

Constitution of the Kansas Division
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
As
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Mine Creek Battlefield, Linn County, Kansas
And Amended through Convention, June 17th, 2006

Preamble

In the name of a re-united country, the Sons of Confederate Veterans declare the following purposes:
An unquestioned allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America, largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties: a strict construction of all sections conferring power upon the Federal Government and the implied and understood reservations to the States arising therefrom and a general attitude of opposition to further amendment thereof. We adhere to the principles of the Great Charter of England granted at Runnymede, 1215. A.D., and the Anglo-Saxon rights and personal liberties transmitted to us thereunder; to associate in one united, compact body all men of Confederate ancestry and to cultivate, perpetuate and sanctify the ties of fraternity and friendship entailed thereby: to aid and encourage the recording and teaching with impartiality of all Southern history and achievement from Jamestown to this present era, seeing to it especially that the events of the War Between the States are authentically and clearly written and that all documents, relics and mementos produced and handed down by the active participants therein are properly treasured and preserved for posterity; to comfort and assist needy Sons of Confederate Veterans, their wives, widows and orphans; to urge, aid and assist in the erection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, military, and civil, wherever found. particularly stressing that of our heroic Confederate ancestors who, by their sacrifice, perpetuated unto us and our descendants that glorious heritage of valor, chivalry and honor which we now hold and venerate; and to instill in 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.

Therefore, we, the representatives of the Camps, in Convention, do adopt, ordain and establish this Constitution as amended on June 18, 2005.

Article I Title

Section 1. The Camps in the State of Kansas shall be known as the Kansas Division.

Section 2. Vacant.

Article II Nature

Section 1. Kansas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be strictly patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian. Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding.

Section 2. Discussion of matters that appertain to a political party, whether specifically identified or identified by implication, during meetings of the Confederation or any of its subdivisions is strictly prohibited. Nothing in this Constitution, however, shall be construed to abridge or prohibit the adoption or advocacy of positions that are concerned with the general welfare of the United States of America or its national security nor to abridge or prohibit the expressions of the mind of the Members of the Kansas

Division in such matters by the adoption of resolutions or petitioning the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government, provided that there is no identification, specific or implied, with any political party.

Article III Organization

Section 1. The several constituted bodies of the Kansas Division shall be as follows:

- a. Into organizations, known as Camps, each Camp to have a name and be assigned a number upon admittance, and
- b. Into subdivisions of States, to be known as Brigades.

Section 2. The rules of procedure for all Division, Brigade and Camp functions shall be those set forth in the newest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except wherein they may be superseded by a constitution or other rules adopted by the Division, Brigade or Camp.

Article IV Eligibility

Section 1. All male descendants, lineal or collateral, 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 retired or discharged, shall be eligible for membership in the Camp, provided that no member shall be admitted under twelve years of age.

Section 2. No one shall be admitted to membership in any Camp until satisfactory proof of the foregoing qualifications are submitted in triplicate on official blank application prepared for that purpose. The original shall be carefully preserved and forwarded to International Headquarters within ten days for recording and permanent preservation. The Camp shall keep a duplicate copy of all membership application forms. It is hereby expressly provided that all Camps shall, as far as practical, bring together, on similar blanks, the records of all members admitted prior to the adoption of this provision, one copy for the Camp and the other for International Headquarters.

Section 3. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is membership in the General Organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans by affiliation with Camps.

Section 4. Membership in the Kansas Division shall be of five kinds:

- a. Active membership in one of the named Camps in the State of Kansas as hereinafter set forth.
- b. Compatriots who are Life Members may be Members in Kansas Camps.
- c. Real Son Life Membership, having submitted proof of membership qualifications and lineage. Real Son Life Membership shall be bestowed along with all rights and privileges attendant within the Camp through which membership is held. Further, Real Sons shall be exempt from payment of all recording fees, per capita taxes, and dues at the National, Division and Camp levels.
- d. Memorial Memberships for individuals who would otherwise qualify for membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans but who are deceased. These memberships will follow the guidelines in the SCV National Constitution.
- e. Cadet Membership for individuals less than 12 years of age who are otherwise eligible for full membership. Cadets will be non-voting, non-dues paying members. Cadets may not hold elected office in the Camp, Brigade, or Division. Cadets may serve as Aide-de-Camp to any officer in the Division.

