

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF

CO. H. 2D REG'T. INF'T. I. L.

OF

KNOX, IND.

"STARKE RIFLES."

KNOX,
DEMOCRAT PRINT,
IND.

◁ PREAMBLE. ▷

We, the members of Company H. 2nd Regiment Infantry, Indiana Legion, of Knox, Starke County, Indiana, in order to govern, regulate and maintain such order and harmony, as is necessary for the success and welfare of this organization, do make, ordain, and adopt the following constitution and by-laws, in accordance with section 22 Acts 1889, the same being amended section 5397 R. S. 1881, relating to Indiana Militia as follows: "Each company and regiment shall adopt a constitution and by-laws for its own government, and provide for the assessment of fines and forfeitures for non-attendance at drills, parades and encampments, not inconsistent with this act, which shall be obligatory on its own members, after the same shall have been approved by the Governor, and the fines assessed under the said constitution and by-laws may be collected before a Justice of the Peace, as provided in cases of court martial."



CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

SECTION 1. This company shall be unofficially known and designated by the title of "Starke Rifles," of Knox, Indiana, and the official designation, such company letter, and regimental number as may from time to time be ordered by competent authority.

Article II.

SECTION 1. The further constitution of this company shall consist of the laws of the State of Indiana governing the Indiana Legion; the "Rules and articles of war" and the general "Regulations" for the government of the army of the United States, when the same shall apply, or when the company is on duty, or under orders.

BY-LAWS.

Article I.

SECTION 1. The qualifications for membership shall be: Good character, sobriety, a gentlemanly manner and appearance, sound health, the required age, and willingness to conform to these by-laws.

Article II.

SECTION 1. Every petition for admission into this company shall be in writing, signed by at least two members in good standing, and be accompanied by the admission fee of \$1.00. It may be presented at any meeting, at which time the presiding officer shall refer said petition to a select committee of three members, from which the members recommending shall be excluded, who shall carefully examine the applicant in accordance with section 1, of article I, and report thereon at the next regular business meeting, at which time the company shall proceed to ballot and if such applicant fails to obtain a majority vote, he shall be declared rejected, and his admission fee returned to him by the company clerk.

SECTION 2. The ballot shall in all cases be secret. It shall be taken up by such sergeant as the presiding officer shall detail for that purpose, and shall be inspected by the company Clerk, and then by the presiding officer, who shall declare the result, and the company clerk shall notify the applicant without delay.

SECTION 3. If any person elected a member of this company shall not report for muster within thirty days after receiving notice of his election, such election shall be void and he shall forfeit his admission fee. Provided, however, that the company may, by a two-thirds vote, extend the time upon good cause shown, such extension not to exceed ninety days.

Article III.

SECTION 1. The regular business meetings shall be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and the regular drills on all other Tuesdays, at 8 o'clock p. m. except during the months of December, January and February, when the meetings shall convene at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Said meetings shall be compulsory, but the Captain may at any time by order discontinue any, or part of the meetings, provided he does not reduce the number below twenty-four meetings a year.

SECTION 2. Special meetings or drills

may be held at any time on the call of the commanding officer, or of five members in good standing. The call shall state specifically the object of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted unless of such a nature as requires immediate action. Such meetings or drills shall not be compulsory unless so stated in the order.

SECTION 3. Squad drills may be called by the commanding officer, or by the officer in command of the squad at any time.

SECTION 4. Officers' school may be ordered at any time by the commanding officer or drill master.

SECTION 5. The commanding officer may cause to be formed (when needed) a recruit's squad, and may order the same to drill as often as deemed necessary, until proficient.

SECTION 6. The order of business of the regular business meetings shall be as follows:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading the minutes of the previous business and drill meetings.
3. Reports of committees and officers.
4. Hearing of excuses and collection of fines.
5. Petitions, election, and mustering of members.
6. Reading of orders, rules, or communications.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Miscellaneous business.

10. Remarks for the good of the company.
11. Call of absentees by company clerk.
12. Reading of fines, assessments.
13. Intermission.
14. Drill, etc.
15. Dismiss.

SECTION 7. The order of business of the regular drill meetings shall be as follows:

1. Roll call.
2. Petitions.
3. Reading of orders, rules or communications.
4. Drill, 30 minutes duration.
5. Call of absentees by company clerk.
6. Reading of fines, assessments.
7. Intermission.
8. Drill etc.
9. Dismiss.

