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Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1.01 The Name. of the organization for all documents/articles requiring our incorporated status will be the; Philadelphia Mummers Brigade Association hereinafter called the “Association”. For all other purposes the name shall be the Mummers Fancy Brigade Association.

Section 1.02 The Objective. of this Association is to advance the Art of Mummery, to promote the administration of the New Year’s Mummers Parade, to represent the interests of the Fancy Brigades in all dealings with all other participants in the New Year’s Mummers Parade and related activities.

Section 1.03 The Purpose. of the Mummers Fancy Brigade Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501-c-3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 1.04 The Offices. The Association does not maintain a physical office, but is registered and operates as a corporation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Association may have such other offices, within or outside the City of Philadelphia as may be designated by the Board of Directors, or shall be appropriate or necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation.

Article II Membership/Brigade Requirements

Section 2.01 General Rights and Powers. Except otherwise provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these bylaws, the number, classes, qualifications, rights, privileges, dues, fees, responsibilities, and the provisions governing the withdrawal, suspension, and expulsion of members shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Except as may otherwise be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these bylaws, any right of members to vote and any right, title or interest in or to the Association, its properties and franchises, shall cease and divest upon termination of membership, except that liability of a member for sum due the Association shall survive such termination unless otherwise expressly provided by the Board or Directors.

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Section 2.02 Qualification for membership. When a new Brigade (member) wishes to enter the parade, they must contact the City of Philadelphia and the President of the Fancy Brigade Association and be placed on a waiting list in order of their application. All applications are due before January 31st.

If accepted by the City of Philadelphia and the Fancy Brigade Association, a \$5,000.00 non-refundable entry fee is to be paid to the fancy Brigade Association. \$500.00 must be paid, at the time of application with a minimum of \$2,000 to be paid by 15 June, with a second payment of \$2,500 due by 15 June of their second year.

A new brigade parading for the first time must have at least (25) marching members at the time of acceptance. Of the marching membership two-thirds (2/3) must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. The new brigade must present a membership list including names, addresses and ages to the Fancy Brigade Association prior to acceptance. Any new brigade must participate in two (2) consecutive Mummers Parades before being granted any revenue from any revenue generating event (Fest and Finale, Television, etc.).

Section 2.03 Reserved

Section 2.04 Election of membership. Members shall be elected upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting Brigades at a duly constituted meeting.

Section 2.05 Voting Rights. Except as other wised provided in these bylaws, each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter upon which members have voting rights. A new brigade must successfully complete one year of membership before being granted voting rights.

Section 2.06 Compensation. No member shall receive any compensation for their services in such capacity, except that the Board of Directors may by resolution provide reimbursement for actual disbursements expended on behalf of or in service to the Association and according to policies authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.07 Duties of Membership. All Brigades must participate and be assessed for all functions run by the Fancy Brigade Association (banquets, raffles, food drives, etc.). Assessments will vary according to the function.

- a) Each Brigade is assessed two (2) tables for the annual awards banquet and all Brigades must have at least one (1) full table of their Brigade members with a Brigade officer at the banquet. If this requirement is not met a \$1,000.00 fine will be levied. All money for your banquet tickets must be paid in full two (2) weeks prior to the date of the banquet or you will not receive your tickets and you will be fined \$1,000.00.

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- b) Each Brigade is assessed two (2) full pages in the banquet ad book, one (1) for their write-up and (1) for their picture(s).
- c) A fine of \$1,000.00 will be levied against any Brigade that does not participate in the serenade parade with the fine going 50/50 to the first (1st) place Brigade and the Fancy Brigade Association. Each Brigade must have at least twenty (20) members in costume and enter the parade at the spot designated by the 1st Prize Fancy Brigade.

Article III Meetings

Section 3.01 Time & Place. Meetings will be scheduled on the 4th Thursday of the month. No meetings will be scheduled in July or August. Meetings will rotate each month to a different brigade member's club house.

Section 3.02 Special Meeting. Special meetings can be called at any time by the Fancy Brigade Association President.

Section 3.03 Quorum:

- a) Each Brigade must have a representative attend at least fifty (50) percent of the meetings called by the Fancy Brigade Association or a fine of \$1,000.00 will be levied.
- b) Delegates must attend seven (7) Fancy Brigade Association meetings during the previous year in order to be eligible to run for office the following year.
- c) A quorum required to hold a meeting will be a majority of the Brigades and at least two elected officers in attendance.

Section 3.04 Manner of Acting (Voting): A majority of the votes cast on a matter to be voted upon by the members present or represented by proxy at a duly constituted meeting shall be necessary for the adoption thereof unless a greater portion is required by law or these by laws.

- a) Only authorized Brigade delegates and members of the Hall of Fame can make or second motions.
- b) Only authorized Brigade delegates and members of the Hall of Fame can vote on motions.
- c) Each Brigade's money must be paid up to date or they cannot make or vote on any motions

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Article IV Officers

Section 4.01 General Powers. The property, business, and affairs of the Association shall be overseen by its officers in accordance with these bylaws and the purposes of the Philadelphia Mummers Brigade Association. The Officers are responsible for overall policy and direction of the Association as directed by its members. Specific powers of the Officers include but are not limited to:

- a) Defining the mission, goals, and objectives of the association, and assigning priorities among the goals and objectives when needed;
- b) Reviewing and approving the associations budget;
- c) Raising the financial resources required to meet the association's goals and objectives and establishing general fund raising policies; and
- d) Conduct a biennial review and evaluation of the association's performance of the goals and objectives of the highest priorities.