Section 5. The language of the Preamble to the contrary notwithstanding, no member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who is not a citizen of the United States of America, shall be required to pledge or declare allegiance to the Constitution or Government of the United States of America.

Section 6. All officers of the Kansas Division must be members in good-standing within a camp of the Kansas Division for enumeration and representation. Any member of the SCV who is not a valid, enumerated member of a Camp within the Kansas Division is ineligible for election into any office in the Division. All members who have held elected office in the Kansas Division will be entitled to all honors of their past service.

Section 7: Officers of the Kansas Division are not required to maintain residence in the state of Kansas. All elected officers of the Kansas Division must be members in good standing, and enumerated in a camp within the state of Kansas.

Article V Division Convention

Section 1. The legislative body of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be the Kansas Division Convention. The Division Convention shall convene as directed by the Division Commander.

Section 2.

(a) The Division Commander or two-thirds of the members Division Executive Council may convene the Division in special meeting for any emergency that the convening authority, in its discretion, deems sufficient.

(b) The Division Commander shall convene the division in special meeting at the request of a majority of the camps in the division.

A special meeting may not be convened until fourteen days after notice has been given to every member of the Division Executive Council.

Section 3. At all meetings Members shall address each other as "Compatriots."

Section 4. The Division Convention shall be called to order by the Commander of the Camp where the meeting is held (if appropriate). The Division Commander will welcome Members, and local dignitaries as appropriate. The Division Chaplain will give the Invocation, followed by the Pledge to the United States Flag and the Salute to the Confederate Flag. The Adjutant shall call the roll of the Division Camps and based upon the number of Camps, which are present, it will be determined if there is a quorum.

Section 5. Every Compatriot in the Division in good standing will be privileged to attend Division meetings.

Section 6. The rules of procedure for the Division Convention shall be those set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except wherein they may be altered by the Convention.

Section 7. A quorum shall exist at the Kansas Division Convention when one-third (1/3) of all Camps are represented as provided above.

Article VI General Orders

Section 1. At the regular Division Convention in odd-numbered years, the Division shall elect a Division Commander and a Division Lieutenant Commander. The Division Commander shall appoint the following Officers to be members of the Division Staff: Chief of Staff, Division Inspector, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chaplain, Historian, Quartermaster and such assistants and aides as he may deem necessary.

Section 2.

- (a) Division and brigade officers elected at a Division Convention take office upon the adjournment of the Division convention at which they were elected.
- (a) Elected division and brigade officers shall serve until they resign, they are removed from office or their successors are chosen and qualified.
- (a) Appointed division and brigade officers shall serve until they resign, they are removed from office or the next Commander is elected and qualified.

Section 3. The Division Commander shall publish a code of conduct for the officers of the Kansas Division. These orders shall be, in the assessment of the Division Commander, the necessary minimum standards for the appropriate behavior of all officers who are members of the Division Executive Committee, and Division Staff Officers. This Code of Conduct will be published in General Order format and notice provided to the Division Executive Committee. Failure of any member of the staff, or by any member of the Division Executive Committee to abide by the code of conduct may result in appropriate disciplinary action by the Division Commander as authorized by this Constitution.

Sections 4 through 9. Vacant.

Article VII Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Division Commander shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Kansas Division with full responsibility to enforce the provisions of the Kansas Division Constitution, and to this effect he may issue all necessary orders. He shall be Chairman of the Kansas Division Convention and the Division Executive Council and shall decide all questions of law, order and usage. He shall be empowered to act for the good of the Division, as circumstances, in his judgement, may require, in cases not provided for by this Constitution, subject in all such decisions and acts to appeal to the Division Convention. Vacancies occurring among Division officers, except that of Division Lieutenant Commander shall filled by the Division Commander. During the interim between Division Conventions, the Division Commander shall have full charge of the conduct of the affairs of the Division. He shall appoint all necessary committees, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 2. The Division Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Division Commander in the absence of the Division Commander, and in case of the death or resignation of the Division Commander, shall become Division Commander for the unexpired term. The Division Lieutenant Commander shall assist the Division Commander in the performance of his duties as directed by the Division Commander. He shall be member of the Staff of the Division Commander

Section 3. In the event that the Division Lieutenant Commander succeeds to the office of Division Commander, he shall immediately request that a Nominating Committee be appointed, and a nominee is provided to the Division Executive Council for consideration. The Compatriot chosen by the Division Executive Council will then be appointed to the position of Lieutenant Commander to complete the term.