SECTION 8. At special meetings the business shall be taken up as mentioned in the call, but no fines shall be assessed for non-attendance, unless it is specifically stated in the call that the meeting is compulsory.

SECTION 9. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum to do business at any regular business or special business meeting.

SECTION 10. The company clerk shall give notice, either in person or in writing, to each member of the company, of all special meetings and drills, except squad drills and schools, providing said meet-

ing or drill has not been announced by the commanding or presiding officer at a regular or special meeting or drill; but this rule shall not apply when the company has been ordered out by the proper authorities.

Article IV.

SECTION 1. The regular dues of the company shall be twenty-five cents a quarter, and payable on or before the last regular business meeting in each quarter. At the expiration of the time stated all delinquent dues, fees or assessments shall be assessed as fines, and may be collected accordingly.

SECTION. 2. When a resolution has been introduced and passed upon affirmatively, that an emergency exists, the company may, by a majority vote, levy an assessment to defray necessary expenses, each member having had one week's notice by the company clerk of the intention to vote upon such assessment at any regular business or special meeting. But in no case shall an assessment be made unless it be of absolute necessity.

SECTION 3. On the call of three or more members, or on the order of the commanding officer, a voluntary collection or donation may be taken up for a specified purpose.

And where no objections are interposed contributions may be accepted from others than members.

Article V.

SECTION 1. The members of this company shall be liable to fines as follows :

Clause 1. For absence from regular business meetings, privates and non-commissioned officers, 10 cents ; commissioned officers, 25 cents.

Clause 2. For absence from regular drills, privates and non-commissioned officers 15 cents ; commissioned officers 25 cents.

Clause 3. For absence from compulsory special meetings the same as clause 1.

Clause 4. For absence from parades, privates and non-commissioned officers 50 cents ; commissioned officers \$1.00.

Clause 5. For absence from target shooting, privates and non-commissioned officers 25 cents ; commissioned officers 50 cents.

Clause 6. For absence from encampment, privates, non-commissioned officers, and officers \$5.00. [Company commanders cannot excuse members from encampments, as such excuse must come from higher authority.]

Clause 7. For absence from funeral of deceased member, providing company has been requested or invited to attend in a body, and in compliance therewith has been ordered out by the commanding officer, privates \$1.00, non-commissioned officers \$2.00, commissioned officers \$3 00.

Clause 8. For failure to attend church with company on Memorial Sunday, privates and non-commissioned officers 25 cents ; commissioned officers 50 cents.

- Clause 9. The fines from clauses 1 to 9 shall be assessed and collected, provided, that such absence is not caused by sickness of self or family, or sick call, absence from city or home, or imperative business; but imperative business shall only be decided by the commissioned officers, and if three members object, then by the company. However, absence from city or home when notified, or imperative business, does not apply in clause 6.
- Clause 10. Any member who shall, without permission from the commanding officer leave any duty to which he has been assigned, shall be fined \$1.00; and any member who shall leave the Armory at any meeting or drill voluntary or compulsory, without permission from the officer in command, shall be fined 50 cents, or suffer such other punishment as a court marshal may direct.
- Clause 11. Any member who may be under the influence of liquor while wearing any part of his uniform, bearing arms, or while on drill or parade or at the Armory, shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$5.00, placed under arrest by the commanding officer and held under guard until sober, or suffer such other punishment as a court martial may direct.
- Clause 12. Spitting on the Armory floor will not be tolerated, and any member noticed so doing at any time, or on any occasion, shall be fined five cents for each and every offense.
- Clause 13. Smoking and chewing cigars, or using tobacco shall be prohibited at all regular and special meetings, and regular drills of the company, and when the company or a part of the same is on parade, or under arms, any member violating this clause shall be fined ten cents for each and every offense. But this does not apply before the company

has been called to order, or ordered to fall in, or during intermission or adjournment.

Clause 14. Any member who reports for duty, at any regular or special meeting or regular drill and fails to appear in full uniform, or such part thereof as the commanding officer may have designated, shall be fined 25 cents, and not permitted to remain, unless such member is not provided with a uniform.

Clause 15. Any member who shall loan his uniform to any person not a member of this company shall be fined not less than \$2.00.

