

Colonel James D. Brady Camp 63 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War By-Laws

PREAMBLE

We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal Camp, for the purpose set forth in these by-laws; and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorating our fathers' deeds; to render loyal service to our country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect and honor to the flag.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The camp shall be known as the Colonel James D. Brady Camp 63, Maryland Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (herein referred to as "the Camp").

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose and objectives of the Camp are:

To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865,

To assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members,

To cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war,

To teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and love of our flag,

To oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional union,

And, to broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and impartial justice for all.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Camp will meet quarterly at a place and time so designated.

Section 2. The next meeting place and time may also be determined by any special project or activity to a certain locale.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Camp Commander if a need for one exists.

Section 4. All members will be notified of all meetings, special events, and postponements in advance.

Section 5. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of this Camp, except as provided in the Ritual of the Order and the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations.

Section 6. The number of Brothers necessary for a quorum at any meeting of the Camp shall be seven (7). This number may include any combination of officers and brothers, and the absence of one or more officers shall not prevent the establishment of a quorum. However, in accordance with the National Constitution and Regulations, Camp business shall not be transacted if the number of Associates in a meeting exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance.

ARTICLE IV

DUES AND FEES

Section 1. All new members will pay a one time National Application fee; this fee is not charged to new members transferring from another Camp. New members and transfer members will pay dues determined by the month they become members. The rate will be determined by the then-applicable National per-capita tax and Camp membership dues based on the month in which the registration is done.

Section 2. Membership dues for all members of the Camp are payable in January.

Section 3. At the discretion of the Camp, a Brother may be dropped from membership if he is in arrears in payment of his dues after March 1.

Section 4. The minimum yearly dues of the Camp shall not be less than the sum of the National and Department per capita taxes owed by each Brother.

Section 5. The Camp will also assess the Brothers for dues to support the Camp's business. The yearly amount of this fee will be determined by a majority vote in a regular or special meeting of the Camp. Once the amount has been determined, any

motion to increase, decrease or abolish it must be approved by another majority vote in a regular or special meeting of the Camp.

ARTICLE V

SALARY OR COMPENSATION

Section 1. The offices of this Camp will be filled by persons who will not receive a salary.

Section 2. An officer may be recompensed for any expenses he incurs in behalf of the Camp provided said expenditure benefits this Camp. Those expenses must be pre-approved by the Camp, and receipts for the expense will be kept on file with the Camp Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI

SPECIAL FUNDS

Section 1. A special fund may be established for a project or a purpose. These special funds can be established at the discretion of the Camp.

Section 2. Special funds will be maintained by the Camp Treasurer who will keep a strict accounting of them. He will disburse them when instructed to do so by the Camp Commander or Camp Council after approval by the Camp at a business meeting.

Section 3. The special funds will be deposited in the Camp's general fund, but used only for their designated purpose.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees for the operation of the Camp shall be in accord with the National Constitution and Regulations. These documents should be consulted for their direction.

Section 2. The Camp Commander shall appoint any and all special committees. The purpose, the number and persons to serve on the committee, and term of service (not to exceed one year) shall be at the discretion of the Camp Commander.

ARTICLE VIII

SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS

Section 1. The Camp will abide by these by-laws. Any motion for their suspension must not be in violation of all regulations stipulated in the Constitution of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2. A motion to suspend the by-laws will be made by a quorum vote of two-thirds of those who are present and entitled to vote in a regular or special meeting. Notice must then be given to all Camp members of this procedure.

ARTICLE IX

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. All proposed amendments to alter these by-laws shall be submitted in writing to the Camp Commander not later than thirty days preceding a regular business meeting and published to the camp 30 days prior to the next meeting.

Section 2. The proposed amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those who are present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting.

Section 3. Proposed amendments will be sent to the National Department under which the Camp operates for approval.

Adopted this 7th day, in the month of June, in the year of our Lord 2008 by Colonel James D. Brady Camp 63, Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Donald E. Wells
Commander
Colonel James D. Brady Camp 63, SUVCW

Approved this ___ day, in the month of _____, in the year of our Lord _____ by the Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Steve Hammond
Commander
Department of Maryland, SUVCW