Section 4. Vacant.

Section 5. The Division Adjutant shall be charged with the administration of the policies and mandates of the Division Convention, the Division Executive Council and of the Division Commander. He shall keep correct records of the proceedings of the Division Executive Council and the Division Convention. The Division Adjutant shall maintain a roster of the Division Staff, Brigade and Camp Officers, and a roll of the Camps; conduct the correspondence for the Division; issue necessary orders under the direction of the Division Commander. The Division Adjutant shall make a report on the condition of the Division treasury when called for by the Division Commander. The Division Adjutant shall make a report to each Division

Convention, showing the work performed by his office, and the conditions and prospects of the Kansas Division, with such recommendations as he may deem proper.

Section 6. Vacant.

Section 7. The Division Chief of Staff shall be responsible for carrying out the orders of the Division Commander, for supervising the organization and proper functioning of the Division, as well as coordinating the work of the Division Staff. He shall, under the direction of the Division Commander, issue general and special orders and instructions as required, and perform other such duties as may be assigned to him by the Commander, while carrying on the normal functions generally assumed by a Chief of Staff. At each Division Convention he shall make an annual report on the condition and functioning of the Division, together with such recommendations as he may deem proper.

Section 8. The Quartermaster shall set standards and establish the requirements for the accommodations of the Division Convention. He shall advise and consult with the Commander(s) of the Host Camp(s) with regard to the satisfactory completion of the arrangements, and perform such other duties as the Division Commander may direct.

Section 9. The Division Inspector shall prescribe the form of blanks to be used for the inspection of Camps, and with the approval of the Division Commander give such special instructions as may be deemed necessary. He shall have charge of all investigations ordered for infractions of the Constitution by the Camps, or for conduct of any Camp or individual referred to him by the Division Commander, and may present a report to the Division Convention.

Section 10. The Division Surgeon shall perform the duties properly appertaining to his office, and may present at the Division Convention a report or paper on matters pertaining to the medical and surgical branch of the Division.

Section 11. The Division Judge Advocate shall advise the Division Officers and the Division Executive Council on all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the Division Constitution, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. He may present at the Division Convention a report and a paper on the history of his Office, as appropriate.

Section 12. The Division Chaplain shall open and close with prayer the Division Conventions and other meetings, and perform such divine and non-sectarian services as may be necessary in connection with the office. He shall present to the Division Convention a written report or paper upon the matters relating to his Office, as appropriate.

Section 13. The Division Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest for the Kansas Division, and shall compile during his term of office a complete history of the year's activities. He shall also assist Camp Historians so as to coordinate and unify the work of these officials, and shall have such other duties as the Division Executive Council shall prescribe.

Article VIII Division Executive Council

Section I. The Division. Executive Council.

- a. Between Division Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the Division Executive Council
- b. The Division Executive Council shall consist of the Division Commander, the Division Lieutenant Commander, the Division Chief of Staff, the Division Adjutant, the Division Judge Advocate, the Brigade Commanders and all Camp Commanders.

Section 2. The Division Executive Council shall be charged with the performance of the duties not elsewhere prescribed in the Constitution, and shall have all other necessary powers in the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Division, not especially delegated to or made a part of the duties of some other official or committee.

Section 3. Vacant.

Section 4. Vacant.

Section 5. The Division Executive Council shall meet at the place of the Division Convention within twenty four hours after the final adjournment thereof, thereafter, the Division Commander shall call a meeting at such time as may seem to him proper or upon the written request of three members of said Council.

Section 6. The Division Executive Council may, upon unanimous consent of its members, take action without calling a special meeting

Section 7. All questions affecting the election, eligibility and conduct of the Division and Brigade Officers, except as hereinafter provided, shall be referred to and determined by the Division Executive Council, which shall be the final authority thereon.

Section 8. Vacant.

