

BY-LAWS

Captain E. D. Baxter Camp 2034

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

ARTICLE 1- Name

The name of this organization shall be Captain E. D. Baxter Camp 2034 Sons of Confederate Veterans

ARTICLE II. Object

To associate in one united, compact body of men of Confederate ancestry, and to cultivate, perpetuate and sanctify the ties of fraternity and friendship entailed thereby: to aid and encourage the history and achievement from Jamestown to this present era, constantly endeavoring to see that the events of the War Between the States and the heroic contributions of the Confederate soldiers of Indian Territory are authentically and clearly written, and that all documents, relics and mementos produced and handed down by those active participants therein are properly treasured and preserved for posterity; to aid and assist in the erection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, civil and military, wherever done and wherever found; to instill into our descendants a devotion to and reverence for the principles represented by the Confederate States of America, to the honor, glory and memory of our fathers who fought in that cause.

ARTICLE III. Nature

Captain E. D. Baxter Camp 2034 shall be strictly historical and benevolent, non-political and non-sectarian.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

Section 1. All male descendants, lineal or collateral, at least twelve years of age, of those who served in the Confederate Army or Navy to the end of the war, or who died in prison, or while in actual service, or who were killed in battle, or who were honorably discharged, shall be eligible for membership, provided no member under sixteen years of age shall have the right to vote.

Section 2. No one shall be admitted to membership until satisfactory proof of the foregoing qualifications be submitted in triplicate on an official blank application to Captain E. D. Baxter Camp 2034. The original shall be forwarded to General Headquarters of Sons of Confederate Veterans, one copy shall be forwarded to Tennessee Division Sons of confederate Veterans and one copy is to be preserved by the camp.

Section 3.

All applications for membership in Captain E. D. Baxter Camp 2034 received by the Adjutant, shall be reviewed by the Commander. Candidates may be accepted for membership by a majority vote of the camp officers. Candidates refused membership may petition the Camp membership for admission, and upon receiving favorable, written approval of the three-fourths of the membership, will be granted full membership in the Camp.

Section 4. Annual dues must be submitted with completed applications to the Camp Adjutant.

Section 5. Membership in the Camp shall be:

- a. Active membership as herein set fourth.
- b. Associate membership

Section 6. a. Active membership in the Camp is membership in the General Organization of Sons of Confederate Veterans

b. Associate membership may be granted to applicants who can not document a Confederate ancestor. Associate members who later document a Confederate ancestor may apply paid associate member dues to full membership. Associate member dues shall be an amount determined by camp officers and approved by a majority vote of camp members. Associate members may participate in all meetings and functions of the camp except: associate members may not vote, hold camp office or serve as delegates at state and international reunions

Section 7. Any member in good standing in the Camp, removing from the Camp, shall be entitled to a certificate from the Camp Adjutant stating his membership and duration thereof.

Section 8. Applications for membership in the Camp on which information is questionable or the character of the applicant is in doubt, must be read at a regular meeting of the Camp. Upon reading of the application, membership in the Camp will be extended only after receiving a two-thirds vote of acceptance by the membership present.

ARTICLE V. Dues

Section 1. The annual dues to the Camp shall be set annually by the officers, such amount subject to approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Members in arrears four months in payment of dues shall be classed as delinquent, and six months arrearage shall automatically impose suspension. Payment of all back dues within one year, together with all additional levies for that year, shall permit reinstatement to active membership. A member delinquent one-year or more shall only be reinstated upon vote of the Camp and payment of all amounts due by him to the Camp.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings

Section 1. Annual meeting. The annual meeting of the Camp shall be in October of each year on a date determined by the officers. If the annual meeting shall not be held at the time fixed, it shall be held on a date approved by majority vote of the camp members.

Section 2. Regular meetings. The regular meetings of the Camp for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month or on such other date as may be decided upon by the members.

Section 3. Quorum. One-fourth of the members of the Camp entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 4. The rules of procedure at any meeting of the Camp shall be those set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, except wherein they may be altered by the Camp.

ARTICLE VII- Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Camp shall be Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer, Chaplain and Historian. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the Camp. They shall hold office for 2 years or until their successors are elected. Officers elected at the annual meeting shall take office on the day of their election.

Section 2. Resignation of any officer may be accepted by majority vote of the remaining officers.

