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<p>ARTICLE V MEMBERS Section 6. HONORARY COMPANIONS. a. Honorary Companions may be chosen from persons of acknowledged eminence who are specially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same, and are not known to be eligible for membership in the Order; provided, however, that no Commandery shall have the right, at any one time, to have more Honorary Companions than 5 percent of its active membership. b. The name of any person proposed as an Honorary Companion shall be referred to the Board of Officers together with the name of the Companion recommending him, who shall, at the time of making said recommendation, file with the Board of Officers a written statement setting forth the qualifications of such person. It shall be the duty of the Board of Officers to fully and carefully investigate such person so recommended, having in mind the qualifications set forth in Section 6 hereof. If, after such investigation, the Board of Officers shall unanimously determine that the person so recommended is desirable and duly qualified to be an Honorary Companion, they shall make a full report in writing to the Commandery, recommending such proposed person for election as an Honorary Companion. The name of such person shall then be published in the circular of the Commandery sent to each member prior to the next meeting of the Commandery, and, at the next meeting of the Commandery after said publication, the report of the Board of Officers shall be read and a</p>	<p>ARTICLE V MEMBERS Section 6. HONORARY COMPANIONS. a. Honorary Companions may be chosen from persons gentlemen of acknowledged eminence who are specially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same, and are not known to be eligible for membership in the Order; provided, however, that no Commandery shall have the right, at any one time, to have more Honorary Companions than five (5) percent of its active membership. b. The name of any person proposed as an Honorary Companion shall be referred to the Board of Officers together with the name of the Companion recommending him, who shall, at the time of making said recommendation, file with the Board of Officers a written statement setting forth the qualifications of such person. It shall be the duty of the Board of Officers to fully and carefully investigate such person so recommended, having in mind the qualifications set forth in Section 6 hereof. If, after such investigation, the Board of Officers shall unanimously determine that the person so recommended is desirable and duly qualified to be an Honorary Companion, they shall make a full report in writing to the Commandery, recommending such proposed person for election as an Honorary Companion. The name of such person shall then be published in the circular of the Commandery sent to each member prior to the next meeting of the Commandery, and, at the next meeting of the Commandery after said publication, the report of the Board of Officers shall be read and a</p>	<p>Provides consistency with language and requirements for hereditary and associate Companion membership.</p> <p>Format change.</p>

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<p>ballot shall then be taken for or against the election as an Honorary Companion of the person so proposed.</p> <p>c. In addition to the Honorary Companions chosen by the Commanderies, the Board of Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall have the power to choose Honorary Companions upon a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting of the Board of Officers or the Commandery-in-Chief at which a quorum shall be present; provided, however, that the Commandery-in-Chief shall not have more than ten Honorary Companions at any one time.</p> <p>3</p> <p>d. No Honorary Companion shall be required to pay any dues nor shall he have the right to vote or hold office.</p>	<p>ballot shall then be taken for or against the election as an Honorary Companion of the person so proposed. The Commandery Recorder shall send the name and supporting documentation for the nominee to the Registrar-in –Chief who will distribute the name and supporting documentation along with the documentation of the unanimous vote of the Commandery Board of Officers to the executive committee of the Commandery-in-Chief. Upon unanimous vote of the executive committee, the nominee will be accepted into the Order as an Honorary Companion.</p> <p>c. In addition to the Honorary Companions chosen by the Commanderies, the Board of Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall have the power to choose Honorary Companions upon a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting of the Board of Officers or the Commandery-in-Chief at which a quorum shall be present; provided, however, that the Commandery-in-Chief shall not have more than ten Honorary Companions at any one time.</p> <p>3</p> <p>d. No Honorary Companion shall be required to pay any dues nor shall he have the right to vote or hold office.</p>	<p>Provides oversight into the process of nominations for honorary membership.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE VI COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF Section 4. The Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and it shall there assemble at an annual meeting at least once in every three years. Annual meetings shall be held in other years at such places as may be designated at the preceding stated meeting or may be arranged for by the Board of Officers. All annual meetings shall be held in the month of October, or during such other month as may be designated by the Board of Officers (by mail vote if necessary) with at least thirty days advanced notice.