

BY-LAWS for Sterling Price Camp NO. 145
Sons of Confederate Veterans



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Article I: *Name*

The name of this organization shall be **Sterling Price Camp #145**.

Article II: *Objective*

- a. To associate in one united, compact body of men of Confederate ancestry, and to cultivate, perpetuate, and sanctify the ties of fraternity and friendship entailed thereby:
- b. To aid and encourage the history and achievement from Jamestown to this present era, constantly endeavoring to see that the events of the War Between the States and the heroic contributions of the Confederate soldiers, sailors, and marines are authentically and clearly written.
- c. That all documents, relics, and mementos produced and handed down by those active participants therein are properly treasured and preserved for posterity.
- c. To aid and assist in the erection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, civil and military, wherever done and wherever found.
- e. To instill into our descendants a devotion to and reverence for the principles represented by the Confederate States of America to the honor, glory, and memory of our fathers who fought for that Cause.
- f. To particularly strive to honor and preserve the memory of those thousands of soldiers and civilians from the City of St. Louis who served the Cause and sacrificed so much of their Southern heritage and for Southern independence.

Article III: *Nature*

Sterling Price Camp shall be strictly historical and benevolent, non-political, and non-sectarian.

- a. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, education, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- b. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of

statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

c. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article IV: *Membership*

Section 1:

All male descendants, lineal or collateral, at least 12 years of age of those who served in the Confederate Army, Navy or Marines to the end of the war died in prison or while in active service, or who were killed in battle, or who were honorably discharged shall be eligible for membership. Any child under the age of 12 can be admitted as a cadet, and can become a full member at the age of 12. However, no members under 16 years of age shall have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 2:

No one shall be admitted to membership until satisfactory proof of the foregoing qualifications are submitted in duplicate on official blank application prepared for that purpose. Such applications bearing recommendation by a member in good standing of Sterling Price Camp. The original shall be preserved by the camp and the duplicate shall be forwarded to General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 3:

All applications for membership in Sterling Price Camp shall be received by the adjutant and reviewed by the commander. The commander may submit the application to a confidential, three-man membership committee appointed by him to pass on the acceptability of the candidate for membership. Candidates refused membership may petition camp membership for admission, and upon receiving favorable written approval of three-fourths of the membership will be granted full membership in the camp.

Section 4:

Annual dues must be submitted with completed applications to the camp Adjutant.

Section 5:

Membership in the camp shall be:

- a. **Active membership** as herein set forth.
- b. **A Friend membership** consist of those members who have a sincere interest in Confederate History, but have yet to prove that any of their ancestors, lineal or collateral, served in the Confederate Army, Navy or Marines. Friend members shall not hold office, nor can they vote on any matters pertaining to the camp. They will be subject to any subsequent restrictions as conveyed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. They will otherwise be able to participate in all other functions and activities of the camp. For the amount of \$40 they will receive a certificate, a lapel pin and a subscription to the Veterans Magazine. Second and subsequent years are \$30.
- c. **Associate membership** are members of another SCV Camp who attend/participate at meetings and events our camp organizes. They cannot hold office nor can they vote on any matters pertaining to the camp.

Section 6:

Active, Associate, and Friend membership in the camp is membership in the general Organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 7:

Applications for membership in the camp must be read at a regular meeting of the camp. Upon reading of the applications, membership in the camp will be extended only after receiving two-thirds vote of acceptance by the membership present.

Article V: *Dues*

Section 1:

The annual dues to the camp shall be set annually by the Executive Committee, with such amount subject to the approval by the membership at the annual meeting.

Section 2:

Members in arrears four months in payment of dues shall be classed as delinquent. Six months arrearages shall automatically impose suspension. Payment of all back dues within one year, together with all additional levies for that year, shall permit reinstatement to active membership. A member delinquent one year or more shall only be reinstated upon vote of the camp and payment of all the amounts due by him to the camp.

Article VI: *Meetings*

Section 1:

Annual meeting: The annual meeting of the camp shall be in December of each year on a date determined by the Executive Committee. If the annual meeting shall not be held at the time fixed, it shall be held within reasonable time thereafter.

Section 2:

Regular Meetings: The regular meeting of the camp for transaction of ordinary business shall be held monthly or at the discretion of the membership at bi-monthly intervals at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3:

A special meeting of the Executive Committee may be held at any time upon call of the Commander.

Section 4:

Ten percent of the members of the camp entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 5:

The rules and procedure at any meeting of the camp shall be those set forth in Robert's Rules Of Order, revised, except wherein they may be altered by the camp.