Section 3. When an office is vacated as a result of death, resignation or removal, the Commander shall appoint a successor, such successor to hold office until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII Duties of Officers

Section 1. Commander. The commander shall preside at all meetings of the Camp. He shall be a member ex-officio of all committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

Section 2. Lieutenant Commander. The Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or at his request. He shall serve as program chairman, securing guest speakers and presentations for Camp functions.

Section 3. Adjutant. The Adjutant shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Camp to SCV Headquarters. He shall notify all members of special meetings. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Camp and have custody of the books and papers of the Camp, except the Treasurer's books of account. He shall be the keeper of the Camp seal. All applications for membership, initiation fees and first year dues shall be made to the Adjutant. He shall be responsible for the ordering of all items necessary for operation of the Camp. He shall maintain adequate stock of SCV membership pins, decals and applications.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Camp and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the officers. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer, he shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report to the membership at any meeting when requested. He shall present a detailed report, in writing, of income and expenditures at the annual meeting. Bills paid by the Treasurer shall have received approval of the officers. He shall be responsible for collection of dues and fees, recording properly the paying member's address and other information necessary in the maintenance of Camp records and posting such information with the Adjutant.

Section 5. Chaplain. The Chaplain shall conduct opening and closing prayers at regular camp meetings and perform such duties as may be required at memorial services and other camp functions.

Section 6. Historian The historian shall keep and maintain a written record of the Camp, its officers and members, and its accomplishments during his tenure of office. He shall be responsible for the collection of photographs, newspaper clippings and such other items as necessary in proper recording of Camp history. All items will be affixed in a bound volume so as to insure preservation.

Section 7. Orderly Sergeant/Color Bearer. The Orderly Sergeant/Color Bearer shall be responsible for set up and clean up of meeting room during regular meetings and at other camp functions and maintain order as needed. Duties shall also include being the keeper of camp flags, equipment and other paraphernalia.

ARTICLE IX. Suspension or Expulsion

Section 1. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the camp for cause, such cause being deemed sufficient by the officers by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the officers present at any regular or special meeting. Cause for disciplinary action shall be: (a) disloyalty, (b) neglect of duty, (c) dishonesty, (d) conduct unbecoming a member of Sons of Confederate Veterans, (e) an act repugnant to the SCV constitution or detrimental to the objects and purposes of the Confederation.

Section 2. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days' notice, in writing, shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the officers at which such charges will be considered. The notice must be delivered to the member by certified mail. At such meetings, the member under charge will be accorded a full hearing.

Section 3. The officers shall provide for true and accurate recording of all proceedings of such hearings.

Section 4. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for that purpose. No vote on removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days' notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reason for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal shall be taken. The officers, upon majority vote, may suspend the officer pending the outcome of this special meeting. At such meetings, the officer shall be given a full hearing.

Section 5. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Adjutant, who will immediately notify the Commander. The Commander will call a meeting of the officers to hear the charges. The Adjutant will give at least fifteen days' notice of the meeting to each officer and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting exhibits.

Section 6. Any member suspended or expelled by the officers may appeal to the full membership of the Camp. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Adjutant who will notify the Commander. The Commander will call a special meeting of the Camp for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Adjutant shall give at least fifteen days' notice in writing to all members of the Camp in good standing stating the day, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full camp, the Adjutant will read the original charges, the supporting evidence and will read or display the accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the officers.

Section 7. Any member who has been suspended or expelled, and having exhausted the foregoing appeals procedures, has the right to appeal to the General Executive Council, Sons of Confederate Veterans, the decision of which shall be final. A member expelled by the Camp is ineligible for membership in any other Camp of the Confederation.

ARTICLE X Prohibition

Section 1. No discussion of political or religious subjects, nor any political action, or endorsing of aspirants for political office, shall be permitted.

Section 2. No assessment shall be levied upon Camp members other than annual dues and initiation fees, except by resolution of the general membership.

Section 3. Proxy voting shall not be permitted in the conduct of Camp elections or business.

ARTICLE XI Official Observances

The Camp shall observe the celebration of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE XII. Amendments

Any proposed amendment to these by laws may be introduced by any member of the Camp at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A vote may be taken upon the proposed amendment provided a copy of the intended amendment has been sent to each Camp member in good standing, by United States Mail, at least ten days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present, by ballot, will be necessary to pass or reject.

Adopted this 14th day of October 2003, by the members of

Captain E. D. Baxter Camp 2034 Sons of Confederate Veterans

Dennis Lampley

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Commander

Adjutant