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VI COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF Section 4. The Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and it shall there assemble at an annual meeting at least once in every three years with the option of holding the annual meeting from time to time in Gettysburg. The annual meetings shall be held in other years at such places as may be designated at the preceding stated meeting or may be arranged for by the Board of Officers. All annual meetings shall be held in the month of October, or during such other month as may be designated by the Board of Officers (by email or other live electronic media – video or telephone vote if necessary) with at least thirty days advanced notice.</p>	<p>In past years, in order to meet the requirements of the Constitution, whenever the meetings were held in Gettysburg, the executive committee convened the meeting in Philadelphia, suspended the meeting and reconvened in Gettysburg. This language will allow for the above procedure to be avoided.</p> <p>Provided for participation at meetings electronically</p>
<p>Section 5. Special meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be convened upon fifteen days' notice at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief, or upon the written request of twenty members. The attendance of seven members shall constitute a quorum at all annual and special meetings.</p>	<p>Section 5. Special meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be convened upon fifteen days' notice at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief, or upon the written request of twenty members. The attendance of ten members shall constitute a quorum at all annual and special meetings.</p>	<p>Provides that the number for the quorum equal to one-half of the number required to call for a meeting.</p>
<p>Section 6. When a Commandery cannot be represented at a meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Commander, seconded by the Recorder, may designate in writing an individual member of the Commandery-in-Chief to represent him at the meeting and vote in accordance with his instructions, the same as if he were present in person. In the absence of such a designation, the Commander-in-Chief</p>	<p>Section 6. When a Commandery cannot be represented at a meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Commander, seconded by the Recorder, may designate in writing (letter and /or email) an individual member of the Commandery-in-Chief to represent him at the meeting and vote in accordance with his instructions, the same as if he were present in person. In the absence of such a designation,</p>	<p>Specifies email as an option.</p>

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<p>may select a representative for such a Commandery, provided that no one proxy may represent more than one Commandery.</p>	<p>the Commander-in-Chief may select a representative for such a Commandery, provided that no one proxy may represent more than one Commandery.</p>	
<p>ARTICLE VII STATE COMMANDERIES Section 1. Authority to organize a Commandery may be granted by the Commandery-in-Chief, upon the vote of two-thirds of its members present at any meeting, on written application by at least ten Companions residing in the area of the proposed Commandery.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII STATE COMMANDERIES Section 1. Authority to organize a Commandery may be granted by the Commandery-in-Chief Board of Officers, upon the vote of two-thirds of its members present at any meeting, on written application by at least ten Hereditary Companions seven (7) of whose primary residence in the state or multi state area of the proposed Commandery.</p>	<p>Specifies that the Board of Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief provide the approval.</p> <p>Specifies new Commanderies must have at least ten hereditary members and of those seven (7) must reside in the state or multi state area.</p>
	<p>Section 6. State Commanderies maintaining a membership of at least five (5) hereditary Companions will be considered in good standing and eligible to vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Commandery-in-Chief.</p>	<p>Requires a Commandery to maintain a membership of <u>five (5)</u> hereditary members to retain voting privileges on constitution and bylaw changes.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS Section 1. The officers of the Commandery shall include a Commander, a Senior Vice-Commander, a Recorder, and a Treasurer; and may include a Junior Vice-Commander, a Registrar, a Chancellor, a Chaplain, a Judge-Advocate, a Surgeon, and a Council consisting of not more than six Companions, who, together with the officers, and unless a Commandery rules otherwise, all Past-Commanders of the Commandery who are still Companions of the Commandery, shall constitute the Board of Officers of the Commandery. One Companion may hold any two offices at same time.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS Section 1. The officers of the Commandery shall include a Commander, a Senior Vice-Commander, a Recorder, and a Treasurer; and may include a Junior Vice-Commander, a Registrar, a Chancellor, a Chaplain, a Judge-Advocate, a Surgeon, and a Council consisting of not more than six Companions, who, together with the officers, and unless a Commandery rules otherwise, all Past-Commanders of the Commandery who are still Companions of the Commandery, shall constitute the Board of Officers of the Commandery. One Companion may hold any two offices at same time, <u>however. State commanders may not serve concurrently as an commander of another state Commandery.