



**RULES**  
**AND**  
**REGULATIONS**  
**OF THE**  
**SAINT PATRICK'S**  
**BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,**  
**OF**  
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## SAINT PATRICK'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

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**LIBERAL IRISHMEN** in Toronto have long deplored the want of a truly National Society, which would unite their countrymen of all sects and denominations in the promotion of benevolent objects; and at the same time, lead to that harmonious social intercourse amongst them, which none but those who have been long absent from their native land, know how to appreciate. This want, it is now proposed to supply, by the formation of the **SAINT PATRICK'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**.

The objects of the Society will be, 1st.—To afford advice and pecuniary assistance to their distressed fellow-countrymen.

2nd.—To promote kindly feelings amongst its members, and at the same time, to cherish a recollection of the beloved land of their nativity.

3rd.—To celebrate, in a becoming manner, the annual festival on the anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint.

It is hoped that all true lovers of their country—all who sympathize with her misfortunes, and feel indignation at her wrongs, can join together in promoting the above objects, without treading on what will be considered forbidden ground—Colonial Politics.

It is to be regretted, that in this City heretofore, every attempt to attain the end contemplated by the projected Society, has proved a failure. It is possible that the present effort may be equally unsuccessful; but the founders of the "**SAINT PATRICK'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**" feel, that they have taken every precaution to prevent such a result, and they fondly anticipate, in the words of the immortal Bard of their country, that—

"Their Winter is past,  
And the hope that lived through it, will blossom at last."

## OFFICERS.

DOCTOR BALDWIN, PRESIDENT.

CAPT. ECCLES, 1st. VICE PRESIDENT.

COLONEL JAMES BALDWIN, 2nd VICE PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM BALDWIN, Esq., TREASURER.

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REV. MR. McDONAGH, CHAPLAIN.

## COMMITTEE.

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Mr. J. BEATTY,

Mr. J. FITZGERALD,

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Mr. J. MURPHY,

Mr. T. RYAN,

Mr. J. SHANNAN,

Mr. J. O'HIGGINS,

Mr. E. MCSHERRY

Mr. M. HIGGINS.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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1st. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and a Committee of twelve, to be styled Committee of Management, of whom five shall form a quorum.

2nd. The election of all Officers shall take place annually, that is to say, on the last Tuesday in February, and shall be determined (with the exception of that of the President) by a majority of the meeting. The President to be elected by a majority of two-thirds; in each case the members voting by ballot. But in the event of two-thirds not being found in favour of any candidate for the Presidentship, a committee of seven shall be appointed by the meeting by ballot, who shall elect a President by ballot.

3rd. The Chaplain of the Society shall be chosen and appointed by a majority of the Society at the periodical meeting; for the appointment of Officers the votes being taken *viva voce*.

4th. A meeting of the members shall be held on the first Tuesday in every month for the purpose of admitting new members and making such other arrangements as may be deemed expedient for the benefit of the Society.

5th. A subscription of ten shillings shall be paid by every member, annually in advance to the Treasurer, for the purposes of the institution, and no person shall be considered a member if his subscription remain unpaid for one month; but in order that every facility may be afforded to Irishmen of humble circumstances desirous of uniting with their fellow countrymen, in a laudable and benevolent institution, it is deemed expedient that any member upon the recommendation of

any two other members shall be allowed the privilege of paying his subscription by two instalments of five shillings in advance, and five shillings at the expiration of six months.

6th. The national limitation of admission shall be confined to Irishmen, or their descendants to the fourth generation; all above the age of eighteen shall be eligible as competent members, and those between the ages of fifteen and eighteen shall be eligible as probationary members, paying a subscription of five shillings in advance, but shall not be entitled to vote.

7th. Any member of the society wishing to introduce a new member shall, at a monthly periodical meeting, give notice of such his intention, at the same time mentioning the name of the candidate, and at the next subsequent monthly periodical meeting the admission of such candidate being then proposed and seconded shall be determined by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, voting by ballot.

8th. One-third of the members resident in Toronto shall at any meeting form a quorum, and in the absence of President and Vice Presidents the meeting shall elect a temporary Chairman.

9th. The Committee of management shall be empowered to grant pecuniary assistance to distressed Irishmen and their families at their discretion, and they, the committee, shall lay before each monthly periodical meeting a written report of their transactions for the preceding month.

10th. The other officers of the Society, viz.—the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretaries, shall not by right ex-officio sit in Committee, but the Committee of management shall have the power to require the attendance of Treasurer and Secretary with books and papers, reasonable notice being given to them accordingly.

11th. The Secretary shall enter in a book kept for that purpose minutes of all resolutions and other transactions of the Society.

12th. The Treasurer shall submit to the annual meeting an explicit statement of the financial affairs of the Society, and such statement shall undergo a previous examination by auditors appointed by the Committee, to whom the necessary vouchers shall be submitted.

13th. No money shall be expended by the Treasurer without an order signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee of Management on behalf of and by authority of the Committee, and all the money collected by the Treasurer beyond the sum of £10 shall be deposited by him in such bank as the Committee shall direct.

14th. At General Meetings all observations shall be addressed to the chair.

