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STATE OF VERMONT



Constitution and By-Laws

1903

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

... OF THE ...

SOCIETY OF
COLONIAL WARS

... IN THE ...

STATE OF VERMONT

As revised, and adopted February 24,

1903

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Chartered November 12, 1894.

Organized November 20, 1894.

Incorporated November 20, 1894.

OFFICERS
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IN THE
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1903-4.

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Secretary,
CHARLES STRAIN VAN PATTEN, Burlington.

Deputy-Secretary,
BYRON NATHANIEL CLARK, Burlington.

Treasurer,
CHARLES SPOONER FORBES, St. Albans.

Chaplain,
WILLIAM SHIELDS ROBERTS, D. D., Deep River, Conn.

Historian,
CHARLES ALLEN CONVERSE, Philadelphia, Pa.

Registrar,
CHARLES EDWIN ALLEN, Burlington.

Chancellor,
JOHN HENRY BOOTH, Plattsburgh, N. Y.

Surgeon,
LEROY MONROE BINGHAM, Burlington.

Gentlemen of the Council,

WILLIAM JAMES VAN PATTEN, Burlington.

URBAN ANDRIAN WOODBURY, Burlington.

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Committee on Membership,

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ALBERT TUTTLE, Fair Haven.

HORACE E. DYER, Rutland.

HENRY L. WARD, Burlington.

CHARLES L. WOODBURY, Burlington.

Committee on Historical Documents,

GEORGE G. BENEDICT, Burlington.

WILLIAM J. VAN PATTEN, Burlington.

CHARLES DEWEY, Montpelier.

ELIAS LYMAN, Burlington.

EDWARD P. WOODBURY, Burlington.

Committee on Installation,

GEORGE WORTHINGTON, Bennington,

CARROLL S. PAGE, Hyde Park.

HENRY WELLS, Burlington.

FREDERICK A. RICHARDSON, Burlington.

JACOB G. ESTEY, Brattleboro.

* Deceased.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE
SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS
IN THE
STATE OF VERMONT.

We, the subscribers, hereby associate ourselves together as a Corporation, under the Laws of the State of Vermont, to be known by the name of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont, for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the events of Colonial History happening from the settlement of Jamestown, Va., May 13, 1607, to the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775, and of the men, who in military, naval and civil positions of high trust and responsibility, by their acts or counsel assisted in the establishment, defense and preservation of the American Colonies, and were in truth the founders of this nation; and, to that end, of collecting and preserving manuscripts, rolls and records; of providing suitable commemorations or memorials relating to the American Colonial period, and to inspire in its members the fraternal and patriotic spirit of their forefathers, and in the community respect and reverence for those whose public services made our freedom and unity possible, in each of the towns and cities in the State of Vermont, upon the following conditions:

To establish proper rules and regulations for the conduct of the association for the purposes named; for the choice of officers and the fees of members; and for the admission of new members of the association under the rules established by the General Society of Colonial Wars.

Dated at Montpelier, in the County of Washington, this twentieth day of November, A. D. 1894.

[Signed by Edward Alonzo Chittenden, Urban Andrian Woodbury, Theodore Safford Peck, William Seward Webb, George Grenville Benedict, Robert Jackson Kimball, Horace Edward Dyer, Frederick Nash Morton, Truman Chittenden Fletcher, John Grant Norton, Robert Noble, Austin Weld Fuller, Charles Spooner Forbes, William Paul Dillingham, Hiram Augustus Huse.]

LIST OF MEMBERS.