</u></p>	<p>State commanders may not hold concurrently the office of commander in two Commanderies.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XI INSIGNIA OF THE ORDER Section 5. The Rosette of the Order shall be one-half an inch in diameter or acceptable substitute, of watered silk, with six sector-shaped sections and a rim with six diagonal stripes on its face and sides. The sector-shaped sections and stripes shall be of red, white, and blue, the red sections and stripes being double the width of those of the other colors, with a red loop in the center. For Life Members, the Rosette shall be set in gold wreath the diameter of which shall be one-sixteenth of an inch. There shall also be a miniature Rosette of similar design which may have placed behind it a ribbon five sixteenths of an inch wide and five eighths of an inch long, in silver to denote the Commander in office and Past Commanders of a Commandery, and Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, except that the ribbon of the Commander-in-Chief,</p>	<p>ARTICLE XI INSIGNIA OF THE ORDER Section 5. The Rosette of the Order shall be <u>12 mm</u> (one-half an inch) in diameter or acceptable substitute, of watered silk, with six sector-shaped sections and a rim with six diagonal stripes on its face and sides. The sector-shaped sections and stripes shall be of red, white, and blue, the red sections and stripes being double the width of those of the other colors, with a red loop in the center. For <u>Life Members, the Rosette shall be set in gold wreath the diameter of which shall be one-sixteenth of an inch.</u> There shall also be a miniature Rosette of similar design which may have placed behind it a ribbon (<u>wing</u>) five sixteenths of an inch wide and five eighths of an inch long, in silver to denote the <u>State Commandery officers</u> in office and Past Commanders of a Commandery, and Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, <u>shall have a</u></p>	<p>.Changes bring language into compliance with current practice.</p>

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<p>Honorary Commanders-in-Chief, and Past Commanders-in-Chief shall be gold. Associate Companions shall wear the Rosette on a plain blue ribbon of the same dimensions.</p>	<p>ribbon (wing) in silver on one half and gold on the other except that the ribbon of the Commander-in-Chief, Honorary Commanders-in-Chief, and Past Commanders-in-Chief shall be gold. Associate Companions shall wear the Rosette of the order, which shall be 10 mm in diameter, on a plain blue ribbon of the same dimensions.</p>	
<p>Section 6. There shall be a miniature Insignia of the Order, to be of the same design and character as the regular Insignia of the Order, except that the size of said Insignia shall be in proportion one-half in dimensions.</p>	<p>Section 6. There shall be a miniature Insignia of the Order, to be of the same design and character as the regular Insignia of the Order, except that the size of said Insignia shall be in proportion one-half in dimensions with ribbon drapes proportionate and of colors as specified in Section 4.</p> <p>Section 7. There shall be a Past Commander-in-Chief star in a design incorporating the insignia of the order overlaid upon a starburst of silver color, which may be suspended from the officer's neck ribbon, or worn on the breast pocket of formal or business attire. There shall be a Commander's Star of in the design of the insignia of the Order fashioned after the Commander-in-Chief Tiffany Star eligible to be worn by current and past state Commanders.</p>	<p>Changes bring language into compliance with current practice.</p> <p>Adds language to conform to current practice.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XII UNIFORM OF THE ORDER Section 4. Companions of the Order serving as officers of the uniformed services of the United States, or officers of the various State troops, or retired officers of such services, when in uniform other than full dress may, in lieu of the Rosette of the Order, wear upon the left breast of the coat or blouse a strip of the ribbon of the order three-eighths of an inch wide and one and three-eighths of an inch long to agree in size with other military ribbons.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XII UNIFORM OF THE ORDER Section 4. Hereditary Companions of the Order serving as officers of the uniformed services of the United States, or officers of the various State troops, or retired officers of such services, when in uniform other than full dress may, in lieu of the Rosette of the Order, wear upon the left breast of the coat or blouse a strip of the ribbon of the order three-eighths of an inch wide and one and three-eighths of an inch long to agree in size with other military ribbons.</p>	<p>Specifies that only hereditary Companions may wear the ribbon bar.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, either by operation of law or by action of the Commandery-in-Chief, or membership as a whole, after payment of all creditors, its assets shall be distributed to the War Library and Museum for its general purposes, provided that the said War Library and Museum or its successor is in active existence and shall accept distribution of such assets. Section 2. In the event that the War Library and Museum or its successor is unable or unwilling to accept said distribution as aforementioned, said assets shall be distributed to a foundation engaged in patriotic, charitable, or educational endeavors and duly qualified under the current Internal Revenue Code and Regulations, as the Commandery-in-Chief may determine.