Article VII: Officers**Section 1:**

The officers of the camp shall be the Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, and the Executive Committee. At the discretion of the Commander and with the approval of the Executive Committee the duties of the First and Second Lieutenant Commanders may be combined into one office of "Lieutenant Commander."

All officers except those of the Executive Committee shall be elected by majority vote by ballot by the members in good standing present at the camp meeting for that purpose. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors are elected.

Section 2:

The Executive Committee shall be composed of: The Commander, 1st Lt Commander, 2nd Lt Commander, Adjutant, and the two immediate Past Commanders. No Past Commander shall be eligible to vote who has failed to maintain good standing in the camp.

Section 3:

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at any time and place as the Commander may determine.

Section 4:

Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5:

When an office is vacated as a result of death, resignation, or removal the Commander shall appoint a successor upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Such successor to hold office until the next election.

Article VIII: *Duties of Officers*

Section 1:

Commander: The Commander shall preside at all meetings of the camp and of the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office. He may at his discretion appoint members to the following positions: Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Chaplain, Color Sergeant, Historian, News Editor, Treasurer and Naval Consult. Assistants to these officers may be appointed if deemed necessary by the Commander. These members are to perform the duties usually responsible to that position and others that may be assigned by the Commander. These duties are not to include duties normally performed by other officers.

Section 2:

Lieutenant Commanders:

Subsection 1: First Lieutenant Commander – The First Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or at his request. He shall serve as the program and special activities chairman.

Subsection 2: Second Lieutenant Commander – The Second Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or at his request if the First Lt. Commander is not available. He shall be responsible for the enlistment, initiation, and welcoming of new members. He shall constantly strive for an active growing membership, keeping an adequate supply of SCV recruiting materials.

Subsection 3: Should there be only one Lieutenant Commander, he shall be responsible for all the duties listed in Subsections 1 and 2 above.

Section 3:

Adjutant: The Adjutant shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the camp to SCV Headquarters. He shall ensure all members are notified by a camp officer in writing of all special meetings. He shall notify all members of special meetings. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the books and papers of the camp. The Adjutant or Treasurer if one is appointed, shall have charge of all funds of the camp and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer, Adjutant, or Commander. The Adjutant or Treasurer if one is appointed, shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report to the membership at any meeting when requested. The Adjutant or Treasurer shall present a detailed report in writing of income and expenditures at a yearly meeting. He shall be responsible for collection of dues and fees, taking proper note of the paying member, his address and other information necessary in the maintenance of camp records.

Section 4:

Chaplain: The Chaplain provides spiritual guidance for the camp. He shall represent the camp in times of bereavement. He shall periodically report to the Commander on the well being of members confined by illness, and if necessary, shall make any hospital visits to

ailing or injured members. In the event of a member's death he shall immediately notify the membership and the Chaplain-in-Chief. He shall be responsible for the procurement of flowers, wreaths, or such other items incidental to the accomplishment of his duties.

Section 5:

Historian: The Historian shall keep and maintain a written record of the camp, its officers and members, and its accomplishments during his tenure of office. He shall be responsible for the collection of photographs, newspaper clippings, and such other items as necessary in the proper recording of camp history. All items will be affixed in a bound volume as to insure preservation.

Section 6:

Editor: The Commander on taking office may appoint an Editor and such other staff as necessary in the preparation and distribution of the official camp newsletter. The Commander shall periodically review operation of the newsletter to ascertain if its operation is in the best interest of the Camp. The Executive Committee shall provide all acceptances of annual subscriptions from non-members and establish an annual subscription rate. The Editor shall at the end of the fiscal year, prepare a written report concerning number of copies produced, number distributed and associated cost: this report to be submitted to the Commander at annual meeting.

Section 7:

Website Administrator: The Website Administrator is responsible for maintaining, configuring, and troubleshooting our website. He shall be responsible for designing the website, generating and revising the web pages keeping them up to date, ensuring the site is functioning properly and available to users.

Section 8:

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Approve or disapprove all bills presented to the Adjutant for payment.
- b. Set in judgment in all disciplinary matters.
- c. Authorize and approve all meeting sites and arrangements.
- d. Rule on all questions affecting the election eligibility and conduct of members.
- e. When in the interest of the camp, transact business on behalf of the membership.

Article IX: Awards

Section 1:

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the creation and administration of a program of awards presented to camp members and non-members being worthy of recognition.

Section 2:

The Executive Committee shall review and authorize the presentation of certificates and awards, except Commander's commendations and resolutions of respect, which are reserved to the Commander.

