

This is the Rule of the Humiliati. Set down in humble spirit to promote the religious and intellectual growth of the undersigned, united in their desire to be better servants in their ministry. It is hoped that there will grow among the brethren a fellowship and feeling of mutual responsibility so genuine that it will seek expression outside as well as in the activities of the group.

Invitation to membership shall be extended to a prospective member only after attendance as a guest at one convocation and upon the unanimous consent of the brethren. — **A**n annual convocation of the order shall be held during January unless otherwise decreed by the Abbot, for communal study and worship. — **D**iscipline at the convocation as well as the instruction and worship shall be the responsibility of the Abbot. — **T**he brethren are admonished to conduct themselves in such a manner as will best further the aims and spirit of the convocation. **T**he request of the Abbot on all matters touching the Humiliati shall be obeyed. — **T**he Abbot shall be elected by the three most recent Abbots present at the annual convocation. — **A**ll expenses including transportation shall be shared equally by all members. — **A**ll decisions touching matters of policy shall be made by a unanimous decision of members present. — **E**very member shall affix his signature hereto as an evidence of his willingness to obey this Rule, and it shall be read at the opening session of each convocation by the Abbot.

Leon B. McKenna
Abbot J. Ziglar
Earle T. McWhirry
Raymond C. Hopkins

David H. Cole
Frederick L. Harrison
Charles H. Vickrey
Walter L. ...

Samuel ...
Beth C. ...

This is the rule of the Humiliati set down in humble spirit to promote the religious and intellectual growth of the undersigned, united in their desire to be better servants in their ministry. It is hoped that there will grow among the brethren a fellowship and feeling of mutual responsibility so genuine that it will seek expression outside as well as in the activities of the group.

Invitation to membership shall be extended to a prospective member only after attendance as a guest at one convocation and upon the unanimous consent of the brethren.

An annual convocation of the order shall be held during January, unless otherwise decreed by the Abbot, for communal study and worship.

Discipline at the convocation as well as the instruction and worship shall be the responsibility of the Abbot. The brethren are admonished to conduct themselves in such a manner as will best further the aims and spirit of the convocation. The request of the Abbot on all matters touching the Humiliati shall be obeyed.

The Abbot shall be elected by the three most recent Abbots present at the annual convocation.


All expenses including transportation shall be shared equally by all members.

All decisions touching matters of policy shall be made by a unanimous decision of members present.

Every member shall affix his signature hereto as an evidence of his willingness to obey this rule, and it shall be read at the opening session of each convocation by the Abbot.

RULE OF ORDER

Name: The name of this organization shall be the ~~Humilitants~~. (*HUMILIATI*)

Object:  The object of this organization shall be the promotion^{of} the deeper intellectual and religious aspects of the lives of its members and the development of a real and lasting fellowship and comradeship among the members.

Program: The main portion of the program of this organization shall be a full week, fall or winter, meeting. At this meeting every member shall submit a written paper on a subject assigned by the Abbot. The program of this meeting shall be in charge of the Abbot. He shall assign tasks to any and all members of the group. ^{with the goal of} The program shall aim to fulfill the ideals set forth in the stated object of this organization.

Membership: Charter membership in this organization shall close after June 22, 1945. After that membership shall be by unanimous consent of all members. After that date candidates for membership shall be proposed by some member of the club, discussed by the club, and if so chosen by unanimous consent invited to the next full week meeting in some official capacity. His application shall be voted upon by the members during the closing days of this week, or at some later time. Membership shall be granted only by unanimous vote.

Membership shall be confined to Universalist ministers unless the members unanimously agree that some candidate has special qualities that are sufficient to overcome this stipulation.

OFFICERS: The officers of this organization shall be an Abbot and a Secretary.

The abbot shall be elected by closed ballot for the first three years. After that the new abbot shall be elected by unanimous consent of the abbots of the three previous years.

The secretary shall be appointed by the Abbot in power.

The Abbot shall have full dictatorial powers. He shall be responsible for the program of all meetings of the organization during his term in office. He shall call such meetings as he deems necessary.

The Secretary shall keep records and carry on the correspondence of the organization. He shall be directly responsible to the Abbott and shall carry out all orders of the Abbot.

Rules:

There shall be no set of written rules for this organization. Each member shall pledge ~~himself~~ to conduct himself in such a manner as he thinks will best further the aims and spirit of the organization.

It is plainly evident that the drinking of alcoholic beverages will be detrimental to the aims and objectives of the group.

Finances: The expenses of this organization, including transportation and traveling expenses to and from all meetings, shall be shared equally by all members.

The Abbot shall have power to make such assessments of members as he feels are necessary for the maintenance of the program of the organization.

RAYMOND C. HOPKINS

MEMBERSHIP.

CHARTERED MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE
CLOSED AFTER JUNE 22, 1945.
MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE BASED
ON DENOMINATIONAL STANDING.
WITH PREFERENCE TO UNIVERSALISTS.
~~AND~~ HOWEVER MEMBERSHIP
SHALL NOT BE STRICTLY
LIMITED TO U. IF THE MEMBERS
UNANIMOUSLY AGREE THAT A
CANDIDATE HAS OTHER
QUALITIES THAT WOULD BE
BENEFICIAL TO THE CLUB.
AFTER JUNE 22, MEMBERSHIP
SHALL BE BY

GOVERNMENT:

ABBOT ELECTED FOR FIRST ³ YEARS BY
BALLOT ELECTION.

THEN LAST THREE ABBOTS BE
IMPOWERED TO APPOINT ABBOT -

THE ABBOT SHALL HAVE COMPLETE
AND AUTOCRATIC POWER. HE SHALL
BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAM
FOR HIS YEAR.

