.

Sec. 3. The annual head tax of every member of every Subordinate Tabernacle shall be twenty five cents. The scribe shall collect and pay the amount to the National Grand Scribe on or before the 5th of July in each year or forward the same to the Grand Tabernacle by delegates. The annual head tax on each member of the Juvenile Tabernacle shall be five cents. It shall be paid and forwarded as prescribed for Subordinate Tabernacles. All members taxed shall not owe over one term's dues.

## ARTICLE XIII.

Any member that fails or refuses to attend the monthly meetings shall pay a fine of twenty five cents and upon refusal he or she shall pay a fine of twenty five cents more. The first money paid for dues shall be taken for the fine thus imposed. The Right Worthy Scribe of every tabernacle shall keep a book of the residences of every member admitted. Any member changing his or her residence and failing to report to the Right Worthy Scribe or Tabernacle within 30 days after such removal shall pay a fine of twelve cents for each neglect.

Sec. 2. Any member or members of any Subordinate Tabernacle being absent from the meeting of the Tabernacle without they are sick, distant from the city, attending to church duties, or lawfully detained at their occupation shall pay a fine of twenty five cents, all officers fifty cents.

Sec. 3. When the Right Worthy Ruler imposes a fine on any member of the Tahernacle by the Constitution the Tahernacle shall not exempt him or her from payment.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

#### Eligibility for Membership.

Section 1. No person shall be initiated into any tabernacle who is not of good moral character and free from all bodily infirmities that might render him or her burdensome to the tabernacle.

Males from 6 to 50 years and females from 15 to 50 years of age may be admitted as members of any Subordinate Tabernace.

Sec. 2. Any member who proposes an applicant for membership shall not at any time beappointed to examine the candidate for whom they have vouched.

Sec. 3. The committee appointed to visit the candidate shall see them as soon as possible and make diligent inquiry in accordance with the laws and regulations of the order.

Form of Application for Membership.

To the officers and members of ...... Tabernacle No.....

This will certify that I, .....

wish to become a member of your tabernacle if I am found worthy.

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## ARTICLE XV.

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## Contribution and Benefits.

Section 1. Every Tabernacle has the power to arrange its own monthly payments providing it does not pay less than twenty-five cents nor more than fifty cents.

The death benefits shall not be less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00 and each member shall be taxed twenty five cents to replenish the funds.

Sec. 2. The sick benefits shall not be less than two dollars nor more than four dollars for six wocks and should their sickness continue he or she shall receive two dollars for six weeks and after that such sums as the Tabernacle may determine. No member shall receive more than twelve weeks in any calendar year. Any amount due the Tabernacle by the member shall be deducted from the first weeks payment. In all cases the dues are to commence from the time the Right Worthy Ruler or Committee on sick is notified.

Sec. 3. At the death of a member of any Tabernacle the Right Worthy Scribe shall notify every member to attend the funeral in proper dress and regalia (unless the Right Worthy Ruler shall tury the member with a committee).

Sec. 4. Any member failing to attend in proper regalia after being notified shall be fined the sum of fifty cents, unless excused by the tabernacle.

Sec. 5. Any member that turns out at any funeral without the constitutional dress shall be fined the sum of two dollars unless excused by the tabernacle. The committee on dress and regalia shall inspect the dress and regalia of the members and report all deficiencies to the Right Worthy Ruler of the tabernacle.

Sec. 6. When a member of any tabernacle dies every member shall attend the funeral except in cases where the Right Worthy Ruler appoints a committee, and in such cases the expense of the hack shall be paid by the tabernacle from its funds.

Sec. 7. The Right Worthy Ruler shall in all cases of funerals use the rites and ceremonies as regulated by the laws of the Order, and shall see that the charts of the Tabernacle are properly draped in black for the space of thirty days.

Sec. 8. The Right Worthy Ruler shall have power to call special meetings of the tabernacle whenever neecessary, but no other business shall be transacted but that for which the special meeting was called.

