

CONSTITUTION

Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62

Texas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

CAPTION

CONSTITUTION of Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in order to provide for the governance of our Chapter and thereby promote fraternal and social intercourse among ourselves, hereby adopt this Constitution for our Chapter.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Chapter was chosen by action of the membership at a meeting on the 20th day of March, A. D., 2002, Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and shall henceforth be so known.

ARTICLE II - SITUS

The situs of the Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, shall include Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas. The business address shall be that of the Chapter's Post Office Box, in Katy, Texas, unless changed by the Board of Directors or by the Chapter at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The purposes of the Robert Rankin Chapter, No. 62, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, shall be to promote and accomplish the objectives of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc., and no action or effort not embraced in these objectives shall be espoused by said Chapter. All activities of the Chapter shall be confined to the objectives for which the National Society and the Texas Society, as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of each, were formed; and no member of this Chapter shall be committed to or be bound by any action outside of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution or of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Any man who is a member in good standing of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc., shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter. In addition to the dues required to be paid to the Texas Society and the National Society, each member of this Chapter shall pay to its Treasurer, as annual Chapter dues, such sum as may be fixed by the Chapter's Board of Directors, and each member shall be required to pay an assessment to defray the expense of any meeting that he may attend, if called upon to do so. Any member who becomes delinquent in payment of dues to the Texas Society and National Society, or to this Chapter, shall thereby become suspended and shall not take part in the meetings of the Chapter.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

This Chapter shall hold at least two regular meetings in each twelve (12) month period, at times to be fixed by its By-Laws, the last of which meetings, at which officers shall be elected for the ensuing year, shall be held no less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the Texas Society. Special meetings of the Chapter may be held at the call of the President or the Board of Directors; or the Secretary of the Chapter shall call a special meeting at the request of five (5) or more members. All meetings of the Chapter shall be held in the Kingwood/Humble area, and arrangements shall be made by those at whose instance the meeting is called for the accommodations of same. No member of the Chapter who is in good standing shall be denied admittance to a meeting

ARTICLE VI - QUORUM

Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, a quorum for the transaction of any business at a regular or special meeting of the membership of this Chapter, including the taking of any action affecting the standing of a member or officer, or disposing of the property of the Chapter, shall require the presence of at least 6 members in good standing or 30 percent of all members in good standing, whichever is less.

ARTICLE VII - RULES

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be used at all meetings as a parliamentary guide, except as may be otherwise provided in the By-Laws of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

The officers of this Chapter shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, as provided for in the By-Laws of the Chapter, a Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor or Parliamentarian, Genealogist, Historian, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The duties of officers of the Chapter shall be such as is usually incumbent upon such officers, but the Chapter may, in its By-Laws, increase or change their duties. The offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, and Chancellor, or any two of these, may be held by the same person. The Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, and Chancellor may, with the consent of the Board of Directors, appoint an assistant, who must be a member of the Chapter and who may, with the consent of the presiding officer, in the absence of the Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, or Chancellor (respectively), act for that Officer at meetings of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In addition to the officers provided for in Article VIII of this Constitution, all past Presidents of this Chapter as well as Assistant officers, in good standing in the National Society, Texas Society, and this Chapter, shall compose the Chapter's Board of Directors, of which the President of the Chapter (or the President Elect, in order of seniority, if the President is absent or unable to serve) shall be the presiding officer, provided that if a past President is also a current officer, he shall have only one vote. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of the business and activities of the Chapter, subject only to the action of the Chapter at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS

Officers of this Chapter shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided not less than 6 members, or 30 percent of the entire membership, whichever is less, are present and provided further, that all members have been notified of the election date and place not less than ten days before. Officers to be elected shall be members in good standing of the National Society and Texas Society and of this Chapter, and when they, for any reason, cease to be members in good standing of these, or any of them, their offices shall thereby become vacant. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors until the next election and the successors of those appointed have been inducted into office.

ARTICLE XI - OBLIGATIONS

This Chapter shall create no indebtedness for its members to pay.

ARTICLE XII - RELIEF

The Board of Directors, or the Chapter, at a regular meeting, may for a specified time or indefinitely, for such reasons of financial necessity as may be deemed proper, or for other just cause, waive payment of annual dues to the Chapter by a member.

ARTICLE XIII - DISCIPLINE

Authority is hereby given the Board of Directors of the Chapter, in the exercise of its discretion, to discipline, suspend, or expel any member, or remove any officer, who by conduct disloyal to the ideals and/or prejudicial to the interests of this Chapter, or the Texas Society, or the National Society, shall render himself unworthy of membership therein or unfit to hold office. It is provided, however, that the disciplinary authority hereby given may not be exercised except on the conditions that the accused shall have had due notice and an opportunity to be heard; that no less than five members of the Board, concurring, can discipline, suspend, or expel a member; that the accuser or accusers must present to the Secretary a written charge at least ten days prior to the meeting which shall hear the charge or charges, and the accused must be sent a copy of the charges at least seven days prior to the Board meeting. Further, any member disciplined or officer removed by the Board may appeal from such action to the next regular or special meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV - TERMS

No person can hold office provided for in Article VIII of this Constitution for three (3) consecutive terms, but such person may be elected to a different office at the will of the membership; provided, however, that the persons holding the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor, Genealogist, Historian, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms may be re-elected term after term at the will of the membership.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS

Amendments or additions to, or proposals for repeal of, any or all provisions of the Constitution and/or By-Laws unless such amendments or additions or proposals for repeal shall have been proposed at a previous regular meeting, notice that same will be presented for action shall be given to all members in good standing, by mail, by the Secretary, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which same are to be presented. The consent of a majority of the members of the Chapter, in good standing, shall be necessary to amend or repeal, or to make additions to, any or all provisions of the Constitution of this Chapter, but any or all provisions of its By-Laws may be amended, repealed, or added to by an affirmative vote of at least 25 percent of the membership in good standing. Each member, in advance of the regular meeting at which same are to be presented for action, may vote on amendments or additions to or proposals to repeal any or all provisions of the Constitution or By-Laws of the Chapter by written ballot, signed by him, by delivering his ballot to the Secretary of the Chapter.

Original Constitution adopted by members of the Chapter at an organizing meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Edwin L. Raines, President Elect