

Johann A. Sutter Chapter 1841 ECV®

Bylaws

Preamble

The ultimate goals of Johann A. Sutter Chapter 1841 ECV® are twofold: to further the research and preservation of western history in our region and to promote benevolent and charitable work within our community.

History

The founders met with the ECV® Grand Council for the purpose of establishing the chapter, and to that end, the ways and means of the chapter operation were established, agreed upon and promised to be kept as is, inviolate, and followed in perpetuity; those ways and means are enumerated in the following stakes.

The Articles of Incorporation filed with the state of California address the common articles the state requires, namely, the name, purpose, agent for service, organization and dissolution of the corporation.

Stake I

This chapter will abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the ECV® Grand Council, and, by these Stakes. Those who do not wish to follow those rules should participate elsewhere within the order.

Stake II

The governing body of the chapter, with duties and responsibilities similar to that of a board of directors, shall be known as "The Council."

Stake III

The Council shall consist of the following Officers:

- Noble Grand Humbug (NGH)
- Vice Noble Grand Humbug (VNGH)
- Greybeards (XNGH(s))

Stake IV

The officers, herein after referred to as "The Board," of the chapter are as follows:

- Noble Grand Humbug (NGH)
- Vice Noble Grand Humbug (VNGH)
- Grand Noble Recorder (GNR)
- Gold Dust Receiver (GDR)
- Hangman
- Damn Fool Door Keeper
- Board Members At Large
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- Greybeards (XNGH(s))

Stake V

The Council shall serve as The Selection Committee and shall have the responsibility of selecting members each May to fill officers' seats on The Board for the upcoming term. The Selection Committee consists of the following officers:

- Noble Grand Humbug (NGH)
- Vice Noble Grand Humbug (VNGH)
- Greybeards (XNGH(s))

Stake VI

The officers shall be installed annually on the first board meeting following Grand Council⁽¹⁾ for a term of one year. Upon successful completion of the term, the outgoing Humbug shall move to the status of Greybeard. The chapter's "fiscal year" is the 1st of June through the 31st of May of the following year.

Stake VII

All selected officers shall become members of the Corporation.

Stake VIII

The officers shall serve without pay or compensation.

Stake IX

In the event of death, incapacity, or abdication of one of the officers, his successor shall be chosen by The Council to complete the current term.

Stake X

All non-voting positions shall be appointed by the Humbug with the advice of The Board and the wise counsel of the Greybeards.

Stake XI

Board members, as representatives of the chapter, and shall carry themselves in a responsible manner at all ECV events; The Council shall have the authority to remove an Officer from office for just cause with a two-thirds affirmative vote by The Council.

Stake XII

PBCs must be at least 25 years of age, will be treated with courtesy and respect; board members may, with consent of a member of the Council, expel anyone from any event for cause.

Stake XIII

Four members of The Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of council business. All members of the Council shall be notified of a council meeting and provided with the agenda for that council meeting at least 48 hours prior to the council meeting; only items published on that agenda which was provided at least 48 hours prior to that council meeting may be voted or acted upon. All council meetings shall be held in Executive Session, a two-thirds affirmative vote shall be required, all meetings shall be conducted with the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order, and votes must be cast in person at the council meeting. In the event of an "emergency" council meeting, e.g., at a doins (an "emergency" council meeting is not for changing policy, but is for reacting to a current event), the quorum shall include all council members present.

Stake XIV

Five board members shall constitute a quorum for conducting board business. All members of the Council and the Board shall be notified of a board meeting and provided with the agenda for that board meeting at least 48 hours prior to the board meeting; only items published on that agenda which was provided at least 48 hours prior to that board meeting may be voted or acted upon. Each board member shall have only one vote even if he holds more than one position on the board, exception: the NGH shall have no vote regardless of how many board positions he holds. A Greybeard board member has only one vote even if he holds more than one position on the board, Greybeards shall not be counted to form a quorum for board meetings. A two-thirds affirmative vote shall be required to pass a motion. The Council shall have the ability to override an affirmed Board motion via a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Council for motions contrary to the chapter aims. All meetings shall be conducted with the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order, and votes must be cast in person at the board meeting. In the event of an "emergency" board meeting, e.g., at a doins (an "emergency" board meeting is not for changing policy, but is for reacting to a current event), the quorum shall include all board members present.

Stake XV

The stakes are the stakes and shall not be changed; however, The Council shall have the power to add amendments to the bylaws as follows: The Council shall accept for consideration requests to amend the bylaws; consideration shall require notification to all members of The Council, as defined in Stake XIII, and, if a change is warranted, a two-thirds affirmative vote at two consecutive meetings of The Council shall be required to effect the change.

Stake XVI

This last and final Stake declares the Johann A. Sutter Chapter 1841 ECV territories shall consist of Sacramento County and the eastern portion of Yolo County as specified by Grand Council.

Amendments⁽²⁾

Amendment A: Officers Duties

Enumeration of each officers' duties and responsibilities (this is a placeholder for the officer's duties and responsibilities document which at this time only exists in rough draft; it will be added and available at such time as it has been made relevant and approved by the Council).

1) The meeting of Grand Council traditionally occurs annually on the third Saturday in May.

2) Two articles a parliamentarian suggests that explain changing bylaws:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Amend-Nonprofit-Bylaws>

<http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/roberts-rules-for-amending-bylaws.html>

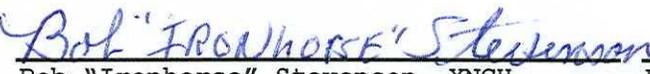
So say us one, so say us all this 2ND day of MARCH, year of A.D. 2015, and of our order, the year 6020 as we the council of the Johann A. Sutter Chapter 1841 ECV^o do hereby affix our marks thereby makin this an official document of Clamperdom.



Gary "Everready" Karl, XNGH



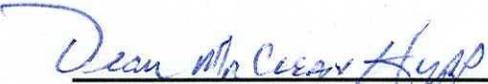
Mike "Gunshot" Young, XNGH



Bob "Ironhorse" Stevenson, XNGH



Russell "Christ" Holder, XNGH



Dean "Mr. Clean" Hupp, XNGH



Bob "Popeye" Farrell, VNGH