<i>State No.</i>	—	<i>National No.</i>
1.	Edward Alonzo Chittenden..... St. Albans, Vt.	505
2.	Theodore Safford Peck.....Burlington, Vt.....	729
3.	W. Seward Webb.....Shelburne, Vt.	730
4.	Frederick Nash Morton.....Hoboken, N. J.	731
5.	Robert Noble	Burlington, Vt. 732
6.	Truman C. Fletcher..... St. Johnsbury, Vt.	733
7.	George Grenville Benedict.....Burlington, Vt.	734
8.	Urban Andrian Woodbury..... Burlington, Vt.	735
9.	Robert Jackson Kimball.....Randolph, Vt.	736
10.	*Hiram Augustus Huse	Montpelier, Vt. 737
11.	William Paul Dillingham..... Waterbury, Vt.	738
12.	Charles Spooner Forbes..... St. Albans, Vt.	739
13.	John Grant Norton	St. Albans, Vt. 740
14.	Austin Weld Fuller..... St. Albans, Vt.	741
15.	Horace Edward Dyer..... Rutland, Vt.	742
16.	Edward Curtis Smith.....St. Albans, Vt.	2412
17.	Charles Dewey	Montpelier, Vt. 2413
18.	*John Erastus Hubbard.....Montpelier, Vt.	2414
19.	*Julius Jacob Estey..... Brattleboro, Vt.	2415
20.	Jacob Gray Estey.....Brattleboro, Vt.	2416
21.	Elias Lyman	Burlington, Vt. 2417
22.	Worthington Smith Telford	St. Albans, Vt. 2418
23.	Charles Allen Converse	Philadelphia, Pa. 2419
24.	Frederick Howard Wells	Burlington, Vt. 2420
25.	Henry Wells	Burlington, Vt. 2421
26.	Charles Edmund Miner..... Burlington, Vt.	2422
27.	Leroy Monroe Bingham..... Burlington, Vt.	2423
28.	Edward Wells	Burlington, Vt. 2424
29.	*James Clay Houghton	Montpelier, Vt. 2425

* Deceased.

<i>State No.</i>		<i>National No.</i>
30.	*Heman Allen WatermanJohnson, Vt.	2426
31.	Benjamin Franklin Fifield.....Montpelier, Vt.	2427
32.	Daniel Webster RobinsonBurlington, Vt.	2428
33.	Albert Emore RichardsonBurlington, Vt.	2429
34.	Ira Hobart EvansAustin, Texas	2430
35.	John Henry BoothPlattsburgh, N. Y.	2431
36.	George WorthingtonBennington, Vt.	2432
37.	Stephen Perry Jocelyn, U. S. A.....Burlington, Vt.....	2433
38.	Frederick GayBurlington, Vt.	2434
39.	Frederick Albert RichardsonBurlington, Vt.	2446
40.	Frank Richardson WellsBurlington, Vt.	2449
41.	William Shields Roberts.....Deep River, Ct.	2450
42.	William James Van PattenBurlington, Vt.	2459
43.	Charles Strain Van PattenBurlington, Vt.	2460
44.	Albert TuttleFair Haven, Vt.	2598
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46.	*Julius William RussellBurlington, Vt.	2560
47.	Wylie B. JonesBinghamton, N. Y.	2561
48.	Charles Edwin AllenBurlington, Vt.	2562
49.	George Gregory SmithSt. Albans, Vt.	2563
50.	H. S. HaskellDerby Line, Vt.	2660
51.	Carroll S. Page.....Hyde Park, Vt.	2661
52.	George Dewey, U. S. N.....Washington, D. C.	2663
53.	Eben PutnamCambridge, Mass.....	2927
54.	Ralph Wright PutnamPutnamville, Vt.	
55.	Warren E. PutnamBennington, Vt.	
56.	Charles Smith BoyntonBurlington, Vt.	
57.	Heman W. AllenBurlington, Vt.	
58.	Henry L. WardBurlington, Vt.	3174
59.	Frederick W. WardBurlington, Vt.	3175
60.	Charles L. WoodburyBurlington, Vt.	3222
61.	Edward P. WoodburyBurlington, Vt.	3223
62.	Hamilton S. PeckBurlington, Vt.	3224
63.	Joseph L. HillsBurlington, Vt.	3225
64.	Israel Holmes FranciscoRutland, Vt.	
65.	John Heman ConversePhiladelphia, Pa.	3359
66.	Daniel Burns DyerAugusta, Ga.	
67.	Byron N. ClarkBurlington, Vt.	3388
68.	Harry Stinson HowardBurlington, Vt.	3389

* Deceased.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The following revised draft of the Constitution and By-laws, having been duly reported to the Council by a committee appointed for that purpose, and having been approved by the Council, was adopted at the General Court, held at Burlington, February 24, 1903.]