## ARTICLE XVI.

Section 1. Every member of any Tabernacle

who owes any fines or amount greater than one terms dues shall be declared nonfinancial, and in case of sickness or disability shall not be entitled to the benefits of the Tabernacle. Members who pay up their dues while sick or disabled shall not be entitled to any benefits for three months after settling their accounts in full.

Sec. 2. Should any member or members of any tabernacle suffer their account to remain unpaid for one term and let more than two weeks elapse after being notified to come forward by the Right Worthy Scribe there shall be no benefits allowed them and they shall not again be beneficial for three months after settling their account in full. All dues, fines, etc. shall be charged as regular dues. No non-financial member shall pay up while sick.

Form of Notice for Delinquent Members.

Sister or Brother.....

You are hereby notified to come forward within two weeks according to the laws of the constitution and pay up your dues, which amount to \$....or you will be suspended from all the benefits of the Order.

Tabernacle meets.....at.....at.....

by order

......Right Worthy Ruler, Right Worthy Scribe.

## ARTICLE XVII.

## Charges, How Made And Preferred.

Section 1. Any member known to offend against any of the laws, commit any offense, particularly adultery or fornication, shall be subject to a fine, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled as a majority of the members present may determine at any regular meeting of the tabernacle.

Sec. 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offense committed involving a reprimand, suspension, but no member shall be put on trial unless a charge duly specifying the offense be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the tabernacle by a member of the ame.

Sec. 3. When a charge or charges have been referred against a member in a proper manner as described or any grievances between members are brought before the tabernacle whereof the offending party is a member, the tabernacle by motion shall refer the charge or charges to a court, consisting of Past Right Worthy Rulers, who shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, give the party or parties a copy of the charge and proceed to summon them, then examine and determine the matter in question according to laws and evidence shall not be restricted to members of the order. And if the finding of the court does not involve a suspension or expulsion of the member, no appeal shall be taken from their decision to the Tabernacle as their decision shall be considered final.

Sec. 4. Should the court be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling the member or members they shall submit their findings, with a resolution to suspend or expell to the Tabernacle for action at its next meeting.

Sec. 5. When a resolution for suspension or expulsion of a member is submitted by the court it shall lay on the stable until the next regular meeting of the Tabernacle, and the Right Worthy Scribe of the tabernacle shall notify in writing the accused party or parties to be present at the tabernacle for trial at which time whether they are present or not the Tabernacle shall proceed to try the case and determine the verdict.

Sec. 6. At the time appointed to try the case the court shall present to the Tabernacle in writing the gounds on which their decision was founded, and the member or members shall have the privilege of being heard before the tabernacle. The Tabernacle shall then determine the correctness of the decision of the court by a majority of the votes cast, which decision shall be final unless an appeal be taken to the state or District Grand Tabernacle.

Sec. 7 When charges have been preferred against a member or members of any tabernacle they shall have the privilege of procuring counsel who must be members of the order in good standing.

Sec. 8. In all cases of charges or grievances

a copy of the charges or grievance shall be sent to the member or members whom the charge is brought against, and they shall have at least ten days notice to prepare for trial, Sunday excepted.

Sec. 9. Any motion for expulsion or suspension can be announced in an open meeting of the Tabernacle one meeting night previous to its being acted on, and if then carried the person so expelled shall not again be admitted into the tabernace unless the decision be reversed by the Grand Tabernacle having its jurisdiction and notice shall be sent to all Subordinate Tabernacles under its jurisdiction.

Form of Notice to sit up with Sick Members.

Brother or Sister..... You are hereby notified to sit up with...... who is very sick at No......street on..... night without fail .....R. W. Ruler.

Form of Notice to Attend Funerals.

Brother or Sister..... You are hereby notified to meet at..... on.....in proper dress and regalia to pay the last sad tribute of respect to.....a deceased member of.....R. W. Ruler, R. W. Scribe.

## Form of Notice of Expulsion.

To the R. W. Ruler, Officers, and members of......Tabrnacle No..... Greetings:

Form of Notice of Rejection of Candidate.

