

Constitution, Kentucky Division SCV

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as the Kentucky Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Article II: Object and Purpose

Section 1: To collect and preserve such manuscripts, books, papers, documents, flags, relics and memorabilia relating to the War Between the States as would be of assistance in the preparation and perpetuation of an impartial history of the same.

Section 2: To illuminate and clarify the Constitutional, political, social and economic issues and events leading to the War, and the patriotic motives and heroism of our ancestors: the Confederate Soldier, Sailor, Marine and Government Official.

Section 3: To perpetuate the memory of the unparalleled bravery, constancy and fortitude of our Confederate ancestors and the people of the South who supported them. To erect monuments, markers and memorials to them and to properly care for all Confederate graves and markers within the Commonwealth of Kentucky and elsewhere.

Section 4: To cooperate with the National Confederation and the Army of Tennessee Department of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 5: We, the compatriots of the Kentucky Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, with the blessing of Almighty God, have as our mission the promotion of pride and honor in Southern heritage through supporting our Camps by supplying information, leadership and resources.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: A member in good standing with the national organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who is also a member of a camp in good standing with the Kentucky Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, is a member of the Kentucky Division.

Section 2: A donation of \$100 to the Kentucky Division Life Member fund elevates a member (as defined in Section 1) to a "Life Member" of the Kentucky Division. The Division will have struck a "Kentucky Life Member" pin for its Life Members. A Life Member shall be relieved from paying division per capita taxes. Monies given by Life Members shall be kept separate from the Division's general funds, in an interest-bearing instrument. The interest earned from these monies may be transferred to the general funds.

Section 3: Persons who are not members as defined in Section 1 may also donate \$100 to the Kentucky Division Life Member fund and receive the pin, but any such person is an "Honorary Life Member" of the Kentucky Division, and has no real standing with the division, including no voting rights or any other rights and privileges of membership in the Division. Because of this provision, the Kentucky Life Member pin cannot include the SCV logo, due to restrictions of the national constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: This organization shall elect, by ballot, every two years at its annual Division Convention, Commander, Lt. Commander and Brigade Commanders, who shall take office at the conclusion of the Convention and serve in their respective capacities for the term of two years.

Section 2: The Division Commander, or in his absence, the Lt. Commander, shall preside at all meetings of the Division.

Section 3: Appointed officers shall be filled by the Division Commander and shall serve at his pleasure. The Division Commander may appoint all special committees necessary to the performance of the executive function. Upon the resignation of a duly elected Lt. Commander or Brigade Commander, the Division Commander shall appoint a substitute to fill the office until the next Division Convention, at which time the new Commander shall be elected as set forth in Article V, Section 6.

Article V: Duties of Officers

Section 1: The Commander shall be the executive head of the Division with full power to enforce

provisions of the Constitution. He shall be Chairman of the Division Convention and shall be empowered to act for the Division as circumstances, in his judgment, require, in cases not provided in the Constitution subject to appeal by the Convention.

Section 2: The Lt. Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence, and in case of his death or resignation, shall become Commander for the unexpired term. The Lt. Commander shall assist the Commander in the performance of his duties as directed by the Commander.

Section 3: The Adjutant shall be appointed by the Division Commander and shall keep correct records of proceedings of the Convention and other business meetings and issue the general orders of the Commander under his signature. He shall collect and be the custodian of the funds of the Division, and he shall make reports of the condition of the treasury when called for by the Commander or the Convention.

Section 4: The Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the Commander and shall be charged with the administration of the policies of the Division Commander and the Division Convention.

Section 5: The Judge Advocate shall be appointed by the Commander and shall advise him on all legal matters and the interpretation of the Division Constitution.

Section 6: The Brigade Commanders shall aid the Camps assigned by the Commander to their Brigade and fulfill all duties as required by the Commander. Each Brigade Commander may appoint an adjutant to assist him in his duties.

Article VI: Organization

Section 1: All members of each Camp in the Division, in good standing, are members of the Division organization and constitute the Kentucky Division.

Section 2: The Kentucky Division shall be divided into Brigades. The Brigade Commanders shall be elected at the Division Convention.

Section 3: The annual date for the Kentucky Division Conventions shall be in April, May or June. Each Camp will be notified at least thirty days in advance of any Division Convention. The rules of procedure at Conventions shall be those set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" except wherein they may be altered by the Convention.

Section 4: All legislative power shall be vested in a Division Convention, which shall be held each April, May or June, or a called meeting when two-thirds of the Camps in good standing request such a meeting in writing to the Division Adjutant.