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, It is desirable that there should be adequate celebrations commemorative of the events of Colonial history happening from the settlement of Jamestown, Va., May 13, 1607, to the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775;

Therefore, The Society of Colonial Wars has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of those events and of the men who in military, naval and civil positions of high trust and responsibility, by their acts or counsel assisted in the establishment, defense and preservation of the American Colonies, and were in truth the founders of this Nation. With this end in view it seeks to collect and preserve manuscripts, rolls, relics and records; to provide suitable commemorations or memorials relating to the American Colonial period, and to inspire in its members the fraternal and patriotic spirit of their forefathers, and in the community respect and reverence for those whose public services made our freedom and unity possible.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The Society shall be known by the name and title of The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any male person above the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character and reputation, shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who is lineally descended in the male or female line from an ancestor :

(1) Who served as a military or naval officer, or as a soldier, sailor, or marine, or as a privateersman, under authority of the Colonies which afterward formed the United States, or in the forces of Great Britain which participated with those of the said Colonies in any wars in which the said Colonies were engaged, or in which they enrolled men, from the settlement of Jamestown, May 13th, 1607, to the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775; or,

(2) Who held office in any of the Colonies between the dates above mentioned, either as

(a) Director-General, Vice-Director General, or member of the Council or Legislative body, in the Colony of New Netherlands;

(b) Governor, Lieutenant or Deputy Governor, Lord Proprietor, member of the King's or Governor's Council or Legislative body, in the Colonies of New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware;

(c) Lord Proprietor, Governor, Deputy Governor, or member of the Council or of the Legislative body, in Maryland and the Carolinas;

(d) Governor, Deputy Governor, Governor's Assistant, or Commissioner to the United Colonies of New England, or member of the Council body of Assistants or Legislative body in any of the New England Colonies.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Society shall be a Governor, a Deputy Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, a Secretary, a Deputy Secretary, a Treasurer, a Chaplain, a Historian, a Registrar, a Chancellor and a Surgeon, who shall be elected at the General Court.

These officers, together with the Deputy Governor General, (the Society's representative in the General Society) shall be *ex-officio* members of the Council.

ARTICLE IV.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES.

There shall be a Council consisting of six members—who shall be called "Gentlemen of the Council,"—in addition to the *ex-officio* members; a Committee on Membership, consisting of five members; a Committee on Collection of Historical Documents and Records, consisting of five members, and a Committee on Installation, consisting of five members.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Council shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members *who shall not be officers*, who, two weeks before the General Court of the Society, shall report to the Council a list of nominations of members to the various offices and committee places to be filled at the ensuing election. The Secretary shall send a copy of the said list to each member of the Society at least one week before the day fixed for the General Court. The officers, together with the Gentlemen of the Council and Members of Committees, shall be elected by ballot. A plurality vote shall elect, and said officers and committees shall hold office for the period of one year, or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified, except that at each election two Gentlemen of the Council shall be elected for a term of three years. Vacancies occurring shall be filled for the residue of the current year as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Every application for membership shall be made in writing, subscribed by the applicant, and approved by two members of

the Society over their signatures. Application shall be accompanied by proof of eligibility, and such application and proof shall be referred to the Committee on Membership, who shall carefully investigate the same and report at the next meeting their recommendation thereon. Members shall be elected by vote at a Council of the Society duly called, but a negative vote of one in five of the ballots cast shall cause the rejection of any candidate. Payment of initiation fee and dues, and assent to the following declaration shall be necessary to complete membership.

ARTICLE VII.

DECLARATION.

Every member shall declare upon honor that he will use his best efforts to promote the purposes of the Society, and will observe the Constitution and By-Laws of the same; and if a citizen of the United States, shall declare that he will support the Constitution of the United States. When practicable such declaration shall be in writing and subscribed to by the member making it.

ARTICLE VIII.

PURPOSES.

At every Council the purposes of the Society shall be considered, and the best measures to promote them adopted. No party, political question of the day or existing controversial religious subject shall be discussed or considered at any meeting of the Society, or of the Council.

ARTICLE IX.

COMMEMORATIONS.

It shall be a regulation that members of the Society, when practicable, shall hold a celebration commemorative of some martial event in Colonial history, and dine together at least once in each year.

