

# Clan Fraser Society of North America®

Proposed Bylaw Changes Approved by CFSNA® Board of Directors March 2026

## Board-Approved Change to Article 2

Please note that text to be removed appears with strike-through. Text to be replaced appears underlined.

### ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

The general purposes for which this Society has been established are as follows: (1) To encourage interest in the history, arts, and tradition of Scotland and of Clan Fraser; (2) to collect and preserve literary, historical, and genealogical records, documents, and relics relating to Scotland and Clan Fraser; (3) to provide opportunities for members and others to learn about Scottish history and share their knowledge with others; (4) to honor our Scottish heritage and to inspire among our member families and their descendants the pride and spirit of our Scottish ancestors; (5) to gather for the purpose of promoting our Scottish heritage to Clan members and others; (6) to encourage perpetuation of Highland dress, traditions, and customs and promote Highland Games and Gatherings; and (7) to create and promulgate specific scholarship funds for the pursuit of Scottish athletics, music, and studies which are consistent with the principles of the Clan Fraser Society of North America®, Inc.

~~As an organization established for and with its membership limited to members of the Fraser Clan/Family, the Society is established within the meaning of IRS Publication 557, Section 501©(7) Organization of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code and shall be operated exclusively as a social organization to promote educational, historical, patriotic and benevolent activities. Its aims shall be to: (1) promote the general interest of kinship and comradeship among the members of the Clan throughout North American and the Clan Fraser in Scotland; (2) to collect and preserve literary, historical, and genealogical records, documents, and relics relating to the Clan and to Scotland; (3) to mark, with plaques and statuary, historical battle sites in Scotland and North America where members of Clan Fraser have gained undying fame; (4) to honor our Scottish heritage and to inspire among our member families and their descendants the pride and spirit of our Scottish ancestors; (5) to gather for the purpose of promoting our Scottish heritage to Clan members and others; and (6) to create and promulgate specific scholarship funds for the pursuit of Scottish studies which are consistent with the principles of the Clan Fraser Society of North America®, Inc.~~

In addition, this Society has been formed for the purpose of performing all things incidental to, or appropriate in, the foregoing specific and primary purposes. However, the Society shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or the exercise of any powers which are not in the furtherance of its primary non-profit purposes.

The Society shall hold and may exercise all such powers as may be conferred upon any nonprofit organization by the laws of the State of North Carolina and as may be necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the Society. At no time and in no event shall the Society participate in any activities which have not been permitted to be carried out by a Corporation exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (the "Code").

## **Board-Approved Change to Article 7**

Please note that the text to be added to Article 7 appears underlined.

### **ARTICLE 7 – DUES**

#### **Dues**

Dues are payable at the time of submission of application for membership and annually thereafter on the anniversary of membership. Non-receipt of dues within 3 months of the due date shall result in membership termination and the person will no longer be considered a member in good standing. Discretion shall be exercised, if mitigating circumstances are brought to the attention of the Board of Directors.

Dues for a member will include their spouse and all dependent children (per IRS definition).

#### **Adjustments to Dues Amount**

Board of Directors, prior to the annual meeting, will determine the amount for dues subject to approval by a 2/3 majority vote of all members attending the annual meeting and any proxies provided.

In addition, the Board on an annual basis may meet to approve the waiver of annual dues for individuals who make a significant contribution to the Society and its purposes.

#### **Life Membership**

Dues for life membership shall be fifteen (15) times the annual dues at the time of life membership application. Current Regular members in good standing may at any time apply to become life members. Family Life memberships will include the spouse and also dependent children only for the period they are considered dependents (per IRS definition). Life memberships will be subject to approval by the Board. Total life memberships will not exceed 15% of the total membership. Life membership may be bestowed by the Board, at no cost to the individual, for anyone that they deem has made a significant contribution to the success of the society and its purpose.