Section 5: The Division Convention shall be composed of the delegates of the Camps presided over by the Commander, or in his absence, the Lt. Commander, who shall be the presiding officer of the organization. Each Camp in good standing shall have one vote for every ten members in good standing with the National Confederation and the Kentucky Division and shall have one additional vote for a major fraction of five or more. No Camp shall have less than two votes. The total votes for the Camp may be cast by the delegates that are present and in good standing with the Camp and Division. No Camp vote may be cast by proxies or without a member in good standing. The Division Adjutant shall keep the official number of votes a Camp has and inform them at the start of each business meeting.

Section 6: The Brigade Commanders shall be elected at the Division Convention by a majority vote of the delegates of the Camps within their respective Brigades.

Section 7: Between annual Conventions of the Kentucky Division, the administrative power shall be vested in the Executive Council of said Division.

Section 8: The Executive Council shall have all necessary power in the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Kentucky Division not especially delegated to or made a part of the duties of some other official committee.

Section 9: The Executive Council shall be composed of the Division Commander, who shall be the presiding officer, the Division Chief of Staff, the Division Judge Advocate, the Division Adjutant, all Brigade Commanders, and the Lt. Commander. One of the duties of the Division Executive Council shall be the formulation, approval and implementation of a strategic plan for the Division, subject to a majority vote approval by the Kentucky Division Convention.

Article VII: Awards

Section 1: The Division establishes and recognizes the following awards for individuals: the Distinguished Service Award—this award shall be for sustained service to the Kentucky Division above

and beyond the call of duty. The Meritorious Service Award—this award shall be for extraordinary service in a singular instance. Any member of the Division may nominate persons for these awards to the Division Commander. The Distinguished Service Award must be approved by the Division Executive Council, and current members of the DEC are not eligible for it.

Section 2: The Division establishes and recognized the following awards for camps: The Camp Boone Award, one to be given to the camp with the largest number of new members in the previous year, and one to be given to the camp with the largest percentage of members in the previous year. The Squire Bottom award shall be given to the camp which has achieved the greatest excellence in marking graves in the previous year. The James William Moore award shall be awarded to camps which retain 90% or more of their members from January 31st to the February 1st cutoff.

Article VIII: Dues

Section 1: A Division financial report for the prior fiscal year shall be submitted to the Convention and be made part of the record. The report shall be published in the Division newsletter.

Section 2: Each Camp will have an annual assessment per member per year for the Division expenses. The Division dues will be set annually at the Division Convention.

Section 3: Division dues shall be due and payable to the Division Adjutant at the same time National dues are due and payable to International Headquarters as established by the National Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Article IX: Special Powers

Section 1: This organization shall have the power to make and adopt such Articles of Organization, Rules and Regulations, or By-Laws, as it may deem proper, and to alter or amend the same, as may be provided in said Articles or Rules and Regulations, provided such Articles, Rules and Regulations or By-Laws are not contrary to the Laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 2: This Constitution, as of the date of its adoption, supersedes all Division By-Laws or Guidelines previously adopted by the Kentucky Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Article X: Amendments:

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended at any Division Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been sent to the Division Adjutant at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Division Convention. It shall then be the duty of the Division Adjutant to send the amendment to each Camp in good standing at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Convention.

Article XI: Disciplinary Action

Section 1: Suspension or expulsion of membership of members or Camps will be in accordance with the National Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Article XII: Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees may be formed by an amendment vote of two-thirds of the Division Convention. The Chairman of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Division Commander.

Section 2: Special Committees may be appointed by the Division Commander for special projects and serve at his pleasure.

Section 3: A Monuments and Graves committee shall be a standing committee of the Division. This committee shall consist of the Division Graves Registrar, appointed by the Division Commander, the Brigade Commanders, the Division Lt. Commander, and any additional persons appointed by the Division Commander. The purpose of this committee shall be to promote and administer the national graves registration program in Kentucky, to promote the marking of Confederate graves in Kentucky and the graves of Confederate Kentuckians buried elsewhere, to catalog and promote the preservation of Confederate monuments and memorials in Kentucky, and to promote the placement of new monuments

and memorials.

Article XIII: Official Symbols

Section 1: The official seal of the Kentucky Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be the Seal of the Confederate Commonwealth of Kentucky as adopted January 16, 1862 by the Provisional State Government of Kentucky.

Section 2: The official flag of the Kentucky Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be the regimental flag of the Second Kentucky Infantry, C.S.A., emblazoned with "Kentucky Shall Be Free."

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