ARTICLE X.

THE SEAL.

Previous to Vermont's Declaration of Independence the territory hitherto known as The New Hampshire Grants was claimed by the Provinces of New York and New Hampshire under conflicting authorizations from the English Crown. Charters of

townships were granted by the royal governors of both provinces. The New York officers who undertook to dispossess settlers holding their lands under grants from the Governor of New Hampshire, were resisted, and in some cases received what was known in that day as the application of the "Beech Seal"—being the administration of floggings with beech rods, called by Ethan Allen the "twigs of the wilderness." The officers of the first regularly organized corps of Green Mountain Boys were commissioned by the Province of New York. The Great Seal of the Vermont Society consists of a combination of the seals of New Hampshire and the original seal of New Netherlands, New York, while the beech seal of the Green Mountain Boys is represented by beech withes, which bind the ribbon at the base. A title scroll bears the figures "1724" and "1775," being the dates of the first permanent white settlement at Dummerston, and the end of the Colonial period.

ARTICLE XI.

INSIGNIA.

The insignia of the Society shall consist of a badge, pendant by a gold crown and ring, from a watered silk ribbon one inch and a half wide of red, bordered with white and edged with red. The badge shall be surrounded by a laurel wreath in gold and shall consist of:

Obverse; A white enameled star of nine points bordered with red enamel, having between each two starpoints a shield displaying an emblem of one of the nine original colonies; and, within a blue enameled garter bearing the motto "Fortiter Pro Patria," an Indian's head in gold relievo.

Reverse; The star above described, but with gold edge, each shield between the points displaying a mullet, and in the center, within an annulet of blue bearing the title "Society of Colonial Wars, 1607-1775," the figure of a colonial soldier in gold relievo. The reverse of the crown of each insignia shall bear an engraved number corresponding to that of the registered number of the member to whom such insignia has been issued.

The insignia shall be worn by the members on all occasions when they assemble as such, for any stated purpose or celebration, and may be worn on any occasion of ceremony. It shall be worn conspicuously on the left breast; but members who are or have been Gentlemen of the Council of a State Society, may place a rosette of regulation pattern upon the silk ribbon from which it is pendant. Members who are or have been General Officers,

or Officers of a State Society, may wear the insignia with three jewels in the crown, and suspended from a regulation ribbon around the neck. Members who are or have been Governors, Deputy Governors or Lieutenant-Governors of State Societies, or officers of the General Society, may, in addition to the insignia so suspended, wear a ribbon of the Society's colors, three and one-half inches in width, extending from the right shoulder to the left hip. The insignia shall be worn only as above described.

ARTICLE XII.

THE FLAG.

The flag of this Society shall consist of the red cross of St. George on a white field, bearing in the center the escutcheon of the Vermont Society of Colonial Wars, surmounted by the Crown and surrounded by nine stars.

ARTICLE XIII.

ALTERATION OR AMENDMENT.

No alteration or amendment of the Constitution of this Society shall be made unless notice shall have been given in writing, signed by the member proposing the same, at a previous meeting of the General Court. The Secretary shall send a copy of the proposed amendment to each member of the Society, specifying time and place of the Court at which the same will be voted upon.

No amendment shall be made unless adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Court voting upon the same.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION I.

INSTALLATION FEES. DUES.

The initiation fee shall be ten dollars; the annual dues three dollars payable on or before the first of January of each year, after which members who have not paid will be deemed in arrears and debarred from voting at the meetings of the Society. The payment at one time of twenty-five dollars shall exempt the member so paying from annual dues.

SECTION II.

GOVERNOR.

The Governor, or, in his absence, the Deputy Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor, or Chairman *pro tem.*, shall preside at all

Courts of the Society, and shall exercise the duties of a presiding officer, under parliamentary rules, subject to an appeal to the Society. The Governor shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee and Committee on Membership. He, or in his absence from the State, or incapacity to perform the duties of his office, the Deputy Governor, shall convene the Council upon the written request of two members thereof or of five members of the Society, and may otherwise convene the Council at his discretion.