Section 9. Membership discipline.

- a. The Division Commander may discipline any member of the division for just cause. This discipline may include censure, reprimand, or suspension from duty.
- b. The Division Executive Council may hear appeals from members or officers, which have been disciplined by Camps or the Division Commander.
- c. The Division Executive Council may discipline any member of the Kansas Division for just cause. Discipline may include punishment up to and including expulsion from membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
- d. Division and brigade officers may be removed from office upon the vote of two-thirds of the Division Executive Council.

Section 10. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the Division Executive Council.

Article IX Divisions and Brigades

Section 1. The Camps in the State of Kansas Division shall be organized by Brigades.

- a. Camps located north of a line connecting the town of New Lancaster (on the Kansas-Missouri border) westward to Emporia, to Great Bend thence west to the Kansas Colorado border, will be called the Border Brigade.
- b. Camps located south of the above mentioned line will be known as the Indian Brigade.

Sections 2 through 8. Vacant

Section 9. Vacant.

Article X Division Organization

Section 1. The Kansas Division shall hold annually a convention of the Camps. The time and place to be fixed by the preceding Division Convention or by the Division Commander. The Division Commander shall give the Commander of his Department, the Commander-in-Chief and the Camps of his Division at least thirty days written notice of the time and place of the annual Division Convention.

Section 2. The Division Convention shall elect a Division Commander, a Lieutenant Division Commander and Brigade Commanders to serve for a period of two years.

Section 3. Division Commanders shall appoint a Division Staff in accordance with Division Officers named in Article VII.

Section 4. The fiscal year of the Kansas Division shall be the same as the Confederation. All Division officers hereafter elected shall begin their term of office immediately after the adjournment of the convention following their election, and shall serve until their successors are chosen and qualify, provided that the time of taking office shall be arranged so as to give all officers of the Division an opportunity to attend one convention of the General Organization.

Section 5. The Division Commander shall command the Kansas Division. He shall apply his efforts in organizing Kansas into Camps; and he shall be careful to have all the requirements of the Constitution strictly complied with in the formation of Camps; be intermediary in their relation with General and Department Headquarters, and see to the execution of all orders received therefrom; assist the Department Commanders by counsel or otherwise. He shall promptly transmit to General and Department Headquarters copies of all general and special orders, and all circulars, circular letters and other literature, which may be issued by them.

Section 6. in the event the Kansas Division has elected a Division Commander who fails to hold an annual Division Convention or to elect a successor in case the Division Convention is held, a vacancy shall be deemed to exist which may be filled in like manner as other vacancies.

Section 7. The Kansas Division shall be subdivided into Brigades as shall be deemed advisable by the Division Convention. Brigade Commanders shall be elected by the Camps in each Brigade when other Division Officers are elected. Each Brigade Commander may appoint an Adjutant to assist him in his work and other staff members to assist him in his work.

Section 8. Vacant

Section 9. The Division may levy_ additional fees and/or per capita tax upon Members of the Division to meet internal expenses.

Section 10. Vacant.

Article XI Camp Organization

Section 1. Seven or more persons in possession of the prescribed eligibility qualifications may make

application upon blanks furnished by International Headquarters to the Division Commander for permission to form a Camp.

Section 2. When the application for charter of the applying Camp has been examined and found to be correct, the application will be endorsed by the Division Commander and forwarded to Headquarters.

Sections 3 and 4. Vacant.

Section 5. It is recommended that all Camps hold regular meetings at least once each month.

Section 6. In the business and work of Camps, all the books, blanks and forms used shall be of such form and style as may be prescribed by International Headquarters.

Section 7. On enumerating active members of Camps for representation, none shall be counted who are thus enumerated in another Camp of the Confederation. Membership in more than one Camp is not forbidden, but no Compatriot shall be borne on the rolls of more than one Camp for the purposes of enumeration and representation. When a Compatriot is a member of more than one Camp, he shall elect in which one he will be enrolled for representation.

Section 8. Each Camp shall elect the following officers: a Commander, a Lieutenant Commander, an Adjutant, and a Treasurer, provided that, if the Camp prefers, the Adjutant may be appointed by the Commander. The Adjutant may also serve as the Treasurer. Additional officers may be appointed or elected as desired.

