

**LASOCR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS - 2002**

*The Organization hereinafter known as the Louisiana Society Order of Confederate Rose (LASOCR) shall always be a support group to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. If any local SCV camp feels aid is unnecessary, the LASOCR Chapter may exist in order to provide additional activities that do not interfere with the local SCV camp(s). This Organization shall be non-profit, non-racial, non-political and non-sectarian.*

*The purpose of this Organization shall be to assist the SCV in its historical, educational, benevolent, and social functions. The Louisiana Society Order of Confederate Rose shall be especially concerned with the preservation of Confederate symbols and youth education.*

**ARTICLE ONE (Name)**

The name of this Organization shall be: The Louisiana Society Order of Confederate Rose, a.k.a. LASOCR; Order of Confederate Rose, The Louisiana Society.

**ARTICLE TWO (Membership)**

**A. Active Membership**

Any woman, man or child of the age of ten who is recommended by a current member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and or referred by a current member of this Organization is eligible to become an active member of this Organization upon approval.

**B. Members at Large**

If there is not an active Chapter, a member will belong to the LASOCR until a Chapter can be formed. A Member may choose to remain At Large if so desired. All dues would be kept in full by the LASOCR and paid directly to the Society.

**C. Duration of Membership**

Membership in this Organization may be terminated by voluntary written withdrawal or by non-payment of annual dues. All regular dues are non-transferable and non-refundable.

**D. General Voting**

Each active member shall be entitled to one vote only. In the case of a tie, a motion fails and nothing changes. (ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER)

**E. Life Membership**

Life membership paid to the LASOCR will be for those members who reside in Louisiana. Life Membership does not include Local Chapter dues.

## F. Suspension and Expulsion

Suspension and expulsion shall be handled by Local Chapters.

## ARTICLE THREE (Dues)

The annual dues required for membership in the organization shall be determined by majority vote of the membership and may vary from year to year. The fiscal year will run from January 1st to December 31st. Dues are payable January 1<sup>st</sup>; if not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>, member becomes inactive. A reinstatement fee of \$5.00 will be charged along with all past dues to reactivate membership. Membership going into effect on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>, in any given year, will pay 50% of the required dues.

## ARTICLE FOUR (Meetings)

### A. Annual Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the Organization for the receiving of reports and the transacting of business. It may be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Louisiana Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This shall be an open meeting.

### B. Quorum

Five percent (5%) of the active members of the Organization when present shall constitute a quorum.

### C. Order of Business

The Order of Business at the annual meeting shall be as follows; Salute to the U.S. Flag and Salute to the Confederate Flag.

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the Minutes of previous meeting
3. Receiving of Communications
4. Reports of Officers
5. Reports of Committees
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Election of Committees
9. Playing/Singing of Dixie
10. Adjournment

The Order of Business may be altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present. The usual Parliamentary Rules as laid down in the current version of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern.

**D. Special Meetings**

Special Meetings of the Organization may be called at any time by the President or in her absence by the Vice President or by written request of not less than five percent (5%) of the active members. Ten (10) days notice of any Special Meeting must be given to members when possible, no less than two (2) days at any given time.

**E. Fall Assembly**

Fall Assembly will be for the purpose of workshops and any business needing immediate attention. Notification of business shall be sent to each Chapter President for vote of Chapter.

**ARTICLE FIVE (Officers)****A. Elections**

Nominations shall be taken from the floor at Fall Assembly or be submitted in writing by February 1<sup>st</sup> for the election of the state Elected Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer). Ballots will be designed, numbered and mailed to each Chapter and distributed to the membership by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Incumbents will be identified. Only active members as of February 1<sup>st</sup> of the elections year are eligible to vote in the election of State Officers. The completed Ballots will be brought to the Annual Meeting in sealed envelopes. The completed Ballots will be counted by a committee made up of a representative from each Chapter present.

**B. Terms**

The Officers shall serve two (2) year terms, and are eligible to serve consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

**C. President**

The President shall be the Chief Officer of this Organization and shall conduct the meetings of the Organization. The President shall be a member EX OFFICIO of all committees. The President shall perform all duties necessary and those duties given by the Constitution, as Chief Officer of the Organization. President will appoint a Parliamentarian and/or Sergeant at Arms when deemed necessary.

**D. Vice President**

The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President during the absence of the President. The Vice President shall be in charge of Membership growth and perform the duties needed for a well organized meeting, not done by or assigned by the President.

**E. Secretary/Treasurer**

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the Minutes of the meetings and shall keep an account of all monies received and expended for the use of the Organization. The Secretary/Treasurer shall give a report at the Annual Meetings or when called for by the President. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have an up to date list of all members and the standing of each member.

F. No SCV Member may be elected as a Society Officer due to a "Conflict of Interest".

**ARTICLE SIX (Committees)****A. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and a representative from each chapter. The Committee shall be chaired by the President or in her absence, the Vice President. The Executive Committee shall execute the policies and decisions of the Organization. The Executive Committee shall have a regular meeting at the time and place of the annual meeting (convention) and shall report to the membership on its activities.

The Committee shall meet on the demand of the President or in her/his absence, the Vice President or on demand of the majority of the committee members.

**B. Standing Committees**

The Executive Committee shall form any Standing Committees that are necessary to execute the policies and decisions of the Organization.

**ARTICLE SEVEN (Mail Vote)**

The Executive Committee may submit any matter to the membership in writing, by mail for a vote. The decision shall be determined by a majority of the votes received within four weeks of the submission.

**ARTICLE EIGHT (Amendments)**

The By laws and Constitution may be amended, altered, or replaced by part or whole. If any part of the Louisiana Constitution and By-Laws affect the whole Organization or affect all Chapters, it cannot be changed, altered or amended without a majority vote of all State Chapters. Majority vote means the majority of one vote per Chapter by the President or the Chapter's Representative for each Chapter in attendance.

**ARTICLE NINE (Liabilities)**

Nothing herein shall constitute members of the Organization as partners of any other Organization, for any purpose. No member, officer, or employee shall be liable for the act of any member, officer, agent or employee of the Organization. No member, officer, agent or employee shall be liable for her/his acts or failure to act under these By-laws, except acts of omission arising out of the willful misfeasance of a stated duty.

**ARTICLE TEN (Insignia)**

The Executive committee may adopt an insignia, colors, badges, and flags for the Organization as deemed desirable by the Committee.

**ARTICLE ELEVEN (Organization)**

The organizing of any LASOCR Chapter must go by the following rules to be officially a part of the Louisiana Society Order of Confederate Rosc.

1. To form a Local Chapter, five (5) members are required.
2. Until a Chapter is formed all applicants belong to the Louisiana Society.
3. Applicants must be required to have a signature from an LASOCR member or SCV member on the application to be accepted.
4. If a Chapter chooses to secede from the Society, that Chapter cannot organize new chapters and can NOT exist.

**ARTICLE TWELVE (Dissolution)**

The Organization may be dissolved by a vote of two-thirds of the active members.

In the event of dissolution, the disbursement of property and all monies of the Organization shall be decided by the LASOCR Executive Committee.

Accepted: Saturday, November 10, 2001

LASOCR - Fall Assembly

Alexandria, Louisiana