To the Right Worthy Ruler, officers, and members of.....Tabernacle No.

#### Greeting:

This will certify that..... has lost his or her election in..... Tabernacle No......by.....black ballots and must not be admitted into your Tabernale for nine months from date.

R. W. Ruler, R. W. Scribe, R.W. Installing Officer.

## Form H of Clearance Card......19...... Greeting

 All dues and demands to..... Tabernacle No.....at.....and he or she is ......member, and we recommend him (or her) to the order as worthy of regard.

Right Worthy Ruler, Right Worthy Scribe, Right Worthy Grand Installing Officer.

Form of Traveling Card.

The Nationoal Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen:

#### Geeting:

The bearer.....is an accepted member of.....Tabenacle, No....located at.....and has paid all dues to..... He (or she) is an honorable Past Ruler or has had the third degree, and we take pleasure in recommending him (or her) as a member worthy of regard.

Right Worthy Ruler, Right Worthy Scribe, Right Worthy Installing Officer.

#### ARTICLE XVIII.

The regular stated meetings of this tabernacle shall be on the....of each month.....

## ARTICLE XIX.

Form of Regalia Dress to be Worn on all Occasions, Funerals, Aniversary of the Order, Sermons, Annual or Special.

Initiatory degree for males. White collars and aprons. Number of tabernacle on the left side of collar. Black hat, coat, pants, vest, and tie. White gloves. Initiatory degree for females shall be decided by the jurisdiction in which they live so long as their dress does not conflict with the Insignia of the order.

Third Degree for Males. Black coat, vest, pants, and tie. White gloves, black collar with six stars, red white and blue rosette in center of collar or badge. White gloves. Hat to be black and uniform on funeral occasions, but may be white on special and aniversary occasions.

Third Degree for Females. Black dress, black collar with seven stars. Red white and blue rosette in the center of collar or badge. White gloves. Hat<sup>s</sup> to be black and uniform on funeral occasions, but may be white on special and anniversary occasions.

R. W. Past Rulers, males—Black coat, pants, vest, and tie. White gloves, black sash, with twelve silver stars, two candle sticks, and black rosette on the shoulder and hip. Bullion silver fringe and black apron trimmed with silver fringe, twelve silver stars, rigged ship. All seeing eye and jewel with fish in center worn around the neck with black guard.

R. W. Past Rulers—female—Plain black dress, black hats to be uniform, white gloves, black sash with deep silver fringe, twelve stars on sash. Black rosette on shoulder and hip and jewel with fish in center worn round the neck with black guard and badge.

Section 2. Any member of a Subordinate

Tabernacle that turns out with a funeral without the above prescribed dress and regalia after having been properly notified shall be fined the sum of one dollar.

Sec. 3. Any member of any Subordinate Tabernacle that turns out at any special or annual sermon of the order without the prescribed dress and regalia shall be fined the sum of one dollar.

Sec. 4. Any member of any Subordinate Tabernacle who may be found in the Tabernacle or in any procession of the order with any other regalia than that of the Galilean Fishermen shall have it taken off and the member or members thus found shall be fined the sum of one dollar and fifty cents to be paid forthwith or the first money that is paid by the member for dues shall be taken for viclation of the law

#### ARTICLE XX

No alteration or amendment shall be made to these ByLaws unless submitted in writing at a stated meeting of the Tabernacle, then it shall be laid on the table until the next stated meeting. If then passed, it shall be sent to the next Grand Tabernacle having its jurisdiction. If adopted by the Grand Tabernacle it shall be handed to the Grand Ruler and Scribe for their signature, and if they give their signature it shall become law.

## ARTICLE XXI.

All law or laws herein contained may be

changed or amended by the National Grand Tabernacle but a written notice from a member or Tabernacle desiring the same must be given one year before such action can be taken.