Section 9. Camp officers shall be elected to serve for a period of one year or, following the precedent set by International Headquarters, to serve for two years, taking office in the month of January, and they shall continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 10. All Camps will be permitted to retain their local and state organizations, and they shall have the full enjoyment of the right to govern themselves, provided that they shall be subject to this Constitution and amendments thereof.

Section 11. Camp officers shall have their duties defined by the Constitution of the Camps that create them, provided the duties so defined not be in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution or the National Constitution.

Section 12. No Camp shall take part or vote in Division Convention unless said Camp is in good standing with the General Confederation and has paid the recording fees and per capita tax on all its members prescribed by this Constitution or the General Confederation; and provided further, that it has paid the per capita tax, dues and fees levied upon Camps by the Division Convention.

Section 13. Camps in arrears for four months in payment of recording fees and per capita taxes upon its members to the General Confederation (or dues levied by the Division) shall be classed as delinquent and six months arrearage shall automatically impose suspension from all privileges of the Confederation.

Section 14. Vacant.

Article XII Annual Reports

Section 1. Each Camp Commander shall make an annual report, in triplicate, utilizing forms furnished by International Headquarters, giving such information as may be required by the General Executive Council. Reports must be submitted by July 1, one copy forwarded to the Division Commander, one copy to the Brigade Commander and the other copy to International Headquarters. The report will include a Camp roster and payment of any per capita taxes not previously submitted. In addition, at his discretion, the Camp Commander may submit a Final report at the expiration of the term of his office.

Section 2. The Division Commander shall make an annual report, in duplicate, using forms furnished by International Headquarters, giving such information as may be required by the General Executive Council. Reports must be submitted by July 15, one copy mailed to the Army Commander of the Department in which the Division is located, the other to International Headquarters. At his discretion the Division Commander may submit a final report at the expiration of his office.

Section 3. Vacant.

Article XIII Finance

Section 1. The revenue for the Kansas Division shall be derived from per capita taxes and from other sources as may be approved by the Division Executive Council.

Section 2. A yearly per capita tax shall be paid by each member of the Kansas Division. The amount shall be determined annually by the Division Convention.

Sections 3 and 4. Vacant.

Section 5. The fiscal year of the Division shall be from the end of one Division Convention to the end of the next Division Convention.

Section 6. All Camps are requested to forward to International Headquarters ten (10) days prior to the General Convention of the Confederation, a supplementary report, including all new members or dues collected since the July 1 annual report.

Section 7. A proposed annual budget shall be annually approved by the Division Executive Council.

Section 8. An audit of Division funds shall be made at the discretion of the Division Executive Council.

Articles XIV Penalties, Charters, Suspensions, Etc.

Section 1. Suspension of charter of a Camp shall not affect membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans of Compatriots of such Camp, nor impair their tenure of office or eligibility as officers therein during such suspension.

Section 2. If any Camp shall fail to pay annual dues on at least seven members for two consecutive years, the Camp Charter shall be suspended. The Charter may be reinstated upon the payment to the Division and the General Organization.

Section 3. Any Camp failing to meet the obligations imposed upon it by this Constitution, allowing political or religious discussions, or taking any such actions therein, or ceasing function for two years in succession as a Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp, or refusing to pay the per capita tax and other fees due in the Division or General Organization, or doing an act repugnant to this Constitution or detrimental to the

objects and purposes of the Confederation shall, upon order of the Division Executive Council and the General Executive Council, surrender its charter. Upon failure to surrender such charter, immediate steps may be taken for its revocation.

Section 4. Reinstatement for suspension shall take effect immediately upon receipt by the Division Commander of evidence of the removal of the suspended Camp of its cause of suspension.

Section 5. Vacant.

Section 6. Camps six months in arrears in per capita taxes or Division dues shall ipso facto stand suspended upon the books and records of the Confederation, and shall thereafter be carried upon the rolls and published in the minutes as suspended Camps. Upon payment of all arrearages and penalties such Camps shall be restored to the active roll.

Section 7. Any camp whose charter has been suspended or revoked shall not be entitled to any rights and privileges of the Division or the Confederation. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be denied all benefits of membership pending the removal of factors that caused the suspension. The Division Commander is charged with the duty of working with the Camp or member to remove the factors that necessitated the suspension.

