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**TROY**  
**LODGE,**  
**No. 156.**



**I. O. O. F.**



**Troy, Gilmer County, W. Va.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

Sec. 1. This Lodge shall be known as Troy Lodge, No. 156, I. O. O. F. of the State of West Virginia.

**ARTICLE II.**

Sec. 1. This Lodge shall assemble for business on Tuesday evening of each week.

Sec. 2. The hour for opening shall be eight o'clock P. M. from the first of April to the first of September, and seven o'clock P. M. from September first to April first.

Sec. 3. It shall be opened within fifteen minutes of the time appointed, as prescribed by the Constitution.

**ARTICLE III.**

Sec. 1. All officers, both elective and ap-

pointive, shall attend at the time appointed for opening any stated or special meeting or be fined 25 cents unless excused by the Lodge.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The Secretary and Treasurer shall each give bond in the penalty of \$200.00, before entering upon their duties as such officers, and the Secretary shall receive for his services, Three Dollars per quarter.

#### ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Warden to take the proper care of the regalia and other property of the Lodge that may be committed to his care.

#### ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Widows and Orphans of deceased members of this Lodge, who were in good standing at the time of their death, to visit and watch over them and render such relief as their needs may require and the Lodge may direct; to see that the orphans are placed at school and properly provided with food and raiment.

Sec. 2. The Relief Committee shall have the watch and care of all transient and sojourning members that are in good standing, as well as members of this Lodge and report to the Lodge each meeting the names of such members as need assistance. And they may

hire a nurse subject to the approval of the Lodge.

Sec. 3. Every member who consents to serve on any committee shall attend to the duties thereof, and on failure to do so, shall be fined 25 cents unless excused by the lodge.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. Any person may join this Lodge by card between the ages of 21 and 50 years who shall pay the sum of \$2.50 but shall stand the ballot test the same as in an initiation, the vote to be as required by Constitution for Subordinates.

Sec. 2. The initiation fee shall be between the ages of 21 and 50 years \$5.00.

Sec. 3. Persons over 50 years of age shall pay \$2.00 additional for each degree.

Sec. 4. For eligibility of membership see Art. 3, Sec. 1 of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. All degrees shall be conferred at \$2.50 each, the same vote rejecting a candidate for membership, shall also reject an applicant for degrees.

#### ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1. Each member shall pay one dollar per quarter as dues.

#### ARTICLE X.

Sec. 1. The election of Officers shall be by



ballot; and a majority of all qualified voters present shall elect.

Sec. 2. On election the names of the candidates shall be announced to the Lodge by the Secretary, when each member shall provide himself with tickets. The ballot-box shall be placed in front of the N. G. and each brother shall deposit his vote. In case no candidate shall have a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, another ballot shall be ordered by the N. G., but the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and so continue to do until an election is secured.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Sec. 1. All Cards granted by this Lodge, a fee of 40 cents shall be paid therefor.

#### ARTICLE XII.

Sec. 1. Every third degree member entitled to benefits according to Sec. 2, of Art. XIII. of the Constitution, shall, in case of sickness or disability, receive from the funds of this Lodge \$3.00 per week of 7 consecutive days, during his sickness or disability, (but no benefits shall be paid for the first weeks' sickness.) Provided, that when he has received benefits for fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks of 7 consecutive days, each, he shall thereafter, be entitled to receive only one dollar per week of 7 consecutive days unless otherwise directed by the Lodge.

Sec. 2. On the death of a brother in the third degree, in good standing, the sum of

(\$20.00) Thirty Dollars shall be paid his widow or nearest relative toward defraying the funeral expenses. On the decease of the wife of a brother of the scarlet degree in good standing, he shall be entitled to \$20.00.

All death claims shall be paid by assessment.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

Sec. 1. In case of sickness of a brother, the N. G. or relief committee may employ a nurse, thereby dispensing with the services of the members, and the expense thereof to be ascertained and assessed prorata against the members and charged as dues; or, may be paid out of the funds in the treasury as the Lodge may direct.

Sec. 2. Each member having notice thereof, shall attend the funeral of a deceased brother; and, if he fails to do so, he shall be fined \$2.00, unless excused by the Lodge.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

Sec. 1. Any officer leaving the Lodge before it is closed, or, when there are degrees to be conferred, except with permission of the N. G., shall be subject to the same fines as absent officers, under the same terms.

Sec. 2. If the Guardians suffer a stranger to enter the Lodge, they shall be expelled. And, if either admit a brother without the necessary formality, he may be reprimanded, fined or suspended.

Sec. 3. Any brother knowing a member



to be guilty of violating any law of this Lodge or the Grand Lodge, or the Usages of the Order, shall mention it in open Lodge, bring a charge against him, or privately inform the N. G. under penalty of reprimand or such fine as the Lodge may impose.

Sec. 4. Should any member enter the Lodge in a state of intoxication, he shall be tried and punished as provided by constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Sec. 5. If any member be notified to attend any Committee, or produce books or papers in his possession, and refuse or neglect to obey any legal notice of the Lodge or Committee, he shall be subject to a fine of \$2.00, unless excused by the Lodge.

Sec. 6. Any member who shall feign to be sick or disabled, fraudulently to obtain the benefits of the Lodge, shall be expelled or otherwise punished for gross and wanton abuse of its benevolent intentions, as the Lodge may direct after one trial.

Sec. 7. Any member who shall influence an election, shall be fined not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$5.00; nor shall any brother who is not in good standing be allowed to vote or be eligible to any office.

Sec. 8. Committees failing to report at the specified time, shall be fined 25 cents for the first failure, and 50 cents for each failure thereafter.

## ARTICLE XV.

Sec. 1. The officers and members of this

Lodge are in all respects bound by the constitution of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F. of West Virginia, reference to which is hereby made, the foregoing By-Laws having reference only to the local requirements.

Sec. 2. These By-Laws may be repealed or amended by presenting in writing a notice to the Lodge at a stated meeting, which shall lie over two weeks before action shall be had thereon, and if concurred in by two-thirds of the members present and voting, it shall be adopted.

W. T. GLUCK,  
WM. ARNOLD,  
BENTON QUEEN,  
Committee.

[SEAL.]

Approved by the Lodge, April 16th, 1895.  
WM. STEINBECK, N. G.

Approved by Board of Appeals and By-Laws, May 30th, 1895.

JOHN A. BOCK, G. M.  
W. I. CANTER.  
O. S. MCKINNEY.  
LEE REINHEIMER.  
O. J. FLEMING.





