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WEST VIRGINIA SOCIETY.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE

GENERAL SOCIETY

It being evident, from a steady decline of a proper ceabration of the National holidays of the United States of America, that popular concern in the events and men of the war of the Revolution is gradually declining, and that such lack of interest is attributable, not so much to the tapse of time and the rapidly increasing flood of immigra tion from foreign countries, as to the neglect on the part of descendants of Revolutionary heroes to perform their duty in keeping before the public mind the memory of the services of their ancestors and of the times in which they lived; therefore, the Society of the Sons of the Revolution has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of the men, who, in the military, naval and civit service of the Colonies and of the Continental Congress, by their acts or counsel, achieved the Independence of the country, and to further the proper celebration of the anniversaries of the brithday of Washington, and of prominent events connected with the wer of the R volucious to cold stand secure to preservation the rolls, records and other documents relating to And the second of the second o

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The insignia of the Society shall be worn by the members on all occasions when they assemble as such for any stated purpose or celebration, and may be worn on any occasion of ceremony; it shall be earried conspicuously on the left breast, but members who are or have been officers of the Society may wear the insignia suspended from the ribbon around the neck.

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ARTICLE H

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that he canable to membership in this Society who is I scended from an anecstor as the proposities, who either is a military, mayal or marine order, soldier, sailor, or article or or call in the service of any one of the thirt on the rest of colonies or States, or of the National Geogramment against the establishing American Independence during the State discussion between the 19th day of April 1775 what hostilities commenced, and the 19th day of agent, 17% when they were ordered to coarse.

Provided: That when the claim of clinibility is based on service of an ancestor in the "minute man" of a militia." it must be satisfactorily shown that such ancestor as a smally called into the service of the State or United "t. (s. and performed garrison or field duty; and

Provided Parther: That when the claim of eligibility is seed on the service of an ancestor as a "sailor" or "marine," it must in like manner be shown that such service was other than shore duty and regularly performed in the Continental Navy or the Navy of one of the original thirteen. States, or on an armed vessel, other than a merchant ship, which sailed under letters of marque and reprisal, and that such ancestor of the applicant was duly enrolled in the slop's company, either as an officer, seaman, or otherwise then as a passenger; and

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based on the service of an ancestor as an profficial," such service must have been performed in the civil service of the United States, or of one of the thirteen original States, and must have been sufficiently important in character to have rendered the official specially liable to arrest and imprisonment, the same as a combatant, if captured by the enemy, as well as liable to conviction of treason against the government of Great Britain

In the construction of this Article, the Volunteer Aides de Camp of General Officers in Continental Service, who were duly announced as such and who actually served in the field during a campaign, shall be comprehended as having performed qualifying service.

The civil officials and military forces of the State of Vermont, during the War of the Revolution, shall also be comprehended in the same manner as if they had belonged to one of the thirteen original States.

No service of an ancestor shall be deemed as qualifying service for membership in this Society where such ancestor, after assisting in the cause of American Independence, shall have subsequently either adhered to the enemy, or failed to maintain an honorable record throughout the War of the Revolution.

No person shall be admitted as a member of this Society unless he be eligible under one of the provisions of this Article, and unless of good moral character and adjudged worthy of becoming a member.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Registrar, a Historian, a Treasurer and a Chaplain, who shall be chosen by ballot from amount the members thereof, annually to serve for the term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified

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DOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers of the Society shall be tive in number, who shall be chosen by bullot from among the numbers of the Society annually to serve for the term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Board shall have power to till vacancies occurring in their own number.

ARTICLE VI.

Admission of Members.

Every application for membership shall be made in writing, subscribed by the applicant, and approved by two members over their signatures. Applications shall contain, or be accompanied by, proof of eligibility, and such applications and proofs shall be submitted to the Board of Managers, who shall have full power to determine the qualitications of the applicant.

Payment of the initiation fee and subscription to the declaration required by the Constitution of this Society half be pre-requisited it in inhership.

ARTICLE VII

DECLARATION.

Every member shall declare upon honor that he will endeavor to promote the purposes of this Institution and observe the "Constitution" and "By-Laws" of this society, and, if he be a citizen of the United States, shall declare that he will support the Constitution of the United States. Such declaration shall be in writing, and subscribed by the member making it.

ASTICLE VIII.

Subjects Prohibited

As question involving religious doctrine or the party politics of the day within the United States shall ever be discussed or considered in any meeting of this Society

ARTICLE IX.

COMMEMORATIONS.

It shall be a standing regulation that the members shall, when practicable, hold a commemorative celebration and dime together at least once in every year.

ARTICLE X.

SEAL.