Sections 8 through 10. Vacant.

Article XV Discipline of Members

Section 1. Each Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of this Constitution and the National Constitution.

Section 2. Members may be suspended or expelled from the Sons of Confederate Veterans only upon a proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the commission of an act repugnant to this Constitution; provided, that at least two weeks notice of such proposed action shall have been given to such members by registered mail, and that the member is given an opportunity to be heard.

Section 3. Any member who has been suspended or expelled has the right of appeal to the Division Executive Council and the General Executive Council. A member expelled by a Camp is ineligible for membership in any other Camp of this Confederation.

Section 4. Members in arrears four months in payment of dues shall be classed as delinquent, and six months arrearages shall automatically impose suspension from all privileges. Suspended members may be reinstated to full membership upon payment to the International Headquarters of a reinstatement fee of \$5.00 and payment of all current dues payable.

Section 5. The members of the Division Executive Committee and Division staff officers shall abide by the code of Conduct published by the Division Commander and approved by the Division Executive Committee. The Code of Conduct will be in General Order format. Any member of the Division Executive Committee, or Division staff that violates the terms and conditions of the code of conduct may be disciplined by the Division Commander as he deems appropriate as prescribed in this Constitution. Members punished by the Division Commander may appeal the discipline to the Division Executive Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee. The Division Executive Committee will be the final judge of all discipline administered by the Division Commander.

Section 6. Division staff officers appointed by the Division Commander serve at the pleasure of the Division Commander. Any staff officer disciplined by the Division Commander and relieved of his duties will immediately surrender all Division property or claim to a continuance of the title of the office which they held. Relief by the Division Commander is not subject to review by the Division Executive Committee. The Division Commanders decision in the appointment or relief of the members of his staff to which he is entitled to appoint is final and not reviewable.

Section 7. Any officer disciplined by the Division Commander and suspended from duty is ineligible to remain as a member of the Division Executive Committee until such time as the causes of the suspension are removed. Any officer of the Division who willingly and deliberately disregards the code of conduct of the Kansas Division, or inappropriately distributes the internal business, forwards material intended only for use by members of the Executive Committee, or disrupts the good order and discipline of the Division

may be suspended by the Division Commander from a seat on the committee. The Officer will remain suspended until such time as the member is willing to abide by Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates the proper respect for the trust placed in them as an officer of the Kansas Division..

Article XVI Prohibitions

Section 1. No discussion of religious subjects, nor any discussion of political subjects that are identifiable with a political party, nor any endorsement of aspirants for political office, nor any political action except as set forth in Article 11, Section 2, shall be permitted in any organization of the Kansas Division or the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 2. No debts shall be contracted by Members except upon approval of the Division Executive Council.

Section 3. No assessment shall be levied upon Division members other than flu per capita tax, except by resolution of the Division Convention.

Section 4. The use of the seal, badges or name of this Division for business or advertising purposes and the giving of its badges to persons unauthorized to wear them are emphatically prohibited.

Section 5. Military titles used in the Confederate Army or Navy shall not be given to or used by members or officers of this Division by reason of their being such members or officers.

Section 6. No one can be elected or appointed an officer of this Division, unless he is a member in good standing of one of the Camps in the Kansas Division.

Section 7. No legal action against or on behalf of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, its officers and/or members shall be undertaken or entered into by any member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in which that member proposes to act as a representative or agent of the sons of Confederate Veterans without prior approval of the Division Executive Council and the General Executive Council. Guidelines for legal action are outlined in the National Constitution.

Article XVII Seal Badges Memorial Day, Etc.

Section 1. The seal of the Confederation shall be a medal of the same dimensions as that of the "United Confederate Veterans." Reproducing the great seal of the Confederate States of America, bearing the words "SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, Richmond, Virginia, July 1, 1896," inscribed between the wreath and margin; it shall be kept in the custody of the Adjutant-in-Chief of the SCV.