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, either by operation of law or by action of the Commandery-in-Chief, or membership as a whole, after payment of all creditors, its assets shall be distributed to the War Library and Museum Civil War Museum of Philadelphia for its general purposes, provided that the said War Library and Museum Civil War Museum of Philadelphia or its successor is in active existence and shall accept distribution of such assets. Section 2. In the event that the War Library and Museum Civil War Museum of Philadelphia or its successor is unable or unwilling to accept said distribution as aforementioned, said assets shall be distributed to a foundation engaged in patriotic, charitable, or educational endeavors and duly qualified under the current Internal Revenue Code and Regulations, as the Commandery-in-Chief may determine.</p>	<p>The Civil War Library was renamed the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS Section 2. No other alteration, addition or amendment shall be made to this Constitution unless it shall have been proposed by a Commandery or by the Board of Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and communicated to all Commanderies at least 60 days before the annual meeting of the Commandery-in- Chief and presented at that stated meeting to become effective immediately by the votes of three-fourths of the Commanderies represented.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS Section 2. No other alteration, addition or amendment shall be made to this Constitution unless it shall have been proposed by a Commandery or by the Board of Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and communicated to all Commanderies at least 60 days before the annual meeting of the Commandery-in- Chief and presented at that stated meeting to become effective immediately by the votes of three-fourths two-thirds of the Commanderies represented.</p>	<p>Aligns the language to that currently in the bylaws.</p>

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	<p>Section 5. A Companion shall be recognized by the Commandery-in-Chief as a member of one Commandery only. Secondary (Social, Dual, Courtesy, etc.) membership in other Commanderies are permitted, but no necessary record keeping, assessment or other obligation for either the Commandery-in-Chief or any Commandery.</p>	<p>Clarifies that while state Commanderies may admit members of another Commandery as “dual” or “social” members, primary membership for Commandery in Chief purposes is the Commandery into which the Companion was originally admitted to or transferred to under the Constitution and Bylaws.</p>
<p>BYLAWS</p>		
<p>ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP A. ELECTION OF MEMBERS</p>	<p>ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP A. ELECTION OF MEMBERS</p>	
<p>Section 2. Every application for membership shall be passed upon by the Registrar of the Commandery or other officer designated for this duty and referred to a Committee. The report of the committee including the opinion of the examining officer shall be read and action taken on the application at a meeting of the Commandery or at a meeting of the Board of Officers, as the rules of the Commandery may prescribe. The application and a copy of the application accompanied by one set of its supporting papers shall then be sent to the Registrar-in-Chief for his approval of the applicant’s qualifications.</p> <p>b. The Recorder-in-Chief shall assign a national number and inform, electronically via email, the Registrar-in-Chief, Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chancellor-in-Chief, Membership Contact, and the National Membership List Coordinator of the assigned number. The National Membership List Coordinator shall record the new member’s information and Insignia Number in the</p>	<p>Section 2. Every application for membership shall be passed upon by the Registrar of the Commandery or other officer designated for this duty and referred to a Committee. The report of the committee including the opinion of the examining officer shall be read and action taken on the application at a meeting of the Commandery or at a meeting of the Board of Officers, as the rules of the Commandery may prescribe. The application and a copy of the application accompanied by one set of its supporting papers shall then be sent to the Registrar-in-Chief for his approval of the applicant’s qualifications.</p> <p>b. The Recorder-in-Chief shall assign a national number and inform, electronically via email, the Registrar-in-Chief, Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chancellor-in-Chief, Membership Contact, and the National Membership List Coordinator of the assigned number. The National Membership List Coordinator shall record the new member’s information and Insignia Number in the</p>	

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<p>National Membership Database. The Registrar-in-Chief shall affix the National Insignia number to the original application and copy and then transmit the application package to the Recorder-in-Chief. The Recorder-in-Chief shall retain the original application and transmit the copy and supporting material to the Recorder of the Commandery to which the applicant is joining. The Chancellor-in-Chief shall inform, via a welcome letter, the applicant of his membership approval and provide him with his membership card and rosette.</p>	<p>National Membership Database. The Registrar-in-Chief shall affix the National Insignia number to the original application and copy and then transmit the application package to the Recorder-in-Chief. The Recorder-in-Chief shall retain the original application and transmit the copy and supporting material to the Recorder of the Commandery to which the applicant is joining. The Chancellor-in-Chief shall inform, via a welcome letter, the applicant of his membership approval and provide him with his membership card and rosette or other such materials of the Order as approved by the executive committee.</p>	<p>Provides for changes as may be approved by the executive committee.</p>
