

**BY LAWS OF MALDEN VETERANS OF IRISH ANCESTRY
and
IRISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**

ARTICLE ONE NAME

This organization will be known as the" Malden Veterans of Irish Ancestry" and "Irish American Association Inc."

ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSES

The purpose of the Corporation shall be: (1.) to encourage social and civic activities by those residents of Commonwealth of Massachusetts who are veterans of service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and who share in common their Irish ancestry through at least one parent. (2.) To encourage the dissemination of information relative to the contribution which men and women of Irish descent have made to the welfare and security of the United States. (3.) To assist in providing information to young men and women of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of Irish ancestry, of the advantages of having served in the armed forces of their country. (4) To rent lease or purchase real estate for place of meeting and to apply for license to sell alcoholic beverages on these premises so obtained.

ARTICLE THREE – OFFICE

The office of the Corporation shall be in the city of Malden at 177 West St., Malden, MA 02148.

ARTICLE FOUR - MEETINGS

- 1. The place of all meetings shall be at our club hall located in the city of Malden.*
- 2. Meetings will be held at least once a month. A change may be made in the time of the meeting by the President, and the Secretary shall make diligent effort to notify the membership of such change. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to call for a special meeting.*

ARTICLE FIVE - MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to American citizens who are residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who claim Irish ancestry through at least one parent, who have never been affiliated with Communism or Communist activities whose character is proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors hereinafter established, and whose patriotism and pride encourage the welfare and security of the United States Armed Forces in those who profess to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

ARTICLE SIX - DUES

Dues shall be \$12 per year, payable during the week in which January 1 shall occur. An initiation fee of one dollar extra shall be assessed to each new member. An assessment fee may be voted by the majority vote of the body.

Dues shall be waived for members serving in the United States Armed forces.

ARTICLE SEVEN - OFFICERS

1. The offices of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a Sergeant-at-Arms. They shall be elected for one year by the members, nominated in October and to be elected in the month of November.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, and shall, by virtue of his office, be chairman ex-officio of all committees. He shall be responsible for the appointment of all committees. No member shall hold the office of president for more than two successive one-year terms.

3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of the latter.

4. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Corporation and the meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may appertain to his office.

5. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order at the Malden veterans of Irish ancestry and Irish American Association Inc. at Malden Massachusetts.

6. The Treasurer shall have custody of all money and other personal properties of the Corporation. He shall collect and receive initiation fees dues and donations, and shall disperse the same upon direction of the Board of Directors. He shall maintain an account in the name of the Corporation in a depository approved by the Board of Directors and he, together with the President, shall sign all checks and drafts drawn such account. A regular set of books containing the accounts of the Corporation shall be kept by the Treasurer. He shall make a written report to the financial condition of the Corporation at least four times a year and shall deliver to his successor in office all monies and personal properties belonging to Corporation.

ARTICLE EIGHT - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of five members of the Corporation, other than the offices elected by the membership. Initially, five members shall be elected who shall enter upon the duties of office immediately, but whose terms shall be considered, for the purpose of tenure, to have commenced January 1, 1955. One member shall be chosen to serve a one-year term, two members to serve two-year terms, to members to serve three-year terms. Their successors shall be elected for three-year terms. Election of directors, after the initial election, shall take place at the November meetings of the Corporation. Nominations shall be received from the floor. The President shall be in ex officio member of the Board of Directors and shall cast no vote until and unless such vote is necessary to dissolve a tie.

2. The board shall show me at least once a month prior to the meeting of the Corporation any member of the board was added without good cause for two consecutive board meetings shall be replaced. The Board of Directors is empowered to fill vacancies, which shall occur in its membership by reason of resignation or replacement.

3. The board shall discuss and formulate proposals to be placed before the membership for acceptance or rejection.

4. The Board shall have general supervision of the funds of the Corporation. And shall have the power to authorize expenditures not to exceed the sum of \$500 monthly for any purpose not inconsistent with the purposes of the Corporation as set forth herein before. The board shall report all expenditures at the monthly meeting. Larger sums shall be expended only for after a favorable two thirds vote of those members in good standing present and voting at a meeting with respect to which notification was sent by the clerk.

5. The Chairman of the Board shall be selected by and from the members of the board

ARTICLE NINE - QUORUM

1. At least 25 members of the Corporation must be present at a meeting of the Corporation for businesses to be conducted, except for an adoption, suspension, amendment or repeal of any and all bylaws.

2. At least three members of the Board of Directors must be present at a meeting of the board for business to be conducted.

ARTICLE TEN - AMENDMENTS

A by-law may be adopted, suspended, amended or repealed only by affray while three fourths vote of the members of the Corporation and their Dues have been paid for the year in which the proposal submitted to the membership for action and who vote at the November election. Any such proposal shall be made in writing and shall be filed with the secretary at the September meeting, debated and discussed at the October meeting and shall be voted upon at the November meeting. The Secretary shall make diligent effort to notify the membership at least seven days prior to the meeting at which a vote is to be taken.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

No member of the Corporation shall be expelled except for good cause, after one month's notice given by the Secretary, and after a hearing before the Board of Directors. The majority vote of the five members of the board shall be necessary before expulsion shall become effective, and should such vote be recorded, the person against whom the action has been taken shall have a right of appeal to the membership at the next meeting of the Corporation were majority vote in favor of green statement shall automatically annul the Board of Directors order of expulsion.

ARTICLE TWELVE - FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Any member may move to table any financial expenditure of the \$500 monthly expenditure which the Board of Directors has the authority to expand each month. Such expenditure would then be voted upon at the following monthly meeting.

A true copy of the bylaws of the Malden veterans of Irish ancestry in the Irish American Association Inc.

Attest:

Secretary