The seal of the Society shall be one and seven eighths of an inch in diameter, and shall consist of the figure of a "Minute-man" in Continental uniform, standing on a ladder leading to a belfry, and holding in his left hand a musket And an object branch and grasping in his 912th hand a belt rope. Above, the cracked "Liberty belt" issuing therefrom a ribbon, bearing the motto of the "Sons of the Revolution": "Eregi Monumentum Ere Perennius". Across the top of the ladder, on a ribbon, the tigures "1776," and at the left of the Minute man, and also on a ribbon, the figures "1883," the year of the Centennial commemoration of the permanent evacution by the British army of American territory; the whole encircled by a band three eighths of an inch wide; thereon at the top thirteen stars of five points each, and at the bottom the legend. "Sons of the Revolution;" the following being a factuable thereot:



The Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal, which hall be identical in every particular with this description.

ARTICLE XI

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The insignia of the Society shall consist of a badge pendant from the ribbon by a ring of gold.

The badge shall be elliptical in form, with escaloped edges, one and one-quarter inches in length, and one and one eighth inches in width; the whole surmounted by a zold eagle, with wings displayed, inverted. On the obverse side a madallion of gold in the centre, elliptical in form, bearing on its face the figure of a soldier in Confinental uniform, with musket slung. Beneath the figures "1775;" the medallion surrounded by thirteen raised gold stars of five points each upon a border of dark blue enamel.

On the reverse side, in the centre, a medallion, corresponding in form to that on the obverse, and also in gold, bearing on its face Houdon's portrait of Washington in baselief, encircled by the legend, "Sons of the Revolution." Beneath the figures "1883," and upon the reverse of the eagle, the number of the particular badge engraved; the medallion surrounded by a plain gold border conforming in dimensions to the obverse, upon which members may have their names engraved in script.

The ribbon shall be dark blue, ribbed and watered, edged with buff, one and one-half inches wide and one and one half inches in displayed length.

The insignia shall be worn by the members conspicuously and only on the left breast on all occasions when they shall assemble as such for any stated purpose or celebration. The badge shall never be worn as an article of jewelry.

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ARTICLE XIII

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No attenations nor amendments of the Constitution of the Society shall be made unless notice thereof be duly given in writing, is ned by the member proposing the same, at a meeting of the Society, and unless the same shall be adopt

ed at a subsequent meeting held at least thirty days after such notice, by a vote of three-fourths of the memberpresent, and in the notices issued for such meeting the fact shall be stated that a proposed amendment to the Constitution will be considered.



SECTION I.

Fees. Dues and Contributions.

The initiation fee shall be five (5) dollars; the annual dues three (3) dollars, payable on or before the first day of February in every year: Provided, that any member who shall have been elected during the last three months of the fiscal year shall not be required to pay the annual dues for the current fiscal year. The payment at one time of fifty (50) dollars shall constitute a life membership. The pay ment at one time of one hundred dollars (100) dollars shall constitute a perpetual or endowed membership, and upon the death of the member so paying, the membership shall be held by his eldest son, or such other descendant from the ancestor from whom he claims as he may nominate; in failure of such nomination, the Society may decide which one of the descendents shall hold the membership: Provided always, that the Society reserves to itself the priv dege of rejecting any nomination that may not be acceptable to it. All of those holding life or endowed member ships shall be exempt from the payment of the initiation fee and annual dues.

SECTION II

LIBNANENT FILL

All donations which shall be paid the Society, shall remain forever to the use of the Society as a Permanent Fund, the income only of which may be expended.

SECTION III

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The annual meeting of the Society shall be field on the 5th day of April (except when that day is a Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the next ensuing day) at such place as the board of managers shall annually determine, of which every member shall have at least thirty days notice at which a general election of officers and managers by ballot shall take place. In such election a majority of the ballots given for any officer or manager shall constitute a choice; but if on the first ballot, no person shall receive such majority, then a further balloting shall take place, in which a plurality of votes given for any officer or manager shall determine the choice.

SECTION IV

OTORUM.

At all meetings of the Society ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business

SECTION V

PRESIDENT

The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in the absence of both a chairman, pro-tempore, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and shall have a costing

vote. He shall preserve order, and decids all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society

SECTION VI

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify all members of then election, and of such other matters as may be required by the Society. He shall have charge of the Seal, Certificate of Incorporation, Constitution, By Laws and Records of the Society, and shall issue certificates of membership. He, together with the presiding officer shall certify all acts of the Society and in proper cases authenticate them under seal. He shall affix the Seal to all properly authenticated certifi cates of membership and transmit them without delay to the members for whom they shall be issued. He shall, under the direction of the President or Vice-President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society, and shall give notice to the several officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertain ing to their respective duties. He shall be Secretary of the Board of Managers and keep the record of their meetings in the regular minute book of the Society

SECTION VII

TREASTREE

The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; and so often as those funds shall

amount to one hundred (100) dollars, they shall be deposited in some bank or banking house to be designated by the Board of Managers, to the credit of "Society of Sons of the Revolution in the State of West Virginia," and shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums as may be ordered by the Society, or by the Board of Managers. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting, render a statement of the same to the Society, when a committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts. He shall give such security as may from time to time be required by the Board of Managers.

