



**GENERAL ANTHONY WAYNE CHAPTER  
PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
2008**

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**CONSTITUTION**

**Article I**

**Name of the Chapter**

The name of this unincorporated nonprofit organization shall be the General Anthony Wayne Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society (hereinafter referred to as the "Pennsylvania Society") of the Sons of the American Revolution, as organized at the Chapter's headquarters in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. The Chapter is subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Society and of the National Society (hereinafter referred to as the "National Society") of the Sons of the American Revolution.

**Article II**

**Objects of the Chapter**

The objects of the Chapter are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational, in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Society and the National Society. Such objects include the following:

1. 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;
2. To unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;
3. To inspire such descendants and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
4. To encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
5. To acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics and landmarks;
6. To mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials;
7. To celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the revolutionary period;
8. To foster true patriotism;
9. To preserve Revolutionary War Soldiers graves where found;

10. To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

### **Article III**

#### **Eligibility for and Classes of Membership**

Any male shall be eligible for membership in the Chapter who is a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of, American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minuteman, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or those of any one of the several Colonies or States, as a signer of the Declaration of Independence, as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; as a member of any Continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature, as a foreign national of, but not limited to, France, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland or Germany who came to North America and rendered service in the cause of American Independence or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain, *provided, however*, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

There are several classes of membership as described from time to time in the Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Society.

### **Article IV**

#### **Board of Management and Officers**

Section 4.01. The property and affairs of the Chapter and the promotion of its objects shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") which at any time shall consist of the officers of the Chapter, each member of the Chapter who shall have served as President of the Chapter and each member of the Chapter who shall at such time be serving the Pennsylvania Society or the National Society as an officer or trustee.

Section 4.02. The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, at least one Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplain and such additional officers as the Board may elect.

Section 4.03. The Board may from time to time, but shall not be required to, delegate to an Executive Committee comprised of members of the Board, elected as provided in Section 5.01 below, such powers and authority as it may determine, insofar as may be permitted by law, to act in the intervals between meetings of the Board.

Section 4.04. Vacancies in elective office may be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

**Article V**

**Meetings; Elections**

Section 5.01. The annual meeting of the Chapter shall be held as provided in the Bylaws for the election of the Chapter's officers and Executive Committee and for the transaction of general business of the Chapter. The Secretary of the Chapter shall give each member of the Chapter at least 10 days' notice of the time and place of the meeting.

Section 5.02. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called by him when directed by the Board. The Secretary of the Chapter shall give each member of the Chapter at least 10 days' notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting. Business not set forth in the notice shall not be transacted at a Special meeting.

**Article VI**

**Personal Liability of Board Members, Officers and Committee Members**

To the fullest extent that the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as in effect when this Constitution is adopted or as thereafter amended, permit elimination or limitation of the liability of officers and directors, no member of the Board or other officer or member of a committee of the Chapter shall be personally liable for monetary damages as such for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, as a member of the Board or officer or committee member of the Chapter. The board shall have power, but shall not be required, to purchase insurance for the protection of all such persons against such liability.

**Article VII**

**Amendment of the Constitution**

This Constitution may be amended at a meeting of the Chapter by the affirmative of vote of two-thirds or more of the members of the Chapter present and voting at the meeting, *provided, however*, that at least 30 days' notice of the meeting shall have been given, that each proposed amendment shall have been approved by the Board and that a copy of each proposed amendment shall have been enclosed with the notice of the meeting.

**CERTIFICATION**

As Secretary of the General Anthony Wayne Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the undersigned certifies that the Chapter's Constitution comprised of the foregoing seven articles was approved on January 12, 2008.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary      January 12, 2008

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**BYLAWS**

**BYLAW NO. 1 - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.01. Application for Membership**

An application for membership, accompanied by payment of the appropriate fee and dues as provided in Article VI, shall be submitted to the Chapter setting forth the name, occupation and residence of the applicant, his line of descent, and the name, residence and services of the ancestor or ancestors in the Revolution from whom he claims eligibility. The application shall be upon the form prescribed by the National Society, shall be endorsed by at least two members of the Chapter, and shall be approved by the Pennsylvania Society before the applicant becomes eligible for election to membership in the Chapter.

**Section 1.02. Election to Membership**

Election to membership shall be by vote of the Board of Management (hereinafter sometimes called the "Board") of the Chapter.

**Section 1.03. Classification of Members**

The membership of the Chapter shall consist of Regular Members, Regular Life Members, 35-Year Life Members, Junior Members, Dual Members and Memorial Members, all as described in Article VI below.

