

Outline  
of the Statutes of our Communal Society

Guiding Idea

Completely convinced that mankind today is rushing to take a stand against their physical and moral ruin in the majority of leading ideas, we are aware of the necessity of a radical reshaping not just in a governmental and religious sense, but also in all social and individual circumstances [!] The practical realization of the idea of material and spiritual communal living is the result of ?? of mankind in this world, in so far as they reconcile the most achievable physical well being with the highest possible achievements in the intellectual realm, not only for the masses but also guaranteed with surety for each individual. (Footnote at the end of the page:] and through this mankind and the individual can rise to the highest level of morality. Democratic republican institutions in the state as well as socialist ?? in society should be seen as transitional phases; for the egoism of individuality, the most dangerous opponent of every higher advance, while leading to constricting bounds remains unable to do away with them. All positive professions of belief are either rejections of human error or inventions of cold-blooded crafty people; yes man carries his god in his own breast, for which no account need be given. Neither material possessions nor inherited or acquired intellectual abilities, but alone ?????, on which mankind stands, determines its worth. At first there is only the physical and lastly there is only the intellectual means of reaching the first purpose of mankind. And[!] as such should not have too high a value attached to it nor should it remain wholly out of our consideration. Richly in possession of the great difficulty with which we will come upon these ideas with our inadequate upbringing and education nevertheless in control, having well pondered all the obstacles which will work upon our institutions from d?? ??; we did not decide none the less as men to stand together as an association, which poses the mission of the realization of the prominent ideas for practical living by all available means, to elevate for which may god lend us the strength, the courage, and success.

Purpose of the Organization

The practical execution of the ideas of physical and spiritual communal living as an end result of the purpose of mankind as of the individual for this shape. ???

Rules for the Members

1. All material possessions of each individual are common property, the difference between “my” and “yours” is abolished.
2. Each individual is required to bestow each intellectual achievement to the good of the organization and allow each to be bestowed.
3. The organization maintains control over both with moral St???. In all cases, however, in which it is impossible for the individual to receive the opinion of the organization, he is free to preside over both, he must however be prepared to give an account anytime later.
4. A simple majority always decides on resolutions so long as something in the statute is not determined explicitly to take residence.

5. [will be changed as a result of note in 7] The power of women will remain a personal possession toward free exercise thereof, and may be employed for societal purposes only in the case of their expressed willingness.
6. The children of individual families are not required upon coming of age to join the organization; the teaching will be taken over by one ?? of the society; the society is responsible for their keep and advancement
7. In case of the death of a member, the organization will take on guardianship should he leave children behind. Should they not be inclined to become members upon coming of age, the society will decide in the usual way by simple majority over their compensation having to do with property. + [see end]
8. Everyone is free to leave the society at any time, however he thereby gives up any claim to property of the society as well as to compensation for his work. Should his exit be motivated by such convincing grounds that a consensus of the organization grants him a piece of the property of the society, he must regard the decision of the society about what, how much, and how, as binding law.
9. Exclusion from the society may only result from dishonorable behavior on the part of the individual. A decision about this must take place through ?? unanimously in order to be valid. In no circumstances can the excluded party make a claim to property of the society.
10. New members will be allowed to join only in the case of a unanimous vote. All determinations regarding this must be reached unanimously. No predetermined property is to have relevant influence upon the acceptance or refusal of admission.
11. The society is competent to pass resolutions when 2/3 of the members are present except in cases in which a unanimous decision is required in which case the entire number of members must be present.
12. Changes, additions, and betterments of the statutes can be considered only in the presence of all the members. In order for decisions about this to be valid, 2/3 of the votes are necessary.
13. Every last Sunday of the month the society will hold a decision-making meeting. Every member is required to attend in person. In the case of absence, the member must make his absence known before the meeting, or if he is unable to do so, he can note the grounds for his absence at the next meeting. A motion can be considered and a solution approved only if the motion is seconded. Every member can
14. In all cases of disagreement with one another, with the society, and the with society individuals, the society is the only court, whose decisions will be unconditionally binding. There will be no appeals. Unscheduled meetings may take place if at least three members call for one.
15. The order of the meeting will be ruled by one statute since the small number of members at present makes BLANK unnecessary. (WORK THIS) A statute by the name of "House Order" (whose decisions will have the same binding quality as the present statute should possess) will decide the division and procedures of the tasks.
16. The society will be dissolved in case all members unanimously agree to such or there are no more than two members; in this case the two ?? may continue to live

under actual laws or upon agreement with one another live separately each having authority over his property.

17. We ?? accept the present proposal (life long statute) as the foundation of our society and swear to one another to ?? the true following of which, for which god help us.

Ad 6&7 + and those concerned are to be satisfied with their appropriated share. Should the children upon coming of age be willing to join, then a simple majority of the votes of all the members will suffice to admit the child. Dishonorable behavior on their part will also make admission impossible.

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Ad 14 Individual members among themselves as well as individuals against the society and these against individuals ?? is dishonorable

Name of the Organization and Date of Founding

This society will be called Marienstern and the date of its founding will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1851.

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