

Constitution — Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana, Incorporated

Done at Winona Lake, Indiana on the 29th day of May, Two Thousand and Ten.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana, Incorporated. Doing Business As: Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana, Society of the War of 1812-Indiana, 1812-Indiana, 1812-IN, Indiana-1812, or IN-1812.

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

To educate the public and perpetuate memories of the War of 1812, to collect and secure for preservation documents relating to that period; to encourage the research and publication of historical data including memorials of patriots of that era; to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and foster true patriotism, love of country, the same spirit of patriotism; to secure a more faithful prosecution of these ends by the promotion of good fellowship among the members of this Society. This Society is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Any male person above the age of eighteen (18) years, who is a lineal descendant of one who participated in or served during the War of 1812, in the army, navy, revenue marine, or privateer service of the United States, offering proof thereof satisfactory to this Society, and who is of good moral character and reputation, may become a member when approved of by this Society, under such Bylaws and procedures as this Society may make for passing upon applications for membership. The Bylaws may also contain numerous classes and other categories of membership for association with this Society.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, one or more Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Historian, a Chaplain, a Chancellor, a Surgeon, Representative to the General Society, and elected additional members to the Board of Directors and such other officers as the Board of Directors shall determine, and all said officers shall from the time of their election or appointment, continue in their respective offices until the next election at an annual meeting, and/or their respective successor shall be duly chosen.

ARTICLE V: SEAL AND INSIGNIA

The Seal of this Society, the Insignia to be worn by the members, and the rules in regard to them, shall be such as have been prescribed by the General Society of the War of 1812.

ARTICLE VI: COMMEMORATIONS

It shall be a standing regulation that the members shall, when practicable hold a commemorative celebration and dine together at least once every year.

ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATION RESOLUTION AND CHARTER OF INCORPORATION

The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana and the said Incorporation Resolution and said Charter of Incorporation granted by the State of INDIANA shall be in total embraced within the Constitution of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana, Incorporated as ARTICLE VII, nunc pro tunc.

ARTICLE VIII: ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Amendment(s) to the Constitution shall be made only after a written notice stating the proposed amendment(s) with a minimum of thirty days advance notice, signed by three presenter(s), is provided to the entire membership. Voting can occur following an advance notice of 30 or more days. Amendments shall require the approval of three-fourths of the membership voting.

ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION

In the event of the inactivity for a period of five years or more, or the dissolution of this society, or the formation of a society which shall be contrary to the objects cited heretofore or the objects of the General Society of the Society of the War of 1812, Incorporated, all assets and records of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana and title thereto shall be conveyed to the General Society of the War of 1812 Incorporated for proper disposition as the General Board of Directors shall deem necessary.