**Section 1.04. Designation as Compatriot**

The official designation of a member shall be "Compatriot."

**Section 1.05. Disciplining of Members**

The Board shall have power, after due hearing, to expel or discipline a member of the Chapter against whom charges have been preferred in writing by a member of the Chapter. The member aggrieved by any such action shall have the right of appeal to the next Annual Meeting of the Chapter.

**BYLAW NO. 2 - OFFICERS**

**Section 2.01. Officers**

The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a First Vice President, one or more additional Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplain, a Historian, a Chancellor and a Genealogist, all of

whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office for two years or until their successors have been elected.

No more than two offices may be held by the same person at any one time.

### **Section 2.02. The President**

The President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents in the order of their seniority, or in the absence of a Vice President a chairman pro tempore elected by the Board, shall preside at meetings of the Chapter and the Board and shall have a casting vote. The President shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer and shall enforce strict observance of the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws. He shall appoint members and chairmen of committees not otherwise provided for.

### **Section 2.03. Vice Presidents**

The Vice Presidents shall perform such duties as usually pertain to their offices and shall promote the interests and activities of the General Anthony Wayne Chapter and the Pennsylvania Society. They shall encourage enrollment of new members.

### **Section 2.04. The Secretary**

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Chapter and shall handle such other matters as he may be directed by the Board to handle. He shall have charge of the Constitution, Bylaws and records of the Chapter, and, together with the presiding officer, shall certify acts of the Chapter.

The Secretary shall keep records of the proceedings and orders of the Chapter and shall give notice to the officers of votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Chapter affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

The Secretary shall notify members of their election, shall, under the direction of the President or a Vice President, give due notice of the time and place of meetings of the Chapter and attend the same.

The Secretary shall keep a mailing list of the members of the Chapter and furnish a duplicate thereof to the Registrar.

The Secretary shall maintain a list of the Chapter's officers, including addresses, telephone numbers and, if available, e-mail addresses, and see that a copy of the current list is in the hands of both the President and the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Society.

The Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes of the Board to each member of the Board when directed so to do by the Board.

### **Section 2.05. The Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall keep the funds and securities of the Chapter. The

Chapter's funds shall be deposited in a bank or trust institution which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and which shall be approved by the Board. Funds so deposited shall be placed to the credit of the General Anthony Wayne Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The funds shall be drawn on the check of the Chapter, signed by the Treasurer or other officer designated by the Board, for the purposes of the Chapter. Out of such funds the Chapter shall pay only such sums as may be ordered by the Board.

The Treasurer shall collect dues from the members, deposit the same to the credit of the Chapter in the bank or trust institution maintained in accordance with Section 2.05.

The Treasurer shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments and at each Meeting render the same to the Chapter. He shall make such other reports as may be required by the Board.

The Treasurer shall remit to the Pennsylvania Society the fees and dues payable to the Pennsylvania Society and the National Society.

#### **Section 2.06. The Registrar**

The Registrar shall keep a duplicate mailing list of the members of the Chapter, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership and qualifications and all the historical and genealogical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Chapter may become possessed and which are not required to be forwarded to the Pennsylvania Society or kept by the chapter Secretary.

The Registrar shall verify all statements of the Revolutionary services of ancestors that may be made in applications for membership.

The Registrar shall assist applicants in the preparation of applications for membership in the Society.

#### **Section 2.07. The Historian**

The Historian shall keep the records of the historical and commemorative meetings of the Chapter and shall supervise the preparation and printing of its historical publications other than the membership rolls.

The Historian shall report at each Annual Meeting the names of members who may have died during the year and shall include such biographical memoirs as may be of interest to the Chapter.

The Historian shall prepare and send Chapter news to the editor of the *Pennsylvania Minuteman* and, where appropriate, to the *SAR Magazine*.

#### **Section 2.08. The Genealogist**

The Genealogist shall assist the Registrar and the Board and any member who may appeal to him for assistance in the preparation of application papers for membership in the Chapter.

The Genealogist shall examine, and report to the Board within 30 days, appeals from the decision or want of action of the Registrar which shall be submitted to him for that purpose.

**Section 2.09. The Chancellor**

The Chancellor shall be an attorney at law licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and it shall be his duty to give opinions on legal matters affecting the Chapter when such questions are referred to him by the proper officers or by the Board.

**Section 2.10. The Chaplain**

The Chaplain shall open or close meetings of the Chapter and of the Board with religious services usual and proper for such occasions when so directed by the President or by the chairman of the meeting.

