

BY-LAWS  
OF  
Pleasant Valley Lodge

No. 381

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

West Sandlake, Rensselaer County, N. Y.

Under the Jurisdiction of the  
Grand Lodge of the Domain of New York

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### ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The Lodge shall assemble on Tuesday evening of each week to transact general business and for the purpose and diffusion of the principles of Pythian brotherhood. The hours of meeting shall be at 7:30 P. M., from the first meeting in October to the first meeting in April, inclusive, and at 8 P. M., the residue of the year.

### ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. Each applicant for ranks and membership, if elected, may be admitted at the following rates: From eighteen to fifty years of age, fifteen dollars.

SEC. 2. For membership by card the fee shall be five dollars for any age.

SEC. 3. Every member on being admitted into the Lodge shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws thereof, agreeing to support the same and pay all legal demands against him as long as he remains a member of this Lodge. He shall also furnish the Master of Finance and Keeper of Records and Seal with his residence.

SEC. 4. Applications from suspended members for reinstatement must be made in writing and be referred to a committee of three for investigation and may be admitted upon a two-thirds ballot vote of the Lodge in accordance with and as provided by Section 207 of the Grand Statutes. The application shall be accompanied by an amount equal to one years' dues at the time of the member's suspension.

SEC. 5. Applications for cards must be made in person or in writing over the signature of the applicant and in open Lodge.

### ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The quarterly dues shall be one dollar and fifty cents per quarter and six dollars per year. This Lodge will not be responsible for any money received outside the Lodge room, unless paid to the Master of Finance in person.

SEC. 2. No loans shall be made to any member of this Lodge out of the funds of this Lodge.

### ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. In case of the death of a member who was in good standing at the time of his death, one dollar shall be levied as an assessment on each member.

SEC. 2. Every member neglecting to pay, and in arrears to this Lodge to the amount of three months' dues or more, shall stand suspended from all death benefits.

SEC. 3. All funeral benefits shall be paid from the treasury of the Lodge by assessment on the members of the Lodge.

### ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. Every committee shall consist of three members, unless otherwise provided for.

SEC. 2. The standing Finance committee of this Lodge shall consist of the Vice Chancellor, Master of Work and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, whose duties shall be to superintend the finances of this Lodge, to examine all bills against this Lodge and to report its approval or disapproval of said bills



while in the Chair, but can call any Past Chancellor to the Chair and take his place as a floor member.

SEC. 2. All ballots cast for brothers not in nomination shall be declared blank. When there is but one candidate in nomination, the Lodge may designate one brother to cast one vote for the Lodge, which shall be unanimous.

#### ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1. No motion shall be entertained by this Lodge to dispose of or transfer any of the investments, sureties or other funds or property or any part thereof belonging to this Lodge unless submitted in writing at one meeting and acted upon at the next meeting, when, if two thirds of the members present vote in the affirmative, the resolution or proposition shall be adopted.

SEC. 2. The above section shall not apply to the passage of any bill for contingent expenses nor the payment of benefits.

SEC. 3. All applications of wives, widows and orphans for relief shall be stated in open lodge, or during its recess, to the Relief Committee, who are hereby empowered to render relief in the sum not to exceed ten dollars in

any one case, when the lodge may take such further action as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 4. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall be provided with a book in which he shall record the following information, which it shall be the duty of the Relief Committee to obtain, and furnish, upon the decease of any members of this Lodge, Viz: The full name of deceased brother, the date of his initiation or admission into the Lodge, his occupation or profession, his age, his standing at the time of his decease, the maiden name of his widow, her age and residence, the names, ages and sexes of the children under twenty-one, if any, the circumstances of the deceased brother's family, and any other information in connection with the case that may be useful or interesting to the Lodge or family.

#### ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. The Grand Representative shall receive three dollars per day for each days attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge, and five cents permile one way from his place of residence to the place where the Grand Lodge may be in session.

SEC. 2. In case the Grand Representative cannot attend the Grand Lodge Session, the

alternate representative or any Past Chancellor who may represent this Lodge at the session of the Grand Lodge shall receive the same per diem and mileage as the Grand Representative would be entitled to receive had he attended the session of the Grand Lodge.

#### ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. All section or parts of sections appearing in these By-Laws conflicting with the constitution of the Grand Lodge or the Supreme Lodge are hereby declared null and void.

ADELBERT U. WAGER,  
J. HOWARD McLAREN,  
GEORGE A. HILSINGER,  
GEORGE E. WELKER,  
HENRY V. FERGUSON,

*Committee on By-Laws.*

HARRY C. WERGER,  
ALBERT H. CIPPERLY,  
A. C. FERGUSON,  
CLIFFORD C. HASTINGS,  
SCHUYLER E. GREENMAN,

*Com. of revision of By-Laws.*

#### CHARTER MEMBERS

LeGrand M. Turner ..... C. C.  
John A. Wendorph ..... V. C.  
Frederick Dittman ..... Prelate  
Alvin T. Cipperly ..... M. of W.  
Albert H. Cipperly ..... K. R. S.  
John R. McLaren ..... M. at A.  
Albert U. Vanderpool ..... M. of F.  
William J. Mielenz ..... M. of E.  
Richard D. Trembley ..... I. G.  
Nicholas Keller ..... O. G.  
George A. Hilsinger ..... P. C.  
J. Howard McLaren ..... P. C.  
Adelbert U. Wager ..... P. C.  
George E. Welker ..... P. C.

John F. Rehm	John Shuman, Jr.
Frank S. Clapper	Leonard J. Conant
George Eweg	William H. Nichols
Henry V. Ferguson	Arthur C. Ferguson
Charles Elvin Eckes	William J. Rogers
Albert P. Traver	Fayette Thomas
Collins S. Harden	Thomas A. Dodds



We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the By-Laws adopted by Pleasant Valley Lodge, No. 381, Knights of Pythias, at a convention regularly held March 27, 1896. P. P. XXXIII.

LEGRAND M. TURNER, C. C.  
ALBERT H. CIPPERLY, K. R. S.

Dated West Sandlake, N. Y., April 21, 1896.  
P. P. XXXIII.

Recommended to the Grand Chancellor for approval.

J. C. LA DOW, P. G. C.  
*Chairman, Com. on Laws.*

Mechanicville, N. Y., June 3, 1896, P. P. XXXIII.

Approved, June 13, 1896.

ALONZO BEDELL, G. C.

Attest:

JOHN J. ACKER, G. K. R. S.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the By-Laws as revised and amended by Pleasant Valley Lodge, No. 381, Knights of Pythias, at a regular convention held on Sept. 2nd, 1924. P. P. LXI.

LEAMON B. EWEG,  
*Chancellor Commander.*

Attested by:

ALLAN J. HITCHCOCK,  
*Keeper of Records and Seal*

Dated at West Sandlake, N. Y., Mar. 24, 1925.  
P. P. LXII.

The foregoing proposed revised By-Laws of Pleasant Valley Lodge, No. 381, as corrected, are hereby recommended to the Grand Chancellor for approval.

Dated, New York, N. Y., April 17th 1925.

JOSEPH H. ROBINS,  
*Chairman, Committee on Law.*

Approved April 20th, 1925, as corrected.

FOX SPONABLE,  
*Grand Chancellor.*

Attest:

WM. LADEW,  
G. K. R. S.