LOCAL CHAPTERS – FORMATION OF; RULES AND REGULATIONS; CONSTRUCTION

(example from the New York Society)

(1) Upon the receipt of a petition signed by ten or more members of the Society in the State of New York, residing within any County of the State outside of the City of New York, seeking permission to form a local Chapter in said County, the Board of Managers may authorize and empower such petitioners to form such Chapter to be known as the _____Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York.

(2) Such Chapter, when authorized, may adopt such local regulations and By-Laws as it may deem proper, provided that such regulations do not conflict in any particular with the Constitution of the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution, or with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society in the State of New York.

(3) Only members in good and regular standing in the Society in this State without a radius of 75 miles from the City Hall in the City of New York shall be eligible to membership in these Chapters and may determine for themselves which local Chapter they elect to join and upon election by the Chapter they may affiliate with it. When any person ceases, through any cause, to be a member of the Society in the State of New York, his membership in a Chapter thereof shall also terminate.

(4) The officers of every Chapter shall be a Regent (or President), a Secretary and a Treasurer, and there shall be an Executive Committee constituted in such manner as it may prescribe. A Chapter may have such other officers and committees as it may authorize.

(5) The senior officer of every local Chapter shall be notified by the Secretary of the meetings of the Board of Managers and he may attend the same in person or be represented thereat by a member of his Chapter of which they are members at the time of such removal.

(6) Members of the State Society who remove to other States retaining their membership in the Chapter of which they are members at the time of such removal.

(7) When an application for membership in this Society shall be made to the Board of Managers by any person residing within a locality comprised in a local Chapter, such application shall be first submitted to the duly authorized committee of such local Chapter, and a report thereon to this Board shall accompany such application before action thereon.

(8) No local Chapter shall have power to involve the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in any pecuniary obligation.

(9) For the purpose of determining questions arising under this rule, a person shall be deemed a "resident of" and as "residing" in that place where he dwells or lodges for the greater part of the time between October 1st and June 30th next thereafter.

(10) The Treasurer shall pay to the Treasurer of each Chapter on the first days of February, May, August, and November an amount equal to one half of the year's dues paid by each member of the Chapter during the preceding three months and one half of the year's dues paid by each Junior Member, who has been nominated by the Chapter, and who had paid his dues during the preceding three months. He shall also annually pay to the Treasurer of each Chapter one half of the income derived from the life memberships of members of the Chapter.

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JUNIOR LIST

(example from the New York Society)

The names of minor sons of members, and of other minors, who will become eligible for membership upon attaining majority, and who shall be approved by the Board of Managers, shall be enrolled upon a list to be known as the Junior List of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, and such list shall be suitably maintained by the Secretary of the Society, provided, however, that such minors shall be proposed and seconded and shall pass through the same procedure by the Membership Committee as in the case of applicants for membership.

The annual dues of Junior Members shall be $_____ per year. The payment at one time of $_____ shall thenceforth exempt the Junior Member from the payment of annual dues in the Society. Junior Members who are life members or who are sons of members, and male members of the Children of the American Revolution, are exempt from the payment of initiation fee in the Society when they become of age. All others shall pay $_____ initiation fee upon reaching the age of twenty-one and full dues thereafter. Junior Members shall have all the privileges of membership in the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York except voting and holding office. Upon becoming of age, Junior Members may become members of the Society without again securing a proposer and seconder, but they must again pass the Membership Committee.

A blank form for application to elicit such information as the Membership Committee may require shall be prepared by the Secretary and approved by the Board of Managers.

Minors so enrolled shall be organized as may be determined by the Board of Managers and shall be privileged to wear such badge or rosette as the Board of Managers shall approve.

Upon due enrollment, each member of this Junior List shall be entitled to receive a certificate of his Junior Membership in the Society.

Such minors so enrolled upon the Junior List of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, as are resident in the State of New York, shall be organized by the Board of Managers in one or more Chapters to be known by the names of Patriots of the Revolution, who by their meritorious conduct aided the American Cause. Such a Chapter shall be designated as the _____ Chapter of the Junior Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York. Each such Chapter may adopt such regulation and by-laws as the Board of Managers may approve.