SECTION III.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall notify all elected candidates of their admission, and perform such other duties as the Society or his office may require. He shall have charge of the seal, certificates of incorporation, by-laws, historical and other documents and records of the Society other than those required to be deposited with the Registrar, and shall affix the Seal to all properly authenticated certificates of membership, and transmit the same to the members to whom they may be issued. He shall notify the Registrar of all admissions to membership. He shall certify all acts of the Society, and when required authenticate them under seal. He shall have charge of printing and of publications issued by the Society, and all publications donated to or acquired by purchase for the Society. He shall give due notice of the time and place of the holding of all courts of the Society and meetings of the Council, and shall incorporate in said notice the names of all applicants for membership to be voted on at said Council, and shall be present at the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society and of the Council, and shall give notice to each officer who may be affected by them, of all votes, resolutions and proceedings of the Society or the Council, and at the General Court, or oftener, shall report the names of candidates who have been admitted to membership and of any whose resignations have been accepted, and of any members who have been expelled for cause or who have failed to substantiate claim of descent. In his absence from any meeting the Deputy Secretary shall act, or a Secretary *pro tempore* may be designated.

SECTION IV.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect the dues and keep the funds and securities of the Society; and as often as such funds shall amount to one hundred dollars they shall be deposited in some bank in the State of Vermont, which shall be designated by the Council, to the credit of 'The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont,' and such funds shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society or the Council, or his office may require. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting render the same to the Society.

For the faithful performance of his duty he may be required to give such security as the Society may deem proper.

SECTION V.

RÉGISTRAR.

The Registrar shall receive from the Secretary and file all the proofs upon which membership has been granted, with a list of all diplomas countersigned by him and all documents which the Society may obtain, and he, under direction of the Council, shall make copies of such papers as the owners may not be willing to leave in the keeping of the Society.

SECTION VI.

HISTORIAN.

The Historian shall keep a detailed record of all historical and commemorative celebrations of the Society, and he shall edit and prepare for publication such historical addresses, papers and other documents as the Society may see fit to publish; also a necrological list for each year, with biographies of deceased members.

SECTION VII.

CHAPLAIN.

The Chaplain shall officiate when called upon by the proper officers.

SECTION VIII.

CHANCELLOR.

The Chancellor shall be a lawyer duly admitted to the bar, and it shall be his duty to give legal opinions on matters affect-

ing the Society, without fee, when called upon by the proper officers.

SECTION IX.

SURGEON.

The Surgeon shall be a practicing physician.

SECTION X.

THE COUNCIL.

The Council shall have power to call special Courts of the Society, and arrange for celebrations by the Society. They shall have control and management of the affairs and funds of the Society. They shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws, but they shall at no time be required to take any action or contract any debt for which they shall be liable. They may accept the resignation of any member of the Society. They may meet as often as required, or at the call of the Governor. Three members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. At the General Court they shall submit to the Society a report of their proceedings during the past year. The Council shall have the power to drop from the roll the name of any member of the Society who shall be at least two years in arrears and shall fail on proper notice to pay the same within sixty days, and on being dropped his membership shall cease, but he may be restored to membership at any time by the Council upon his written application and the payment of all arrears from the date when he was dropped to the date of his restoration. The Council may suspend any officer for cause, which must be reported to the Society and action taken on the same within thirty days.

SECTION XI.

VACANCIES AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

Whenever an officer of this Society shall die, resign or neglect to serve, or be suspended, or be unable to perform his duties by reason of absence, sickness, or other cause, and whenever an office shall be vacant which the Society shall not have filled by an election, the Council shall have power to appoint a member to such office *pro tempore*, who shall act in such capacity until the Society shall elect a member to the vacant office, or until the inability due to said cause shall cease; provided, however, that the office of Governor or Secretary shall not be filled by the Council when there shall be a Deputy or Lieutenant-Governor or Deputy

Secretary to enter on these duties. The Council may supply vacancies among its members under the same conditions, and should any member other than an officer be absent from three consecutive Councils, his place may be declared vacant by the Council and filled by appointment until an election of a successor. Subject to these provisions, all Officers and Gentlemen of the Council shall from the time of election continue in their respective offices until the next General Court, or until their successors are chosen.

SECTION XII.

RESIGNATION.

No resignation of any member shall become effective unless consented to by the Council.