Section 2. The badge of this Confederation shall be a square three-quarters of an inch across, the center to contain the Battle Flag of the Confederacy, one-half inch square, enameled in its proper colors; on each of the four sides of the flag shall be painted bars one-eighth of an inch wide, and one-half of an inch long, and to contain, beginning at the left, the title of the organization, arranged in three equal divisions, and the date, "1896," on the bottom bar; the letters to be in gold, bars to be in white, with a narrow gold rim around the edges. The badges shall be ordered through the Adjutant-in-Chief of the SCV.

Section 3. A neat, inexpensive button, bearing a representation of the foregoing, may be provided by the Commander-in-Chief and furnished to the members at as low a price as possible.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of every Commander of every Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to call a meeting of his respective Camp upon the days appointed by the civil authorities for the commemoration of any Confederate soldier, sailor or statesman, and to commemorate such day by appropriate services.

Section 5. The Confederation shall observe, with proper solemnity, all Confederate Memorial Days, whether designated by civil authority or local custom.

Section 6. The official flag of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans shall be the Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America.

Article XVIII Committees

Section 1. There shall be four standing committees, appointed by the Division Commander upon his election, to consist of one member from each Camp, as follows:

- a. Historical Committee, which shall have charge of all matters relating to the literary and historical purposes of this Division;
- e. Relief Committee, which shall have charge of all matters relating to relief, pensions, homes and other benevolent purposes of this Division;
- f. Monument Committee, which shall have charge of all matters relating to monuments, graves And the Division's objectives and purposes in these respects; and
- d. Finance Committee, which shall verify accounts of the Division Treasurer, and attend to such other matters of finance as may be referred to it.

Section 2. The committees may subdivide themselves for purposes of facilitating their labors, and shall keep a record of their meetings, make reports annually, or more often, if required by the Division Commander and shall turn over their record to the Division Adjutant at the expiration of their term of office.

Section 3. Special committees may be appointed by the Division Commander as he deems necessary, and shall be appointed by him when so ordered by the Division Convention or by the Division Executive Council.

Section 4. There shall be a committee known as the Credentials Committee. The members of the Committee, which shall include the Division Adjutant, shall be appointed prior the commencement of Registration at the Division Convention. There shall be not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members of the Committee. There shall be sufficient members of the Committee to be present at the Registration desk at the Division Convention at all times during the published times of Registration. This Committee shall receive the Credential forms from the Camps at Registration for the Division Convention, verify the Credentials by report of the Division Adjutant, arrange the roll of the Division Convention. This report shall be signed by the committee and handed to the Division Commander. After the approval of this report, the meeting shall proceed to business. The Credentials Committee shall have charge of the process of balloting for officers when elections occur in accordance with this Constitution.

Section 5. All committees shall meet when called by their chairman. Standing committees shall make written annual reports and recommendations to the Division Convention. Special committees shall submit written reports to the Division Commander as soon as they have performed the duties assigned them.

Article XIX Representation, Delegates and Voting

Section 1. Voting for Division Officers.

- a. Qualifications and a biographical sketch of candidates seeking the office of Division Commander and Division Lieutenant Commander will be published in the Division Newsletter 90 days before the annual Division Convention.

- b. Qualifications and a biographical sketch of candidates seeking the officer of Brigade Commander will be published in the Division Newsletter 90 days before the annual Division Convention.
- c. Each member of the Kansas Division will have one vote that he may cast for the Division Commander and one vote he may cast for the Division Lieutenant Commander. Ballots will be published in the Division Newsletter 90 days before the annual Division Convention.
- d. Members of Camps in each Brigade will elect a Brigade Commander for their Brigade. Each Member of a brigade will have one vote he may cast for the Brigade Commander.
- e. Members will give the Camp Adjutant their ballot for the Division Commander, Division Lieutenant Commander and Brigade Commanders 60 days before the annual Division Convention. The Camp Adjutant will verify that each member casting a vote is in good standing.
- e. Members who are not able to attend a Camp meeting will receive a ballot in the Kansas Division Newsletter and mail their ballot to the Camp Adjutant 60 days before the annual Division Convention. The Camp Adjutants will advise the Division Adjutant of the number of votes for each candidate. If a runoff is required, that is, one candidate does not receive a majority of votes, then the Camp Adjutants will mail revised ballots showing the two candidates who placed one and two on the first ballot. Members will vote for one candidate and return the ballots to the Camp Adjutant. Again the results will be passed to the Division Adjutant.
- f. Each Camp will select a Delegate who will attend the Division Convention. The Delegate will carry the ballots to the Division Convention.
- g. Members will have the option to write in candidates of their choice for Division Commander, Division Lieutenant Commander and Brigade Commanders on the ballot.
- h. The Division Adjutant will establish procedures to ensure the integrity, security and validity of the ballots. For purposes of accountability, ballots will be assigned individual numbers.