<p>ARTICLE II OFFICERS Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Recorder-in-Chief to: b. Collect all moneys due the Commandery-in-Chief; Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer-in-Chief to: a. Receive from the Recorder-in-Chief all moneys belonging to the Commandery-in-Chief, and receipt therefore. Section 6. The Chancellor-in-Chief shall welcome, via a letter, each new Companion into the Order, issue a membership card and membership rosette, and perform such other duties that are described in the <i>Commandery-in-Chief Officers and Committees Job Descriptions</i>, which are made part of the By-Laws, are subject to change only through the By-Laws amendment process, and are incorporated herein by reference. Section 19. In addition to the Executive and Auditing Committees, there shall be the following Standing National Committees:</p>	<p>ARTICLE II OFFICERS Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Recorder-in-Chief to: b. Collect all moneys due the Commandery-in-Chief; Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer-in-Chief to: a. Receive from the Recorder-in-Chief all moneys belonging to the Commandery-in-Chief, and receipt therefore. Section 6. The Chancellor-in-Chief shall welcome, via a letter, each new Companion into the Order, issue a membership card and membership rosette, and perform such other duties that are described in the <i>Commandery-in-Chief Officers and Committees Job Descriptions</i>, which are made part of the By-Laws, are subject to change only through the By-Laws amendment process, and are incorporated herein by reference. Section 19. In addition to the Executive and Auditing Committees, there shall be the following Standing National Committees:</p>	<p>Changes bring language into compliance with current practice.</p> <p>Transfers responsibility for distribution of membership rosettes to the state Commandery.</p> <p>Transfer stricken committees to Special</p>

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<p>Nominating, Finance and Budget, Membership, Constitution and By- Laws, History, Historic and Preservation Grants, Lincoln Death Day Observance, National Meetings, Internet, and Fraternal Relations.</p>	<p>Nominating, Finance and Budget, Membership, Constitution and By- Laws, History, Historic and Preservation Grants, Lincoln Death Day Observance, National Meetings, Internet, and Fraternal Relations.</p>	<p>National Committee status, which may be considered necessary or advisable from time to time and may be created and the members of which shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.</p>
<p>ARTICLE IV ORDER OF BUSINESS The order of business at all meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be as follows: 1. Meeting called to order and quorum noted; 2. Invocation; 3. Pledge of Allegiance; 4. Reading of the Preamble and Principles of the Order; 5. Roll Call of Officers and Commanderies; 6. Reading of the Minutes of the last stated and all subsequent meetings, 7. Elected Officer Reports; 8. Appointed Officer Reports; 9. Standing Committee Reports; 10. Special Committee Reports; 11. Report of Loyal Legion Memorial Fund Trust; 12. Commandery Reports; 13. Old Business; 14. New Business; 15. Election of Officers (National Congresses only); 16. Investiture of Officers (National Congresses only); 17. Adjournment.</p>	<p>ARTICLE IV ORDER OF BUSINESS The order of business at all meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be as follows: 1. Meeting called to order and quorum noted; 2. Invocation; 3. Pledge of Allegiance; 4. Reading of the Preamble and Principles of the Order; 5. Roll Call of Officers and Commanderies; 6. Reading of the Minutes of the last stated and all subsequent meetings, 7. Elected Officer Reports; 8. Appointed Officer Reports; 9. Standing Committee Reports; 10. Special Committee Reports; 11. Report of Loyal Legion Memorial Fund Trust; 12. Commandery Reports; 13. Old Business; 14. New Business; 15. Election of Officers (Annual National Congresses only); 16. Investiture of Officers (Annual National Congresses only); 17. Adjournment.</p>	<p>Aligns language with constitution.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS No alteration, addition or amendment to these By-Laws shall be considered unless its wording has been communicated to all Commanderies at least 60 days before the Commandery-in-Chief meeting at which it is to be acted on; and no such alteration, addition or amendment shall become effective unless agreed to by the</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS No alteration, addition or amendment to these By-Laws shall be considered unless its wording has been communicated to all Commanderies at least 60 days before the annual Commandery-in-Chief meeting at which it is to be acted on; and no such alteration, addition or amendment shall become effective unless</p>	<p>Aligns language with constitution.</p>

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<p>Commandery-in-Chief by a vote of a majority of the Commanderies represented.</p>	<p>agreed to by the Commandery-in-Chief by a vote of a majority of the Commanderies represented. Amendments to Job Descriptions may be made by majority vote of the Board of Officers so long as the change in language does not alter other Articles and/or Sections of the Bylaws.</p>	<p>Provides that the <u>Board of Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief</u> may also amend job descriptions.</p>

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