

**GOVERNOR ISAAC SHELBY CHAPTER**

**KENTUCKY SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**CONSTITUTION**

**I. CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of the Chapter shall be the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. This chapter is named in honor of Isaac Shelby, who was a militia colonel during the Revolutionary War, a major general during the War of 1812 and later became the first and fifth Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

ARTICLE II - Affiliation

This Chapter shall be a part of the Kentucky Society and National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and shall be subject to all rules and regulations applying to it as such.

ARTICLE III - Objectives

The objectives of this Chapter are declared to be the promotion of the United States through patriotic, historical and educational activities. The Chapter is to perpetuate the memory of individuals who performed overt acts of patriotism during the War of the American Revolution in order to achieve the Independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of these Patriots; to inspire the descendents and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the Government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual patriots of the War, as well as the documents and relics; to preserve and commemorate the landmarks of the Revolution with appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the War; to foster true American patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; to implement the principles expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution of our Country; and to invoke the injunctions of President George Washington in his farewell address to the American people. Whenever possible this Society shall in particular apply the foregoing ideals to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its history and citizens.

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Any man shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter who, being of the age of eighteen years or older, and a citizen of good standing, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in their loyalty to and rendered actual service in the cause for American independence. Qualifying service shall include: 1) military

service as an officer, soldier, marine, sailor, militiaman, and/or minuteman in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or any one of the several Colonies or States, 2) a signer of the Declaration of Independence, 3) a member of a Committee of Safety or correspondence; 4) a member of any continental, provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature; 5) a civil officer, either in one of the Colonies or States, or of the National government, 6) a recognized patriot, who performed overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain, and 7) those who provided materials and supplies, labor and/or services to the War of Independence. Documentation requirements for membership in this Chapter are the same as those of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Membership in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is required for membership in the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter – Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution.

#### ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of this Chapter shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor, Historian, and Chaplain.

Section 2. The term of office for officers of this Chapter shall be one year.

Section 3. In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President will assume the duties of the President. All other vacancies will be filled by appointments made by the Executive Committee. They will serve until the next election of officers.

#### ARTICLE VI – Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of all the officers listed in Article V - Officers. The immediate past President shall serve as an ex-officio member of this committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Chapter between meetings on urgent matters that must be resolved prior to the next scheduled chapter meeting. All such actions will be subject to ratification by the Chapter at the next scheduled Chapter meeting.

Section 3. A minimum of three (3) members of this Committee shall be required to act on behalf of the Chapter.

#### ARTICLE VII - Meetings

Section 1. The Chapter shall hold monthly meetings as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the President or by the Secretary at the written request of any ten Chapter members.

## ARTICLE VIII - Amendment

This Constitution may be amended annually during the January monthly meeting provided the proposed amendments are sent to each member not less than the (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of chapter members present and eligible to vote shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.

Revised & Approved:  
05 January 2013  
Chuck Scott, Chapter Secretary