## FORM OF CHARGES.

## Greeting:

I.....do present this charge against Brother (or Sister)...... for violation of ARTICLE....Section....of the Constitution, page....,on the....day of...... specification 1....specification 2....specification 3....and I....do hereby summon....as witness of the above named facts, residence of witness....No.....street,

I.....in the name of common justice, present this charge and feel confident that I can substantiate the same by the following witnesses.

Residence of complainant, No.....

## Signed,

FORM OF NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL.

Brother or Sister:

We.....the Honorable Court appointed send greeting, and herein notify you to appear.....on the day of.....o'clock, to answer charges as preferred.

.....Chairman of Court

## FORM OF AN APPEAL.

To the Right Worthy ...... Grand Tabernacle, National Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen: I.....do hereby appeal to your honorable Tabernacle and court of justice to investigate the decision rendered by Tabernacle No....at....on.....and hope that even handed justice tempered with mercy may guide you all.

Counsel for ....

R. W. Ruler, R. W. Scribe.

### Rules of Order.

For governing Subordinate and Grand Tabernacles of the Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen,

1. Any brother or sister who shall deliver his or her opinion or speak in any debate shall rise in his or her place respectfully address the upper chair, confine themselves to the question under discussion, avoid all personalities, and if two or more arise to speak at the same time the Right Worthy Ruler shall decide who is to speak first.

2. No member, while speaking shall call another by his proper name, the fraternal designation shall be used. 3. If any member, while speaking, be called to order by the Right Worthy Ruler or any other member, he or she shall cease speaking until it is determined whether they are in order or not.

4. No motion shall be debated on or be open for discussion until it has been seconded and put to the tabernacle by the Right Worthy Ruler.

5. No member shall speak more than twice nor longer than ten minutes on the same subject unless by permission of the Right Worthy Ruler and then only by way of explanation. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless in the opinion of the Right Worthy Ruler the remarks are foreign to the subject.

6. When a question is before the tabernacle, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on table, for the previous question, to be postponed, to commit or amend, which several motions have precedence as they here stand arranged the first four admitting no debate.

7. When a motion has been made and acted upon, it shall be in order for any member voting in the majority at the same or next meeting (but not thereafter) to move a re-consideration thereof, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed. In no event shall any subject or question that has been indefinitely postponed be reconsidered.

8. The previous question shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be put? And until it is decided shall preclude all amendments

and further debates: it shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present."

9. Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will admit it.

10. When a blank is to be filled, the sum or number of times shall be proposed. The question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number and on the longest and latest time.

11. When the reading of any paper or other matter is called and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Tabernacle,

12. Every member present shall vote on any question unless excused by the tabernacle and all questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes present. No member shall vote on any question in the result of which they are personally interested.

13. Any question or motion regularly made and seconded may be discussed in a committee of the whole the Right Worthy Ruler appointing a member qualified to fill the chair, who shall report in the rise of the committee, its decision, which shall be entered on the minutes.

14. The chairman of the committee of the whole shall for the time being be invested with all the power of the Right Worthy Ruler.

15. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing and signed by the member offering the same. No motion shall be admitted while a question is under debate, unless to defer its consideration. to adjourn or amend.

16. All questions of order shall be decided by the Right Worthy Ruler and in cases of an appeal from his decision the question shall be decided by the Tabernacle without debate.

17. No standing rule of order of this Tabernacle shall be rescinded or changed without the assent of two thirds of the Tabernacle present, and after two weeks notice thereof, but a standing rule may be suspended for any particular occasion upon the assent of a majority of the members present. All questions of order not herein provided for, shall be governed by the usage and laws of the National Grand Tabernacle of the Grand Order of Galilean Fishermen.

Any Subordinate Tabernacle, State or District Grand Tabernacle failing to comply with the laws which are made in the National Grand Tabernacle shall be expelled.

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#### Certificate of Membership.

This will certify tbat......Tabernacle No..... was initiated in......Tabernacle No..... of Grand Tabernacle of Galilean Fishermen..... 19.....located in..... In witness whereof we have set our hands and seal.