SECTION 2. All fines are self-assessable, except those that do not come under the company clerk's notice, and those that do not properly belong to him.

SECTION 3. All fines assessed under this constitution and by-laws, shall be due as soon as assessed and payable on or before the following regular business meeting, or sooner if the commanding officer may direct.

Article VI.

SECTION 1. The company shall parade on Decoration Day, July 4th. and on any other two days in the year that the commanding officer may designate. The members, with the consent of their officers, may voluntarily parade on other days.

SECTION 2. The company shall engage in target shooting two days in each year, and said days shall be appointed by the commanding officer during the months of

June and September.

SECTION 3. The company shall attend church or some place of worship, on Memorial Sunday of each year, and shall appear in full uniform.

SECTION 4. In the event of the death of a member, if it be the desire of the relatives or friends that the company attend the funeral or that military burial be given, the request shall be granted.

Article VII.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the company clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the company; to keep on file all papers and documents relating thereto, to collect all moneys, fines and assessments and disburse the same according to law; keep an accurate account with each member, and to make quarterly reports of the company's finances.

SECTION 2. The commissioned officers shall from time to time make such rules as they may deem necessary for the care and control of the Armory and of all other property belonging to the state and in control of the company, and all orders issued pertaining to the same shall be obligatory on the members, and such rules and orders shall be binding upon the members of this company.

Article VIII.

SECTION 1. Any person can become an honorary member of this company by election and the payment of \$2 per year, payable yearly in advance.

SECTION 2. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern all meetings except as provided for in these by-laws; but the orders of the commanding officer are imperative, and his decision on matters pertaining to company discipline is final, from which there can be no appeal, except it be made to those of higher authority.

Article IX.

SECTION. 1. These by-laws or any article or part thereof may be repealed, suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote, the proposition therefor having been presented in writing at any regular business meeting and read at the last previous regular business meeting.

AUG. H. KNOSMAN, Captain.

BRADFORD D. L. GLAZEBROOK, First Lieut.

CHARLES WINDISCH, Second Lieut.

Adopted by the Starke Rifles at a regular meeting, Jan. 23, 1894.

CHAS. C. KELLEY, Co., Clerk.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 26, 1894.

Governor Matthews:

I respectfully recommend the approval of
the within constitution and by-laws.

IRVIN ROBBINS, Adjt.-Genl.

Approved:

CLAUDE MATTHEWS, Governor.

Company Roster.

July 1, 1895.

Commissioned Officers.

Captain, AUG. H. KNOSMAN.

First Lieut., B. D. L. GLAZEBROOK.

Second Lieut., CHARLES WINDISCH.

Non Commissioned Officers.

First Sergeant, John E. Osborn.

Second Sergeant, Ward A. Garner.

Third Sergeant, George H. Trevor.

Fourth Sergeant, James W. Savery.

Fifth Sergeant, John M. Swartzell.

Corporal John E. Hartford.

Corporal John W. Stevenson.

Corporal Fred. J. Bonar.

Corporal Omer A. Garner.

Musician Charles M. Hart.

Musician Charles L. White.

Privates.

Bender, M. V.	Kelley, C. C., Co. clerk.
Bonar, John W.	Laramore, George D.
Bonar, George M.	Lewis, Wm. A.
Bonar, M. H.	Lundin, C. J.
Bonar, C. C.	Loudermilk, J. M.
Bozarth, Mark L.	Laramore, Lewis
Claybourne, William	Morton, Batch
Chapel, Wm. B.	McCrackin, L. C.
Chapel, H. M.	Nichols, John G.
Collins, Hal. L.	Peelle, Charles H.
Collins, C. C.	Prettyman, Charles
Cooper, Jeff. H.	Pontius, Ezra
Close, S. C.	Rogers, Van G.
Evans, Sam'l. E.	Stitt, Isaac A.
Faunce, John	Slidinger, Wm.
Garner, H. W.	Short, F. D.
Humphreys, Frank	Veach, J. C.
Humphreys, E. J.	Veach, J. W.
Horner, E. E.	Wilhelm, A. C.
Horner, John W.	Wilhelm, George C.
Hepner, Dwight	Wilhelm, Wm. J.
Howe, Lynn E.	Wamsley, O. C.
Howe, Norman D.	Wynant, Everett
Kratli, John O.	