Section 3:

Sterling Price Award: The highest honor the Sterling Price Camp can confer will be known as the Sterling Price Award. It will only be awarded to camp members who have distinguished themselves over several years by outstanding dedicated service to the camp. The form the award will take may be a plaque or silver tray appropriately engraved, or any other such item the camp decides on. The award will be conferred only when there is a suitable recipient for it. The selection committee, when possible, shall consist of past recipients of the award.

*** Article X: *Suspension or Expulsion***

Any member may be suspended or expelled from the camp for cause. Such cause being deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the committee present at any regular or special meeting.

NOTE: *See Attachment for Further Disciplinary Procedures concerning Local Camp, Division, and HQ Camp #584.*

Article XI: *Prohibitions*

Section 1:

No discussion of religious subjects nor any discussion of political subjects that are identifiable with a political party, nor any endorsement of aspirants for political office, nor any political action except as set forth in Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be permitted.

Section 2:

No assessment shall be levied upon camp members other than annual dues and initiation fees except by resolution of the general membership.

Section 3:

Proxy voting shall not be permitted in the conduct of camp elections or business.

Article XII *Official Observances*

Section 1

The camp shall take special note of the days appointed by the civil authorities for the Commemoration of any Confederate Soldier, Sailor, Marine, or Statesmen.

Section 2:

The camp shall observe with proper solemnity all Confederate Memorial Days whether designated by civil authority or local customs.

Section 3:

The camp shall take particular and solemn note the date of May 10 in memory of the victims of the Camp Jackson Massacre, and the date of September 11 for the birth date of Major General Sterling Price.

Article XIII Amendments

Any proposed amendment to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the camp at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A vote may be taken upon the proposed amendment, provided a copy of the intended amendment has been sent to each camp member in good standing by United States Mail at least 10 days prior to the meeting. A two-thirds vote by the members present, by ballot, will be necessary to pass or reject.

NOTE: Any amendments added to these By-Laws will be written on the final pages. These By-Laws are to be updated every four (4) years by the Executive Committee.

Adopted this 7th day of March, 2020 by the members of Sterling Price Camp 145.

Robert O. Kennedy

Commander

Curtis Dan Maltman

Adjutant

*** See following pages for the Continuation of Article X and Amendments.**

Continuation of Article X: *Suspension or Expulsion

Section 1.

Discipline: Camps and Divisions, being the judges of their own members, may impose discipline upon their own members. Camps or Divisions may suspend or expel a member from their respective Camp or Division. At this point the member in question is transferred to HQ Camp #584, being that he is no longer a member in good standing of either the Division or a Camp within that Division. If the Camp or Division wishes to have the member expelled from the Confederation, it shall proffer charges to the disciplinary committee within 30 days of the dispensation of the Camp's or Division's action. At this point the procedures are as described elsewhere in this article. If the member is not expelled from the Confederation at the culmination of these actions, he may petition the Disciplinary Committee for the right to transfer to a Camp different from whence he came. If this petition is denied, he may appeal to the GEC.

Cause for disciplinary action shall be:

- a. Disloyalty
- b. Neglect of Duty
- c. Dishonesty
- d. Conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans
- e. An act repugnant to the Sons of Confederate Veterans Constitution or the objectives and purpose of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 2.

No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days' notice (in writing) shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. The notice must be delivered to the member by registered mail. At such meetings, the member under charge will be accorded a full hearing.

Section 3.

The Executive Committee shall provide for true and accurate recording of all proceedings of such hearings.

Section 4.

Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for that purpose. No vote on removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days' notice (in writing) shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his pending removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such a ballot on his removal is to be taken. The Executive Committee, upon majority vote, may suspend an officer pending outcome of this special meeting. At such meetings, the officer shall be given a full hearing.

Section 5.

Standing. Charges proffered by a Camp or Division must be against one of its own members. The General Executive Council or the Convention may proffer charges against any member. Charges may not be proffered by any individual. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits, which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Adjutant, who will immediately notify the Commander. The Commander will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Adjutant will give at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee, to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

Section 6.

Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the Camp. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Adjutant who will notify the Commander. The Commander will call a special meeting of the Camp for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Adjutant shall give at least fifteen (15) days' notice, in writing, to all members of the Camp in good standing—stating the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full Camp, the Adjutant will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and read or display the accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

Section 7.

Any member who has been suspended or expelled, and having exhausted the foregoing appeals procedures, has the right to appeal to the Division and afterwards, if necessary, the General Executive Council whose decision shall be final. A member expelled by the Camp is not eligible for membership in any other Camp of the Confederation.

Amendments Ratified

There are no amendments at this time.

Amendments Ratified

There are no further amendments at this time.