FORMATION OF STATE CHAPTERS

The following is an excerpt from a recommendation by Ralph B. Stever, General President Emeritus, and Chairman of New Societies Committee, to the President of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Tennessee regarding formation of a state chapter:

> "… (it is recommended that) any of your members who are attorneys would be glad to provide guidance as to the mechanics of implementation (i.e., petition format, call for an organizing meeting by the organizing nucleus, adoption of rules of the organizing meeting, election of Temporary Chairman and Secretary, decision to form a Chapter, decision to petition for recognition as a Chapter, adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Society as that of the Chapter, adoption of local By-Laws not in conflict (if additional local codification is believed necessary), approval by Tennessee Society Board, reconvening for adoption of Constitution and By-Laws as approved, election of Chapter Officers under the rules adopted, seating of Chapter officers, such other business as necessary to implement the Chapter bank account and activities).
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> "There is no standard Chapter Charter Certificate for issuance by the parent society, but I am enclosing a photocopy of the format used for issuance to State Societies by the General Society. You may wish to have some modification inscribed for presentation at the meeting and/or Banquet that would seem appropriate to such an auspicious and sensitive occasion.
> (See update notes, below)
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> "Minutes of the organizing meeting and adoption meeting, including the Chapter Constitution and By-laws, as adopted, should be filed with the Petition held by the Tennessee Society.
> [See update notes, below.]
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> "I am enclosing a copy of the procedure as practiced in New York and as codified in the Standing Rules of the Board as adopted in New York."
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> *Undated, but internal evidence suggests 1981*

Update Notes: *(August 2005)*

The General Society provides a suitable Charter, upon request, or the State Society may prepare one of its own design.

The new Chapter should file a copy of the minutes of the organizational meeting with the State Society. The Chapter or the State Society may wish to also file a copy with the General Society Headquarters, to be included in the permanent files of the State Society.