

RULES

OF THE

Elephant and Castle

ANNUAL FRIENDLY

SICK & DIVIDEND

 SOCIETY. 

HELD AT

THE ELEPHANT & CASTLE,
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Membership.

1—That this Society shall consist of an unlimited number of members, and shall have for its object the raising of funds by entrance fees, contributions, and fines for the benefit of its members. No member shall be entitled to any benefit when suffering from any disease he may have had upon him at the time of his entrance. All members to be voted in by a majority.

2—Members joining after the commencement of the Club shall pay all arrears then due.

Contributions—Arrears.

3—That on the first meeting night, and every alternate Monday, every member shall pay, or cause to be paid, two weekly instalments of 6d. each, between the hours of 8 and 9 in the evening. Any member being four weeks in arrears shall be fined 1d.; any member being six weeks in arrears shall be fined 3d.; any member being eight weeks in arrears shall be suspended for four weeks after all arrears are paid. Any member being twelve weeks in arrears shall be excluded from this Society. Any member not producing his card at the time of payment shall be fined 1d. or purchase a new card. All members must be clear on the books on each Quarter Night or be fined 3d.

Secretary. Treasurer.

4—That a Secretary be appointed at a salary of 9d. per member per annum, who shall keep a correct account of all monies paid away and received and shall attend all meetings, and shall appoint all Committee meetings. That a Treasurer be appointed at a salary of 3d. per member per annum, who shall receive all monies paid on each meeting night from the Stewards and shall place the same in a Bank—to be named by the Committee. The bank book shall be left in the Secretary's hands and be produced on every meeting night. Should the Secretary or Treasurer neglect his duty on any meeting night or otherwise, he shall be fined 1/- for every offence unless he find a substitute. A sum shall be left in the Treasurer's hands sufficient to pay the sick and current expenses: the amount to be named by the Committee.

Auditors.

5—That two members shall be appointed as Auditors, who shall audit the Secretary's accounts every three months, and if anything should be found unsatisfactory, report the same at the next meeting night.

Committee.

6—That a Committee be appointed, to meet when summoned; the Secretary shall lay before them all notices he may then have received for the meeting and any other business that is found necessary. Should any member be found infringing the laws of this Society the Secretary shall summon the Committee to inquire into the same and act according to their discretion. Each of the Committee shall be fined 3d. for nonattendance unless he send a written

apology. Such Committee shall have full power and control over all affairs connected with the business of the Society, and shall in all things act for the benefit and good government thereof. Every question at a meeting of this Society or its Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes, and if the votes are equal the President to have the casting vote.

President.

7—That a President be appointed at a salary of 3d per member per annum, who shall attend all meetings, preserve order, and have the privilege of giving the casting vote, and if found neglecting his duty shall be fined 1/-. Any member refusing to pay attention when order is called from the chair, or who shall be guilty of swearing or using profane language, shall be fined 1d. Any member being drunk or abusive during Club hours shall be fined 3d. for every offence and expelled from the Club room.

Sick Benefit.

8—Any member claiming benefit from this Society shall send a doctor's certificate to the Secretary within 24 hours, and, providing he has been a member for eight weeks, he shall be entitled to 8/- a week for eight consecutive weeks; then he shall be suspended for eight weeks, and should his illness continue he shall then be entitled to eight weeks sick pay as before, and in like manner every alternate eight weeks during the year.

Conditions to be observed while on the Funds.

9—Any member, whilst on the funds of this Society, being absent from home after 6 o'clock in the evening, from the 21st of September to the 21st of March, or

after 9 o'clock from the 21st of March to the 21st of September, shall be fined 1/- for the first offence and 2/6 for the second and every other such offence. Any member being found drunk or frequenting public-houses, or doing any kind of work, shall be fined 2/6 for the first offence and 5/- for the second, and shall forfeit a week's pay. Notice must be given to the Secretary either verbally or in writing upon any member going off the funds of this Society, and any member failing to do so shall forfeit a day's pay.

Illegal Benefit Claim.

10—If any member should receive bodily injury through drunkenness or from fighting, wrestling, or other games, he shall not be entitled to any benefit out of this Society; and any member claiming benefit illegally shall forfeit all money he has paid and be excluded from the Society.

Stewards.

11—That two members shall in rotation, as their names stand in the book, act as Stewards for two weeks and receive all monies paid into the Society, and, before the books are closed each night, pay all monies over to the Treasurer. Any member refusing to act as Steward in his turn shall be fined 3d. Any Steward not attending at every meeting when in office from eight till nine o'clock, unless he send a written apology and find a substitute, shall be fined 3d. All members shall send to the Club house for sick pay.

Funeral Allowance.

12—That upon the death of a member who has been in this Society twelve weeks and not under suspension, his widow or relatives shall be entitled to 1/-

from each member of the Society and the amount of his subscriptions paid less his share of management expenses ; such sum to be paid during the ensuing month to the person in charge of the funeral and to be a full settlement of all claims on the Society. Upon the death of the wife of a member who has been in the Society twelve weeks he shall receive the sum of 6d. per member, to be levied for that purpose. Any member not paying his funeral levy within the month shall be fined 3d.

Changing Residence.

13—Any member changing his residence without giving notice to the Secretary in writing within fourteen days shall be fined 6d.

Annual Dividend.

14—That on the last meeting night every member must be clear on the books or he will not be entitled to his dividend. The Secretary shall prepare a Statement of the Accounts, stating the amount due to each member, and a Special Meeting shall be called, when every member will be expected to be present to receive his dividend.

Charge for Cards. Disputed Rules.

15—That every member entering this Society shall be supplied with a Contribution Card and a copy of these Rules, for which he shall pay 4d.; and should any dispute arise upon any one of the foregoing Rules, or any other subject touching the management of this Society, it shall be settled by a majority of the Club.