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General Order #2 (Amendment)
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General Order on Membership
Qualifications Ratification

1. The 142nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War passed the following change to the SUVCW Constitution, which must be ratified by more than 50% of the Departments.

- a. Recommendation 1: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article III, Eligibility to Membership, is hereby amended to read as follows:

All male descendants, for the purpose of this Constitution, and all Regulations, Orders, and other official acts of the National Organization; Departments and Camps “male” is defined as a person who was biologically male at birth, whether through lineal or collateral lineages specified in Article VII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.

- b. Recommendation 2The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Section 2, Subsections (a) and (b) are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates.

1. Associates are males, a person who was biologically male at birth, at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements of membership established by the National Organization.
2. Junior Associates are males being a person who was biologically male at birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

c. Recommendation 3: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Membership, is hereby amended to add a new Section 6 to read as follows:

Section 6. A Brother who has been duly elected to membership in the Order shall not be subsequently disqualified from membership or be discharged from the Order solely because of that Brother's change in gender or sexual identification.

d. Recommendation 4: The Regulations of the Order are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter III, Article X, Junior Associates, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Junior Associates shall being a person who was biologically male at birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet ancestor service (blood relative) qualifications stipulated in Article III on the Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

Recommendation 5 Refer to the Program & Policy during 142nd National Encampment

e. ~~Recommendation 5. It is recommended that Form 3, Membership Application, be amended so that the declaration in Part II, Application Information and Declaration, be amended to read as follows:~~

~~I declare that I am a male being a person who was biologically male at birth, and that this application has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and, if accepted, I will obey and support the National Constitution of the Order, the Bylaws of the Department and the Bylaws of the Camp.~~

2. All Departments will see that this General Order is disseminated throughout. There cannot be any changes made to the items presented as this is the wording accepted by the 142nd National Encampment. It is strictly a For or Against Ratification vote.

3. Once the vote has been taken the Department Commander through the Department Secretary will notify IN WRITING the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary of the result of said vote. As soon as the 51 percent of the Departments ratify these changes will be in effect.

So Ordered on the 10th Day of August 2023

Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

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