Section 2. Voting in the Division Convention for matters other than voting for Division Officers.

- a. Agenda items will be published in the Kansas Division Newsletter approximately 90 days prior to the annual Division Convention. This will permit Camp Members to discuss the agenda items and advise the Camp Delegate of their voting choice.

Section 3. Items that arise during a Division Convention that are of an urgent nature, and must be handled during the Division Convention, will be voted on by Members present at the Convention. The Division Commander will determine if the issue must be voted on at the Division Convention. Each Member present will have one vote.

Sections 6 through 9. Vacant.

Article XX Voting

Section 1. In all questions submitted to the meeting, other than voting for the Division Commander, Division Lieutenant Commander and the Brigade Commanders, or previously submitted agenda items, the chair shall put the question for a viva voce vote. Member present will each have one vote.

Section 2. Balloting for the Division Commander, Division Lieutenant Commander and Brigade Commanders shall be deposited by the Camp Delegates in a ballot box provided by the Division Adjutant.

Section 3.

- a. When there is but one candidate for an office, upon motion, and unanimous consent, a formal ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate can be elected by acclamation. In an election for any office for which there is more than one candidate, voting shall be by written ballot.
- b. The Division Adjutant shall verify the number of votes to be cast Members of the Division.
- c. Upon completion of the voting the Division Adjutant and one representative from each Camp will count the votes. The candidates may designate watchers to witness the counting of the votes.
- g. The results of the election shall be placed in the custody of the Division Adjutant who shall announce the results when called upon by the Division Commander.
- h. In balloting for the officers stated in Section 2 above. a majority of all votes cast shall be Necessary to elect. In any election in which a majority is not received by a candidate, the two candidates who receive the most votes shall be voted on in accordance with the procedure described herein until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

Section 4. Vacant.

Section 5. The ayes and nays may be required and entered upon record at the call of any five (5) delegates from different Camps.

Section 6. Members of the Kansas Division will be permitted to vote by ballot in any Division or Brigade election.

Section 7. Voting for all contested offices shall take place one at a time.

Article XXI Official Ladies

Section I. The Division Commander may appoint the following ladies to represent the Division for General Conventions and for other such occasions as he may deem advisable: Division Matron, Division Chaperon. Division Sponsor, and three Division Maids of Honor, provided he may make additional appoints not to exceed six ladies, who reside in the city and state where the Division Convention is held.

Section 2. Vacant.

Article XXII International Headquarters

Sections 1 and 2. Vacant.

Article XIII Commissions, Certificates, Etc.

Sections 1 and 2. Vacant.

Article XXIV Change of Residence

Section 1. Any member in good standing in a Camp removing from his Division or Camp shall be entitled to a letter from his Camp stating his membership and duration thereof.

Article XXV Dissolution Clause

Section 1. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Kansas Division will be turned over to a recipient which is then officially recognized as a tax exempt organization qualified to receive donations which are deductible by the donor under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Division Executive Council shall determine. Such distribution shall only be made after the Division Executive Council has paid or has made provision for the payment for all the liabilities of the association. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be handled by the Division Judge Advocate in accordance with current laws.

Section 2. It is the desire and intention of the Kansas Division to function at all times as an organization which is approved for exemption from Federal income taxes and which is qualified to receive donation which are deductible by the donor for income tax purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article XXVI Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any Division Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat provided that the proposed amendments shall have been sent to each Camp in good standing at least thirty days in advance of the Convention.

This Constitution was accepted by the Kansas Division in Convention on the 26th day of June 1999. And is hereby amended June 18, 2005.

Division Commander
Charles Winfred Walthall

Division Adjutant
Christopher Heath Roland

Division Lieutenant Commander
Denver Layne Erickson