15th. The subject under discussion must be strictly attended to and the discussion on any proposition being concluded, the President or Chairman elect, as the case may be, shall put the question to the meeting, to be decided by a majority, the President or Chairman having the casting vote.

16th. Every resolution proposed to the meeting must be seconded and reduced to writing, and an amendment being moved and seconded, must be disposed of before the original question be put.

17th. All local politics of the day as well as all religious subjects shall be strictly excluded.

18th. No personal allusion shall be allowed and any reference to arguments used by members who have spoken must be made with the utmost courtesy of expression.

19th. The President or Chairman shall not take part in the debate upon any question, but he shall be



at liberty to deliver his sentiments thereon before putting it to the vote.

20th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, but if any exception be taken to his decision a motion may be made and seconded that the President do leave the chair, on which motion no discussion is to take place, but the President is forthwith to retire, the Vice President shall then preside during the discussion of the question of order, which question shall be decided by a majority of the members present ; the Vice President is to deliver no opinion on the matter but merely to put the question to the vote ; this rule will apply equally to the Vice President in the absence of President, or Chairman elected *pro tempore* in absence of President and Vice Presidents.

21st. It is not deemed expedient that there should be any imperative rule requiring the attendance of the members of the society at any place of public worship on the anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint, nor that the Society as a body shall march in procession in celebration of any passing occurrence or in commemoration of any past event.

22nd. On occasion of the death of any member the Secretary being made acquainted therewith, shall notify the same to the other members, requesting their attendance at the funeral of the deceased.

23rd. Any member who shall behave in a disorderly manner at any of the meetings of the Society, shall be liable to be expelled that meeting by the President or Chairman ; and if the same member again interrupt the good order of any subsequent meeting, he may upon motion made and seconded to that effect, be expelled the Society by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at the next subsequent periodical meeting, voting by ballot ; also, any member who shall be guilty of immoral or improper conduct at any time shall be

liable to be expelled in the same manner as aforesaid ; and such members so expelled shall forfeit all claims upon the Society.

24th. Should any officer of the Society neglect his duty, or conduct himself otherwise improperly, he shall upon notice given by any member at a monthly periodical meeting specifying the cause of complaint, and upon motion made and seconded at the next periodical meeting be impeached, and upon conviction, be liable to be reprimanded by the President or Chairman, as the case may be, or removed from office according to the decision of the meeting, to be determined by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, voting by ballot.

25th. That no alteration shall be made in any of the rules and regulations of the Society except at the annual general meeting ; and any member wishing to propose an alteration shall give notice of such his intentions at a monthly periodical meeting immediately preceding the annual meeting, specifying the rule or rules which he may wish to alter, amend or annul, and what he means to propose as amendment or substitute, if any, in lieu thereof ; provided always, that this rule shall not preclude the Society at a general meeting from the privilege of suspending a rule pro tempore upon any extraordinary emergency.

26th. A copy of the rules and regulations of the Society shall be furnished by the Secretary at cost price to each member of the Society.

26th. Each member on admission shall read the rules and regulations of the Society, and in the presence of the Secretary subscribe the following pledge :

I, A. B. member of the Saint Patrick's Benevolent Society do hereby pledge myself to conform to, and maintain to the utmost of my ability all rules and regulations which now are, or shall be hereafter adopted for the government of the Society, and I do further

pledge myself that I will discountenance upon all occasions, so far as in me lies, both by precept and example every tendency to intemperance and disorder.

#### M E M B E R S.

Robert Baldwin,	Martin Waldron,
James Fitzgerald,	John Connolly,
John O'Higgins,	Peter Nangle,
F. O'Day,	G. W. Egelso,
M. J. O'Beirne,	Patrick O'Neill,
Michael Reynolds,	John O'Keiff,
M. A. Higgins,	John Murphy,
T. J. O'Neill,	Michael John McDonell,
Doctor Baldwin,	John Doherty,
William Baldwin,	Michael Hays,
John O'Brian,	James Neysey,
James Connell,	John McDermot,
William Murphy,	John Cullum,
Daniel Fox,	Alexander Watson,
Dr. Bradley,	Edward McFeeley,
Thomas Real,	John Hanton,
Captain Eccles,	Patrick Brady,
Michael Holloran,	Patrick Roch,
James Cummings,	Darby Ahern,
D. Heffernan,	Matthew Codd,
Colonel Baldwin,	Bernard Short,
James McMahon,	Cornelius McMahon,
James Scallion,	James Shannon,
Philip Connell,	Daniel Foley,
Patrick Madden,	James Codey,
James Conway,	Thomas O'Connor,
James Walsh,	Rev. Edward Gordon, Niagara.
Doctor McCormack,	James Fitzpatrick,
Thomas Boas,	John McLoan,
John Walsh,	James McDonagh,
M. Scollard,	Edmund Codey,
F. Hincks,	Luke Kelly,
John Crosier,	William Smith,
Charles Donlevy,	Michael Meigan.
P. McTavey,	Matthew McDonagh, juvenile M.
Michael Colgan,	Patrick McGetrick,
Robert Kennedy,	John McCarty,
James Beatty,	Wm. Brennan,
Thomas Ryan,	John McManus,
Edward McSherry,	Andrew Smith
James Feehan,	Patrick Russell.
John Flanagan,	