**BYLAW NO. 3 - THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

**Section 3.01. Powers and Duties of the Board**

The Board shall have full direction, management and control of the property and affairs of the Chapter and shall be responsible for the promotion of its purposes. It shall possess and exercise whatever power and authority may be required to accomplish such direction, management and control, including the power to alter and amend the Chapter's Bylaws.

**Section 3.02. Composition of the Board**

The Board of Management shall be composed of the officers of the Chapter, each Compatriot who shall have served a full term as President of the Chapter, and three other Compatriots of whom one shall be elected at each annual meeting for a term of three years and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

**Section 3.03. Vacancies**

Vacancies in any office or in the Board shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term.

**Section 3.04. Meetings and Quorum of the Board**

The Board shall hold at least four (4) regular meeting at such place and hour as it may determine. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President and shall be called by the Secretary upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board. The President shall chair meetings of the Board and the Secretary shall act as secretary thereof. Four (4) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 3.05. Order of Business at Regular Meetings**



The order of business at regular meetings of the Board shall be as follows:

1. Calling the meeting to order by the President or chairman of the meeting
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the SAR Pledge
3. Invocation
4. Approval of minutes of the last meeting
5. Reports of officers and committees
6. Unfinished business
7. Election of new members of the Chapter
8. Election of Nominating Committee, when appropriate
9. New business
10. SAR Recessional and Benediction
11. Adjournment

## **BYLAW NO. 4 - COMMITTEES**

### **Section 4.01. The Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the First Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chancellor and, so far as permitted by law, shall exercise all authority of the Board in the intervals between meetings of the Board.

### **Section 4.02. The Flag Committee**

The Flag Committee if so elected shall see that the flag of the United States, the symbol of the Nation's sovereignty, is treated with honor and respect within the Chapter's area of influence and that the laws which forbid the flag's desecration are obeyed. The Flag Committee shall oversee the activities sponsored by the Chapter each year in recognition of Flag Day.

### **Section 4.03. The Membership Committee**

It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee if so elected to increase the membership of the Chapter.

### **Section 4.04. The Entertainment Committee**

It shall be the duty of the Entertainment Committee if so elected to provide, under the direction of the Board, for the arrangement of entertainments and social gatherings as often as may be deemed desirable by the Chapter.

### **Section 4.05. The Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Committee**

The Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Committee shall administer on behalf of the Chapter the Eagle Scout program maintained by the National Society.

**Section 4.06. The Memorials and Revolutionary Graves Committee**

The Memorials and Revolutionary Graves Committee if so elected shall undertake research regarding the landmarks, graves and scenes of the War for Independence and shall mark them with appropriate markers and memorials.

**Section 4.07. The Credentials Examining Committee**

It shall be the duty of the Credentials Examining Committee if so elected to examine and certify the credentials of delegates elected or appointed as representatives of the Chapter to attend meetings of the Pennsylvania Society or the National Society.

**Section 4.08. Nominating Committee**

Nominations for officers and for members of the Board and Executive Committee shall be made by a Nominating Committee of four members who shall be elected by the Board at its regular meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting of the Chapter. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor.

**Section 4.09. Audit Committee**

It shall be the duty of the Audit Committee to audit the books and records of the Treasurer. The Committee shall report to the Board at its first quarterly meeting after the Annual Meeting of the Chapter.

**Section 4.10. Required Reports**

It shall be the duty of the Chairman of each Committee to report the Committee's activities to the Board at such times as the Board may designate and to report such activities, in writing, at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter. The reports in writing shall be delivered to the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The reports shall be the property of the Chapter.

**BYLAW NO. 5 - MEETINGS OF THE CHAPTER**

**Section 5.01. The Annual Meeting for election of officers**

The Meeting of the Chapter for the nomination and election of officers and members of the Board and Executive Committee and for the transaction of general business shall be held within the two month period before December 31 at such time and place as may be designated by the Board. The right to vote at an Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be limited to members in good standing in attendance.

## **Section 5.02. Order of Business at Annual Meetings**

The order of business at Annual Meetings of the Chapter shall be as follows:

1. Calling the meeting to order by the President or chairman of the meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and SAR Pledge.
3. Invocation.
4. Report of Credentials Committee and roll call of officers.
5. Approval of minutes of the last meeting.
6. Address of President.
7. Report of officers.
8. Report of Standing Committees.
9. Report of Special Committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Election of officers and members of the Board.
12. New business.
13. Appointment of Chairmen of Committees.
14. SAR Recessional and Benediction.
15. Adjournment.

## **Section 5.03. Quorum**

Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Chapter.

