

S.A.R. Bylaws

Fort Lauderdale Chapter
Florida Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Bylaws

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be “Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution” (hereinafter referred to as the CHAPTER).

Article II – Objects

The objects of this Chapter are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period, to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to carry out the purposed expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

Article III – Membership

- I. Membership eligibility shall always be the same as that of The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- II. A Dual membership may be granted to any SAR member who is active in any other State Society or Florida Chapter.
- III. An Auxiliary membership may be granted to any dues paying individual who is at least 18 years of age. This membership entitles that individual to attend general membership meetings and events. An auxiliary member is not eligible for committee membership and is not eligible to vote in chapter meetings.

Article IV – Meetings

- I. Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held at least once per quarter. The location shall be at a time, date and place decided by either the membership or the Executive Committee.
- II. A quorum at any membership meeting shall be five (5).

Article V – Officers

- I. The officers of this CHAPTER shall be a PRESIDENT, a VICE PRESIDENT, a SECRETARY, a TREASURER, (positions of SECRETARY and TREASURER may be combined at the discretion of the membership), a REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST, a CHANCELLOR, a CHAPLAIN and an HISTORIAN. Such officers shall hold office for one year, unless replaced.
- II. Duties of the Officers
 - a. The PRESIDENT presides at all meetings and exercises supervisory control of the affairs of the CHAPTER. He appoints standing and special committee chairmen as required. He may relieve any committee chairmen or member for just cause. He is responsible for publishing a CHAPTER NEWSLETTER.
 - b. The VICE PRESIDENT assists the PRESIDENT in the execution of his official duties as the PRESIDENT may require and shall perform such duties as may be assigned.
 - c. The SECRETARY performs all the duties incident to his Office. He attends all GENERAL MEMBERSHIP and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meetings and keeps minutes of all meetings. He has custody of official records and papers of the CHAPTER during the tenure of his office. He is responsible for handling all correspondence of the CHAPTER, routing to CHAPTER officers for appropriate action, preparing answers, presenting correspondence to the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for information or action, as appropriate. He issues notices of all regular or special meetings of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE or GENERAL MEMBERSHIP as directed by the PRESIDENT. He prepares the ANNUAL REPORT to the STATE SOCIETY. He is responsible for maintaining an adequate supply of MEDALS, CERTIFICATES, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS, and PROMOTION LITERATURE.
 - d. The TREASURER has custody of all monies, financial assets and bank accounts of the CHAPTER. He receives all monies from whatever sources, pays all bills, maintains accurate records, together with supporting receipts, vouchers and other documents. He shall keep a record of payment of all dues and all delinquent and active members. He is responsible for the deposit of monies and other assets in the name of and to the credit of the CHAPTER in such depositories as may be directed by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
 - e. The REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST shall receive, review, and submit all new membership applications in proper form to the State Society REGISTRAR. As GENEALOGIST he shall assist applicants for membership in documenting the genealogical requirements.
 - f. The CHANCELLOR shall be the legal advisor to the officers and the CHAPTER on matters affecting or pertaining to the CHAPTER.
 - g. The CHAPLAIN provides the invocation and benediction at meetings of the MEMBERSHIP or arranges therefore and concerns himself with the spiritual well being of the CHAPTER members.
 - h. The HISTORIAN shall maintain a running history of the CHAPTER and do such historical research as may be assigned to him from time to time by the PRESIDENT or the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Article VI – Executive Committee

- I. There shall be an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, which shall be composed of all current officers of the CHAPTER and past PRESIDENTS of the National Society and The Florida Society, who are members of the CHAPTER, the CHAPTER'S immediate past PRESIDENT and one member, appointed by the PRESIDENT, for each 20 members of the CHAPTER. The PRESIDENT and SECRETARY shall serve as Chairman and Secretary of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- II. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall have management and administrative control of the affairs of the CHAPTER and establish the general policies of the CHAPTER.

- III. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall meet on the call of the PRESIDENT or upon the request in writing of three (3) members of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE stating the reason for calling such meeting.
- IV. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be five (5) members of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Article VII – Standing Committees

The PRESIDENT may, after his election in November, appoint committee chairmen who shall serve during his term in office or until their successors are appointed to the following STANDING COMMITTEES:

- I. PROGRAM COMMITTEE shall be responsible for presenting a program or scheduling trips or other activities for each meeting.

Article VIII – Elections

- I. The election of officers shall be held at the regular monthly meeting of the CHAPTER in November of each year. Nominations shall be submitted for PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST, CHANCELLOR, HISTORIAN and CHAPLAIN.
- II. All elected officers shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are installed. The Installation of Officers will take place at the monthly meeting of the CHAPTER in December.
- III. A Special NOMINATING COMMITTEE, consisting of the immediate past PRESIDENT as Chairman, and two members appointed by the PRESIDENT in September, will prepare a slate of candidates for office and make its report to the membership at the regular monthly meeting in October.
- IV. The proposed slate will be published in the November newsletter and placed in nomination at the November meeting of the membership. The PRESIDENT shall call for additional nominations from the floor. The election of officers will then be held.
- V. Subject to the concurrence of the membership, the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term of any officer who is unable to serve.

Article IX – Fees and Dues

- I. The admission fee for membership and the annual dues shall be set from time to time by the membership.
- II. Annual dues are payable in advance. Members whose dues are not paid by February 1 shall be listed as delinquent and will be dropped from membership.

Article X – Amendments

These By Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the membership provided that written notice of the proposed amendment or amendments shall have been given to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to such meeting by mailing or delivering a copy of the proposed amendment(s) or revision to the address on file of each member. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present shall be necessary to adopt the change.