SECTION XIII.

DISQUALIFICATION.

No person who may be enrolled as a member of this Society shall be permitted to continue in membership when his proofs of descent or eligibility shall be found to be defective. The Council, after thirty days' notice to such person to substantiate his claim, and upon his failure satisfactorily so to do, may require the Secretary to erase his name from the membership list. The said person shall have a right to appeal to the Society at its next Court, or at the General Court. If the said appeal be sustained by a two-thirds vote of the members present at such Court, the person's name shall be restored to the membership list.

SECTION XIV.

MEMBERSHIP.

Members shall be elected by ballot at a meeting of the Council after report by the Membership Committee; but a negative vote of one in five of the ballots cast shall exclude any candidate.

SECTION XV.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee on Membership shall consist of five members. They shall be chosen by ballot at the General Court of the Society, and shall be elected for the period of one year. Three members shall constitute a quorum, and a negative vote of three members shall cause an adverse report to the Council on the candidate's

application. The proceedings of the Committee shall be secret and confidential, and a candidate who has been rejected by the Council shall be ineligible for membership for a space of one year from the date of rejection, except upon the unanimous vote of the Committee.

The Committee shall have power to make By-Laws for its government and for other purposes not inconsistent with the Constitution or By-Laws of the Society.

SECTION XVI.

EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION.

Any member for cause or conduct detrimental or antagonistic to the interests or purposes of the Society, or for just cause, may be suspended or expelled from the Society. But no member shall be expelled or suspended unless written charges be presented against such member to the Council. The Council shall give reasonable notice of such charges, and afford such member reasonable opportunity to be heard and refute the same. The Council, after hearing such charges, may recommend to the Society the expulsion or suspension of such member, and if the recommendation of the Council be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Society present at such Court, he shall be so expelled or suspended, and the insignia of said member shall thereupon be returned to the Treasurer of the Society, and his rights therein shall be extinguished or suspended. The Treasurer shall refund to the said member the amount paid for the said insignia.

SECTION XVII.

COURTS.

The General Court of the Society, at which shall be held the annual election for officers, shall be held on the anniversary of the first permanent settlement at Fort Dummer, February 22, 1724, or upon the following Tuesday if that anniversary falls upon Sunday.

There shall be held a Social Court at such time as the Governor may deem advisable, the character of the entertainment to be in the discretion of the Council.

Special Courts may be called by the Governor at such times as the interests of the Society may demand, and must be called by the Secretary on written request of five members.

Notices of Courts shall be sent out at least five days before the date of each Court.

SECTION XVIII.

SERVICE OF NOTICE.

It shall be the duty of every member to inform the Secretary by written communication of his place of residence and of any change thereof, and of his post-office address. Service of any notice under the Constitution or By-Laws on any member, addressed to his last residence or post-office address, forwarded by mail, shall be sufficient service of notice.

SECTION XIX.

DEATH OF MEMBERS.

Upon the death of any member, notice thereof and the time and place of the funeral shall be published by the Secretary at least once in one daily newspaper in Vermont, and it shall thereupon become the duty of members, if practicable, to attend the obsequies. Upon official information of the death of a member, it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint from the Society four members as a Committee to represent the Society at the funeral. Any member who becomes aware of the death of a fellow member shall make it his duty to see that the Secretary is properly notified of the fact.

SECTION XX.

ALTERATION OR AMENDMENT.

No alteration or amendment of the By-Laws shall be made unless notice shall have been duly given in writing, signed by the member proposing the same, at a previous Court of the Society.

The Secretary shall send a copy of the proposed amendment to each member of the Society, and state the time and place of the Court at which the same will be voted upon. No amendment or alteration shall be made unless adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Court voting upon the same.

Form of Installation.

The Governor elect will be escorted to the front of the chair, by the installation committee, and formally presented to the presiding officer.

The members will rise and remain standing while the Governor elect makes the following declaration: "I declare my allegiance to the United States, whose independence and unity became possible through the patriotic efforts and sacrifices of our Colonial Ancestors; and to the Commonwealth of Vermont; and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter."

The presiding officer will then vacate the chair, which will be taken by the new Governor, with such remarks as he may choose to offer.

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