## **BYLAW NO. 6 - ADMISSION FEES AND DUES**

### **Section 6.01. Admission Fees**

The admission fee for members shall be \$9.00. The admission fee and dues for the current year shall accompany each membership application. An additional charge for a supplemental application shall be \$9.00. These Chapter fees are in addition to the fees specified in the Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Society.

### **Section 6.02. Annual Dues**

The amount of annual dues shall be \$9.00. In addition to the dues specified in the Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Society for the respective classes of members and shall be payable upon receipt of a dues notice, prior to the first day of January of each year, and shall be paid by check drawn to the order of the "General Anthony Wayne Chapter, S.A.R." and mailed to the Treasurer to arrive at his office before January 1.

### **Section 6.03. Individual Members**

An Individual Member is an individual who, on the basis of an application submitted to the Board, shall have been elected to membership in the Chapter and shall pay the dues and assessments as specified from time to time by the Board.

#### **Section 6.04. Life Members**

An Individual Member who shall make a single payment of money in conformance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Society and shall apply to the Board for life membership shall, if the Board shall approve the application, become a Life Member. A Life Member is exempt from the payment of annual dues.

Of a payment made pursuant to this Section, the Chapter shall retain a percentage specified by the Pennsylvania Society and shall remit the balance to the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Society, with proper report.

#### **Section 6.05. 35-Year Life Members**

An Individual Member who shall have paid dues as such for at least 35 years, who shall have attained the age of 65 years and who shall, upon application to the Board with **certification of inability to pay** full dues, have been approved by the Board for the class of 35-Year Life Member, shall become a 35-Year Life Member. The dues payable to the Chapter by a 35-Year Life Member shall be in amount specified by the Board but not in excess of the per capita amount required from time to time by the National Society.

#### **Section 6.06. Junior Members**

An applicant who is under the age of 25 years and is a son of a member of the Chapter or of a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution or of a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, whose parent at the time of his application, or at the time, if earlier, of the parent's decease, was in good standing in the Chapter or the respective Society may, if elected a Junior Member of the Chapter, be admitted without payment of the regular admission fee but with the payment of the designated fee for the required certificate of membership in the National Society. No dues shall be assessed to such Junior Member until the following calendar year.

#### **Section 6.07. Dual Members**

Dual Members are Compatriots who are members in good standing in the Pennsylvania Society and are either members at Large of the Pennsylvania Society or members of a Pennsylvania Society Chapter other than the General Anthony Chapter who by paying dues as provided in Bylaw No. 6, evidence their wish to be members also of this Chapter.

#### **Section 6.08. Memorial Memberships**

A Memorial Membership will be made available for deceased individuals who qualify for a memorial membership in the Pennsylvania Society upon payment to the Treasurer of the Chapter of the fee provided in the Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Society plus a payment of a Chapter fee of \$25.

**Section 6.09. New Members**

In the case of new members whose applications are approved by the Board on or after November 1 of any year, the dues accompanying such application shall be applied to the dues of such member for the following year.

**Section 6.10. Effect of Non-Payment of Dues**

A member of the Chapter whose dues are not paid by December 31 for the next year shall be dropped from the rolls of membership and shall be so notified.

A former member of the Chapter may be reinstated and placed in good standing upon his payment of dues for the current year, as fixed by the Chapter, plus the current dues and reinstatement fees of the State Society and the National Society, all payable to the Chapter.

**Section 6.11. Transfer of Membership**

Upon transfer of membership from State-at-Large to Chapter, or from Chapter to State-at-Large, or from one chapter to another chapter, the dues for the year in which the transfer is made shall be paid to and belong to the organization from which the transfer is made and must be paid before transfer will be approved by the Pennsylvania Society.

**BYLAW NO. 7 – MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 7.01. Fiscal Year Terms of Office**

The Chapter's fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Officers shall hold office from one Annual Meeting until the next Annual Meeting.

**Section 7.02. Location**

The principal place of business and the office of the Chapter shall be in Beaver County Pennsylvania.

**Section 7.03. Limitation on Indebtedness**

Except upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, no indebtedness shall be incurred by or on behalf of the Chapter.

**Section 7.04. Amendment of Bylaws**

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted at a meeting of the chapter membership by the affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of the members present and voting at the meeting, a quorum being present, *provided, however*, that at least 10 days' notice of

the meeting shall have been given and a copy of the proposed amendment or new Bylaws shall have been enclosed with the notice of the meeting.

**CERTIFICATION**

As Secretary of the General Anthony Wayne Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing seven Chapter Bylaws were approved on January 12, 2008.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

January 12, 2008