SECTION VIII.

REGISTRAD.

The Registrar shall keep a roll of members, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership qualification, and all the historical and other papers of which the Society may become possessed; and he, under the direction of the Board of Managers, shall make copies of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Society.

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The Chaptam shall be a regularly ordained minister of a Christian denomination, and shall perform such duties a ordinarily appertain to such office.

SECTION X

HISTORIAN

The Historian, shall keep a detailed record, to be deposited with the Registrar, of all the historical and commemorative celebrations of the Society; and he shall edit and prepare for publication such addresses, essays, papers and other documents of an historical character, (other than a Register of Members,) as the Secretary may be required to publish; and at every annual meeting, if there be a necrological list for the year then closing, he shall submit the same with carefully prepared biographies of the deceased members

SECTION XI

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall judge of the qualifications of every candidate who shall make proper application for admission to the Society, and shall have power to admit him to membership if found eligible under the constitution. Three negative votes shall constitute a rejection of the applicant.

They may, through the Secretary, call special meetings of the Society at such times as they may see fit, and shall call such meetings at any time upon the written request of ten members of the Society. They may also arrange for commemorative celebrations by the Society.

They shall recommend plans for promoting the purposeof the Society, and authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated money in the treasury for the pay ment at the current expenses of the Society. At each annual meeting of the Society they shall make a report mariting

SECTION XIL

ORDER OF BISINESS.

At all meetings of the Society and of the Board of M.o. agers the following order of business shall be observed so tar as the same may be applicable:

- Reading of minutes of prior meetings not previously acted upon
 - 2 Election of Officers and Managers when necessary
 - 3. Paports of Officers.
 - 1 Reports of Committees
 - 5 Unfinished business.
 - 6 Miscellaneous business.

SECTION XIII

COMMITTEE ON APMISSIONS

The Chairman of the Board of Managers shall appoint annually three members thereof as a Committee on Admissions, whose duty it shall be to pass upon the qualifications of applicants for admission to the Society, and report to the Board of Managers.

RECTION XIV

EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION.

The Board of Managers shall have power to expel any arolled member of this Society who, by conduct unbecom-

ing a gentlemen and a man of honor, or by an opposition to the interests of the community in general or of this Society in particular, may render himself unworthy to continue a member, or who shall persistently transgress, or, without good excuse, witfully neglect or fail in the performance of any obligation enjoined by the Constitution. By Laws or any standing rule of this society. Provided, that such member shall have received at least ten days notice in writing of the complaint preferred against him, and of the time and place for hearing the same, and have been thereby afforded an opportunity to be heard in person.

Whenever the cause of expulsion shall not have involved turpitude or moral unworthiness, any member thus expelled may upon the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Managers, but not otherwise, be restored to member ship by the Society at any meeting.

The Board of Managers shall drop from the Roll the name of any enrolled member of the Society who shall be two years in arrear in the payment of dues, and who, on notice to pay the same, shall fail and neglect to do so with in thirty days thereafter, and upon being thus dropped, his membership shall cease and determine; but he may be restored to membership at any time by the Board of Managers, on his application therefor, and upon his payment of all such arrears and of the annual dues from the date when he was dropped to the date of his restoration. The Board of managers may also suspend any officer from the performance of his duties, for cause; which proceeding must be reported to the Society and acted upon by it within

thirty days either by rescision of the suspension or removal of the suspended officer from office, or otherwise the suspension shall cease

SECTION XV

RESIGNATION

No resignation or voluntary withdrawal from member dup by any member enrolled in this Society shall become effective as a release from the obligations thereof, unless onsented to and accepted by the Board of Managers

SECTION XVI

Disqualification

No person who may be enrolled as a member of this Society shall be permitted to continue in membership when the proofs of claim of qualification by descent shall be found to be defective and insufficient to substantiate such claim, or not properly authenticated. The Society, or the Board of Managers, may, at any time after thirty days notice to such person to properly substantiate or authenticate his claim, require the Secretary to erase his name from the list of members, and such person shall thereupon cease to be a member; *Provided*, he shall have failed or neglected to comply satisfactorily with such notice.

Where the Board of Managers shall direct the erasure of a person's name for a cause comprehended under this section, such person shall have a right of appeal to the next annual meeting of the Society; but he shall not be restored to membership unless by a vote of three fourths of the members present on that occasion, or at a subsequent meet 11.5

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