THIS SHALL NOT BE A
DEMOCRACY

IT SHALL NOT BE A
POLITICAL OR PRESSURE GROUP.



copy not
made

RULES

1. NO DRINKING - ✓

2. UNANIMOUS CONSENT ON.
CAL NEW MEMBERS -

3. COMMUNAL SHARING.

(A) EXPENSES

(B) TASKS.

4. SPIRIT - NOT RESTRICTIONS ✓

COOPERATION - RELIGIOUS - INTELLECTUAL
DEVELOPMENT - EACH MEMBER CONDUCT
HIMSELF AS HE FEELS WILL BEST
CONTRIBUTE TO THIS SPIRIT.

5. DUTIES

(A) SUBMIT A PAPER AT YEARLY CONFERENCE ✓

Subject - own choosing ✓

THE RULE OF THE ^{Humiliate} HUMILIT~~IES~~ set down in humble spirit to promote ~~the~~ the spiritual and intellectual growth of the undersigned in their desire to be better servants of God and their fellowmen.

Membership shall be extended only upon unanimous consent and after ~~xxxxxxx~~ attendance at one retreat as a guest.

An annual ~~retreat~~ shall be held, during January unless otherwise decreed by the Abbot, for communal study and worship. Conduct shall be somewhat restrained and no alcohol shall be consumed.

Discipline as well as the instruction and worship shall be ~~xxxxx~~ the responsibility of the Abbot to whom is given autocratic authority. The Abbot shall serve for one year ^{only} and shall be elected by the three most recent Abbots at each retreat and shall be

ceremoniously installed at the closing session. The request of the Abbot ^{on all matters touching the Humiliate} at the retreat shall be obeyed ~~without question.~~

Every member shall affix his signature hereto as an evidence of his willingness to obey this rule, and it shall be read at the opening ^{of the session.} session of each ~~retreat~~ by the Abbot.

Handwritten scribbles and initials at the bottom of the page.

W-20

Handwritten initials or signature.

Handwritten scribbles and marks at the bottom of the page.

1. An Abbot should be chosen each year. (He will enjoy (?) complete power over the actions of the brothers, touching upon the brotherhood & will be responsible for the conduct of the retreat. (He shall receive the special respect of the brothers throughout his term.
2. The abbot will be chosen by a group of the three most recent incumbents. Until such time as a group of three is available, the body will consist of the past abbots together with as many members chosen by them as will bring the number to three. The first abbot will be chosen by a body of three elected by the brothers. If in their deliberations it became apparent that one of their number will be considered for abbot they may appoint another member to replace him in the body.
3. All decisions felt to require the approval of the whole membership should be arrived at by open discussion and vocal expression and should be unanimous.
4. Denominational affiliations should not be a bar to membership but consideration should be given in deciding upon new members to the essentially liberal nature of the present religious thought of the group and its inevitable interest in the Universalist denomination.
5. An annual retreat of five or more days or longer should be held, at which members and only such visitors as may be under consideration for membership will be present.
6. New members may be admitted to the fellowship only after their experience at a retreat. No more than two guests should be present at any one retreat.
7. The retreat should be communal in all respects, ^{including} ~~including~~ the equal sharing by the members of the expenses of all participants, including transportation.
8. While a wide tolerance is expected of each member toward the conduct & opinions of every other member during the retreat, nevertheless the brothers are admonished to curb such personal habits as would render them detrimental to or uncooperative in the best conduct of the retreat.
9. It is hoped that a fellowship and feeling of mutual responsibility will grow up among the brothers, so genuine that it will make expression outside as well as in the activities of the group.
10. This group should be known as "The Humilitants."
11. Meetings shall be called by the Abbot and decisions reached thereat shall be judged unanimous if agreeable to all members present.

The Rule of the Order of the Humilitants

Subscription to this Rule shall be the outward sign of a covenant with brother members to respect its purposes and obey its precepts.

1-The purposes of this Order shall be an earnest quest for more profound spiritual insight and intellectual attainment.

2-In pursuit of this purpose, meetings of the Order shall be convened at least once each year for a period of five days.

3-Equal sharing of all expenses and duties shall be required of members.

4-The head of the Order shall be known as the Abbot and shall be chosen by the three Abbots who have immediately preceded him in office. The term of office shall be one year, and no Abbot may succeed himself in office.

5-The Rule of the Order and the bidding of the Abbot shall be obeyed without question or complaint.

6-The Abbot shall assume entire responsibility for the arranging of the annual convocation.

7-No one shall be invited to membership until he shall have been a guest at one annual convocation of the Order. Invitation to membership or to be a guest at the annual convocation shall be extended only by the unanimous vote of all members.

8-No alcoholic beverages will be allowed to any member during the convocation period.

This is the Rule of the Humiliati set down in humble spirit to promote the religious and intellectual growth of the undersigned, united in their desire to be better servants in their ministry. It is hoped that there will grow among the brethren a fellowship so genuine that it will seek expression outside as well as in the group.

Invitation to membership shall be extended to a prospective member only after attendance as a guest at one convocation and upon the unanimous consent of the brethren.

An annual convocation of the order shall be held during January, unless otherwise decreed by the Abbot, for communal study and worship.

Discipline at the convocation as well as the instruction and worship shall be the responsibility of the Abbot. The brethren are admonished to conduct themselves in such a manner as will best further the aims and spirit of the convocation. The request of the Abbot on all matters touching the Humiliati shall be obeyed.

The Abbot shall be elected by the three most recent Abbots present at the annual convocation.

All expenses including transportation shall be shared equally by all members.

All decisions touching matters of policy shall be made by a unanimous decision of members present.

Every member shall affix his signature hereto as an evidence of his willingness to obey this rule, and it shall be read at the opening session of each convocation by the Abbot.