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**PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CONSTITUTION**

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ARTICLE I – NAME; RELATION TO NATIONAL SOCIETY

The name of this organization shall be the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (the "Society"), as organized at its headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 20, 1893. The Society is subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (the "National Society").

ARTICLE II – OBJECTS: PATRIOTIC, HISTORICAL, EDUCATIONAL

The objects of the Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society. Such objects shall include the following:

1. 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;
 2. To unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;
 3. To inspire such descendants and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
 4. To encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
 5. To acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;
 6. To mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials;
 7. To celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the revolutionary period;
 8. To foster true patriotism; and
 9. To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.
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ARTICLE III - ELIGIBILITY FOR AND CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Any male shall be eligible for membership in the Society who is a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of, American Independence either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minuteman, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or those of any one of the several Colonies or States, as a signer of the Declaration of Independence, as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence, as a member of any Continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature, as a foreign national of, but not limited to, France, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland or Germany who came to North America and rendered service in the cause of American Independence or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain, *provided, however*, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

There shall be the following classes of members.

1. A Regular or Regular Life Member shall be any member at the age of 18 years and over, excepting those members described in subsection 2 of this paragraph, who meets all of the requirements for membership as defined in this Constitution and in the Bylaws of the Society.
2. A Junior Member shall be a male under the age of 18 years who shall have met the membership requirements of the Sons of the American Revolution. A Junior Member shall not have the right to vote nor shall receive the *Pennsylvania Minuteman*.
3. A deceased male for whom a National and Pennsylvania membership number shall have been assigned by the Registrar General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and for whom the requirements of the Society's Bylaws shall have been met shall be provided with a Memorial Membership in the Society.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Section 4.01. Officers

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, an Historian, a Genealogist, a Chancellor and a Chaplain. Should it be found desirable, two offices may be held by the same person. The Bylaws may provide for additional officers to be elected by the members or by the Board.

Section 4.02. District Deputies

The work of the Society in each District into which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall have been divided shall be supervised by a District Deputy.

Section 4.03. Managers of the Reserve

The Society's Reserve shall be administered by three Managers of the Reserve.

Section 4.03.A Permanent Fund PASSAR

The Society is authorized to establish either a restricted bank account in a banking institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a restricted investment account using the account name Permanent Fund PASSAR.

Section 4.04. Composition of Board of Management

The property and affairs of the Society and the promotion of its objects shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Management (the "Board") which shall consist of:

- a. The Officers of the Society
- b. The District Deputies
- c. The Managers of the Reserve
- d. Each Compatriot who shall have served a full term as President of the Society
- e. The President of each Chapter. If the President of a Chapter cannot attend a meeting of the Board, the President of the Chapter may designate the First Vice President or another member of the Chapter to attend in his place.
- f. The President's Aide, if one shall have been appointed
- g. Members of the Society who are serving as Officers or Trustees of the National Society

Section 4.05. Executive Committee

The Board may from time to time, but shall not be required to, delegate to an Executive Committee, comprised of members of the Board, elected as provided in Section 5.01 below, such powers and authority as it may determine, insofar as may be permitted by law, to act in the intervals between meetings of the Board.

Section 4.06. Vacancies in Elective Offices

Vacancies in elective office may be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 5.01. Annual Meeting in the Spring of Each Year; Elections

The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in the spring (usually May) of each year, at such time and place as may be designated by the Board, for the election of the Society's

Officers, District Deputies, Managers of the Reserve and members of the Executive Committee, and for the transaction of general business of the Society. At least 10 days previous notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be mailed to the Chapters and to the Members-at-Large.

Section 5.02. Special Meetings; Notice; Specification of Purposes

Special Meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called by him when directed by the Board or upon written request of three Chapters or written request by 25 members-at-large. At least 10 days previous notice of the time and place of any such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be mailed to the Board, to the Chapters and to the Members-at-Large. Business not set forth in the notice shall not be transacted at a Special Meeting.

Section 5.03. Delegates at Annual and Special Meetings

Members of the Board shall *ex-officio* be Delegates at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at a meeting of the Society by a favorable vote of two-thirds or more of the Delegates present and voting, *provided* that each such amendment shall have been approved by a Chapter or the Board, or by 25 members-at-large, and a copy thereof filed with the Board at least 30 days before the meeting. The Secretary of the Society shall mail a copy thereof along with the notice for the holding of the meeting to the President of each Chapter and to the Members-at-Large.

As Secretary of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing are the Society's Constitution as of May 5, 2018.

Certified correct

By: James F. Hall May 5, 2018

James F. Hall
Secretary