

CONSTITUTION OF THE ANTHONY HALBERSTADT CHAPTER  
OF THE INDIANA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Pledge

"We, descendants of the heroes of the American revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of freedom and American democracy, and pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be: The Anthony Halberstadt Chapter of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

Section 1. The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the War, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate events of the War and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our Country and them-junctions of Washington in his Farewell Address to the American people.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility shall be as set forth in Article III of the National Constitution and membership in the Indiana Society.

Section 2. A member may be expelled for cause, upon clear charge, after a hearing by due process before the Executive Committee, with attorney, by action of said Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Chapter shall be; a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary/ Webmaster, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Historian, a Chaplain, and a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 2. The administrative affairs of this Chapter shall, except as may be otherwise provided by the By-Laws, be under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of the elected officers.

Section 3. All officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year, and they shall hold office for two (2) years and until their successors are duly installed. Any officer may be removed from office for inefficiency by two-thirds' vote of the Executive Committee, and by two-thirds' vote of the Chapter members attending the next regular meeting.

Section 4. Every member of this Chapter in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 5. The officers of the Chapter and past Chapter Presidents shall constitute the Chapter Board of Directors.

Section 6. Past Chapter Presidents shall be considered non-voting officers acting in an advisory capacity but shall not make motions or vote at Executive or Board of Director meetings.

#### ARTICLE V - ENACTMENT

Section 1. Rules and By-Laws of this Chapter shall be enacted by a simple majority vote at any regular or called meeting, provided that prior notice be given of such intent.

#### ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of the members present at any regular meeting, providing that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting of the Chapter.

This constitution was written and presented by Don Melching and Harvey Jones.

Approved at regular meeting in Decatur, Indiana

June 14, 1970.

Amended to add Assistant Secretary/ Webmaster at a regular meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana

December 1, 2018

Amended Article IV to add Section 5 and 6 at a regular meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana

June 19, 2021