



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I

Name and Purpose

Sec. I. The name of the Organization shall be the;

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

OF

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA.

Sec. 2. The purpose of the organization shall be to further and stimulate interest in the military history of the United States, particular with reference to the Civil War.

Article II

Officers and Duties

Sec. 1. The organization shall have the following named officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall also have an Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. President: The President shall be elected for a term of one year, or until his successor has been elected; he shall not succeed himself in office. It shall be his duty to preside at all meetings of the organization and Executive Committee. He shall, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint the chairman and members of all special committees.

Sec. 3. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall be elected for a term of one year, or until his successor has been elected; he shall not succeed himself in office. In the absence of the President, for any reason, he shall perform the duties of the President; also any special duties assigned to him by the President.

Sec. 4. Secretary: The Secretary shall be elected for a term of one year. Or until his successor has been elected; it shall be his duty to keep the minutes and the roll of the organization, including the minutes of the Executive Committee, send out notices of all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee, and carry on all correspondence.

Sec. 5. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year or until his successor has been elected; it shall be his duty to keep a record of all financial transactions, receipts and disbursements, to collect all dues and other assessments, and to make payment there from of all duly approved expenses.

Article III

Executive Committee

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the organization, and four other members of the organization, in addition to the immediate past-president. The four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the other duly elected officers, immediately following the annual election of officers, and to serve for a term of one year, or until their successors have been duly appointed.

Sec. 2. Meetings: The Executive committee shall meet at the call of the President, or upon call of a majority of its members. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Duties: It shall be the duty of the Committee to arrange all meetings of the organization; to approve all financial transactions; to act on all proposals for membership in the organization; and to perform all other acts necessary for the preservation, prestige, and well-being of the organization. It can delegate certain of its duties to special committees except those dealing with fiscal matters and the approval of membership applications.

Article IV

Sec. 1 The organization shall have such special committees as the President may see fit to appoint from time to time, with the approval of the Executive Committee, such committees shall serve until relieved by the President, or until the end of his term of office. Members of the special committees may be appointed from the membership of the Executive Committee.

Article V

Sec. 1. The fiscal year shall run from July 1st to June 30th.

Article VI

Membership and Dues

Sec. 1. Membership in this organization is open to any adult interested in Civil War history and preservation whose dues are paid for the current fiscal year at the time of the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec. 2. From this date, each person proposed for membership will be sponsored by an active member of the organization, who shall submit the name of the proposed member in writing, together with the sum of the annual dues, to an officer of the organization, or directly to the Executive Committee, which latter shall pass upon all applications for membership. A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall be required for the approval of an application for membership.

Sec. 3. Annual dues for membership in the organization shall be fixed by the Executive Committee, and shall be due and payable on July 1st in advance for the ensuing

year. There shall be no abatement or apportionment of annual dues as noted in Section 4 of this Article.

Sec. 4. Dues for new members admitted to the organization between the dates of April 1st and June 30th shall be considered as paid not alone for the last quarter of the current fiscal year, but the entire subsequent fiscal year, beginning July 1st following.

Sec. 5. A member may be dropped for non-payment of dues, or expelled for conduct prejudicial to the prestige and general welfare of the organization, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 6. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: The organization may maintain an Honorary Membership Roll. Honorary members shall comprise such persons as have rendered signal honor or service to the organization. Election to honorary membership shall be by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, and shall continue for the current year. The Newly-Elected Executive Committee may, at its first meeting, renew honorary membership for the forthcoming year. Honorary members shall pay no dues; neither shall they vote at organization meetings.

Article VII

Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. The annual meeting of the organization, including the election of officer and appointments of members of the Executive Committee, shall be held at the May indoor meeting of the organization.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall appoint, in advance of the meeting, a nominating committee, whose duty it shall be to submit nominations for all officers at the annual meeting. In addition to the nominees presented by the nominating committee, nominations for all officers may be made from the floor. Nominees receiving a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting shall be elected to the respective office.

Sec. 3. Only active members can vote at the annual meeting. An active member is one whose dues are paid for the current fiscal year.

Article VIII

Policies and Procedures

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee shall determine policies, procedures, and official pronouncements of the organization. Members desiring to introduce resolutions bearing upon such matters will first submit the same in writing to the Executive Committee for its approval.

Sec. 2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern at all meetings, either of the organization or the Executive Committee, though it be the intention that meetings be as to be as informal as proper decorum permits.

Article IX

Amendments

Sec. 1. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended, or substituted for in entirety, by a two-thirds majority vote of all active members present at any meeting, provided written notice of the proposed changes have been furnished to the membership at least two weeks in advance of the meeting at which the changes are to be acted upon.

Amendment 1 Enacted September, 2007 by 2/3 of the attending membership at the September meeting that:

The payment of dues be standardized for all members, with all dues payable at the beginning of our Program Year in September. All new members will have their dues pro-rated for the remaining calendar year.

Amendment 2 Proposed in January 2010 The Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table of Fredericksburg proposed that the organization's By-Laws be amended to admit women, an action which would require changes to three sections of Article VI- Membership and Dues, to read as follows:

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Article VI, Section 6: HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: The organization may maintain an Honorary Membership Roll. Honorary members shall comprise such persons as have rendered signal honor or service to the organization. Election to honorary membership shall be by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, and shall continue for the current year. The Newly-Elected Executive Committee may, at its first meeting, renew honorary membership for the forthcoming year. Honorary members shall pay no dues; neither shall they vote at organization meetings.