

FSMD STANDING RULES

1. The State Society shall provide information on the State Elected Officers and Committee Chairs and each Colony Officers, and each Colony shall receive fifty-dollars (\$50) to publish its own membership directory every three years.
2. Insignia purchased for the Deputy Governor General and the Assistant General are the property of the State Society and will be passed to succeeding holders of those positions.
3. The Governor's insignia of office and gavel are the property of the State Society and will be passed to succeeding Governors.
4. The Past State Governor's insignia shall be purchased and presented upon retirement.
5. Effective on January 1, 2009, the fee to be paid with preliminary or supplementary application for membership shall be one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115). This fee is waived for Junior Members applying for Regular Membership between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25), admitted prior to Jan. 1, 2009. **(Amended 22 Nov 2008)**
6. Annual dues are thirty dollars (\$30) payable upon election and thereafter before January 1. Those new members who join after July 30 may pay only the eleven dollars (\$11) General Society amount. Those new members who join after July 30 may be charged only the eleven (\$11) General Society amount and the nine dollars (\$9) State Society amount.
 - 6 a. The re-instatement fee shall be five dollars (\$5).
 - 6.b. Transfer fee out of the Florida Society to another State Society shall be five dollars (\$5),
four dollars (\$4) of that amount to be returned to the losing Colony.
 6. c. Transfer fee into Florida Society from another State Society shall be five dollars (\$5),
7. Junior Membership fee of thirty dollars (\$30) shall be paid with original application effective January 1, 2010. **(Amended Nov. 21, 2009)**
8. Registration fee of four dollars (\$4.00) shall be charged all members of the Florida Society, and their guests, attending the annual meeting and/or the annual banquet when reservation is made. **(Amended 22 Nov 2008)**
9. Periodic Reports and Audits of FSMD Treasury
 - a. In addition to the reports required by Article V, Section 4 of FSMD Bylaws, the Treasurer shall provide the Governor and Finance Committee Chairperson with periodic reports on the status of the Treasury as of January 31, The April Board of Assistants Meeting and July 31.
 - b. The annual audit of Treasurer's records will be conducted as soon as possible after October 31 but prior to the FSMD Annual Meeting. **(Amended Nov. 21, 2009)**
10. Should the necessity arise for an Assistant to the State Secretary or to the State Treasurer, the person will be appointed by the State Governor upon the recommendation of that officer.
11. Life Membership: The member must pay his/her own dues for the next year after application for Life membership. Fees: age 25-34 \$1500; 35-44 \$1200; 45-49 \$1000; 50-54 \$900; 55-59 \$800; 60-64 \$700; 65-69 \$600; 70 and older \$500. **(Amended Nov. 21, 2009)**

Procedure (adopted April 1990) for Administering Life Memberships follows:

- a. A member of the society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida (not including Juniors) is eligible to become a Life Member as of 1 January of any year after the applicant has been a member of the Florida Society for more than one year. Life memberships are not transferable out of the State of Florida. **(See note below)**
- b. After paying the dues for the first year after application, Life Members shall not be liable for further Colony, Florida State or General Society dues.

- c. The applicant must submit an application to the Treasurer of his/her Colony together with a check for the appropriate amount payable to the Florida Mayflower Society. State members not attached to a Colony shall submit the application to the State Treasurer.
- d. The Treasurer shall verify that the prospective member has been a Florida member for more than one year and is not in arrears in payment of dues. (**See note below**)
- e. The Colony Treasurer shall approve the application certifying that the member is eligible for Life Membership and shall forward the application with check attached to the State Treasurer.
- f. The State Treasurer shall assign a Florida Life Membership Number, prepare a Life Membership card and send the card to the Colony Treasurer.
- g. The Colony Treasurer shall notify the Colony Historian and the Colony Secretary of the Life Membership, including the Life Membership Number. The Life Membership card shall be forwarded to the new Life Member by the Colony Treasurer.
- h. All Life Membership fees shall be maintained by the State Treasurer in a Life Membership Reserve Fund (LMRF), separate from other accounts.
- i. Not later than 15 February of each year, the Colony Treasurer shall forward to the State Treasurer a listing of all of that Colony's living Life Members. Any deceased Life Members during the past year shall be listed separately.
- j. Not later than 1 March of each year, the State Treasurer shall pay from the LMRF annual statewide dues for each Life Member to the Colony Treasurers. For Life Members not attached to a Colony, payment shall be made to the regular State Treasurer's account.
- k. The Colony Treasurers shall include dues for their Life Members in their remittance of State and General Society dues to the State Treasurer.
1. The colonies shall include their Life Members in their membership list published in the triennial directory, with the Florida Life Member Number preceded by the capital letter "L" shown just below the basic Florida State Number.
12. The FSMD Elder will present Memorial Certificate to deceased member's next of kin, when possible.

(Adopted 20Nov2010)

NOTE: Amended 20Nov2010

Effective Nov. 1, 2012- due to Amendment to the FSMD Bylaws, Article III, Section 9

11.a. A member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida is eligible to become a Life Member as of 1 January of any year after attaining the age of 50 years and having been a member of the Florida Society for at least five years and is not in arrears in payment of dues. Life memberships are not transferable out of the State of Florida.

11 d. The State Treasurer shall verify that a prospective Life Member has been an FSMD member for at least five years, is at least 50 years of age, and is not in arrears in payment of dues.