Section 4.02 Officers. The elected officers of this Association will consist of:

- a) President
- b) 1st Vice President
- c) 2nd Vice President
- d) Secretary
- e) Treasurer
- f) Financial Secretary
- g) Business Agent
- h) Sgt.-at-Arms

Section 4.03 Term. The term of office shall be for one (1) year.

Section 4.04 Qualification. All elected officers must be at least 21 years of age and be considered a member in good standing from the previous year.

Section 4.05 Vacancies. If an officer cannot fulfill his duties, and an election is deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, at the next scheduled meeting a date will be set when an election will be held to fill the vacancy. Notice of such election must be given to the membership 72 hours prior to the election.

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Section 4.06 Duties of Officers.

a) PRESIDENT:

- i. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.
- ii. He shall preside over all membership and Board of Directors Meetings.
- iii. Unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws, he will have the authority to appoint all Committees.
- iv. He shall attend all meetings of outside organizations in connection with brigade business. In the event the President cannot attend meetings of outside associations in connection with Association business, the 1st vice-president will attend in his place.
- v. If an officer is not in attendance at a meeting, than the presiding officer shall appoint someone to act in that office for that meeting, if necessary.

b) 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT:

- i. He shall preside over Association meetings in absence of the President.
- ii. In the event the President cannot perform his duties and upon certification of such fact by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, the 1st Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term, unless he chooses not to do so.
- iii. He shall perform such duties as delegated by the President.

c) 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT:

- i. He shall preside over Association meetings in the absence of the President and the 1st Vice President.
- ii. In the event the President cannot perform his duties, and the 1st Vice President chooses not to place his name in succession, and upon certification of such fact by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, the 2nd Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term, unless he chooses not to do so.
- iii. He shall perform such duties as delegated by the President.

d) SECRETARY:

- i. At all membership and Executive Board meetings he shall take minutes and roll call.
- ii. Notifies all members of meetings at least 72 hours prior to the date of the meeting.
- iii. In the absence of the President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice President he shall preside over meetings and appoint a secretary for that meeting.
- iv. In the event the President cannot perform his duties, and the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents choose not to place their name in succession, and upon certification of such fact by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term, unless he chooses not to do so.

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- v. He shall be the official custodian of all records of the Association. He must turn these records over to his successor at the end of his term.
- vi. He shall maintain special records of all written committee reports. These reports should be turned over to the secretary by the secretary of the various committees.
- vii. He will handle all correspondence pertaining to Association business.

e) TREASURER:

- i. Shall collect all dues and monies of the Association and shall direct the keeping of accurate records
- ii. Shall receive, disburse, and invest the funds of the Association in the manner directed by the Board of Directors.
- iii. Shall be the official custodian of the funds of the Association
- iv. Shall be responsible for all disbursement of brigade funds not specifically provided for in other articles of these by-laws.
- v. Treasurer Signature shall be required on all checks issued by the brigade along with the President.
- vi. Shall cause audits to be made periodically as ordered by the Board of Directors.
- vii. Shall cause to have issued notices concerning dues owed and sanctions for failure to pay such dues as directed by these By-Laws or by the Board of Directors.
- viii. Shall give a detailed report of the Treasury at each regular meeting and executive board meetings. The Treasurer's report should include a detailed report on ALL Fancy Brigade Association Accounts. In his absence a report must be made available to the Financial Secretary so that he may give the Treasurer's report.
- ix. In the event the President cannot perform his duties, and the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary choose not to place their names in succession, and upon certification of such fact by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term, unless he chooses not to do so.

f) FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

- i. The Financial Secretary will act as the single point of contact (SPOC) for all tourism related issues and responsibilities. His duties will include but not limited to: timely contact with Group Tour Groups and Operators and other groups designated by the Executive Board.
- ii. He will be the SPOC for pursuing the proper collateral for the various types of mail and hand distribution by the MFBA.
- iii. He shall attend all meetings of outside organizations in connection with brigade business as delegated by the President.

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- iv. He shall assist the Treasurer in all financial/treasury related duties as delegated by the Treasurer
- v. He shall perform such duties as delegated by the president
- vi. In the event the president cannot perform his duties and the 1st Vice President and the 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer choose not to place their names in succession, and upon certification of such fact by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, the Financial Secretary shall assume duties of the President.

g) BUSINESS AGENT:

- i. The Business Agent shall be the liaison for all business matters that involve the association in accordance with the direction of the President
- ii. He shall deal with any and all sponsorships secured by the MFBA and those contracted to obtain sponsorship by the Association.
- iii. He shall attend all meetings of outside organizations in connection with brigade business as delegated by the President
- iv. He shall perform such duties as delegated by the president
- v. In the event the president cannot perform his duties and the 1st Vice President and the 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Sgt. At Arms choose not to place their names in succession, and upon certification of such fact by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, the Business Agent shall assume duties of the President.

h) SERGEANT AT ARMS:

- i. He shall maintain order at all Fancy Brigade Association meetings.
- ii. He has the authority to remove anyone at a meeting who is disruptive or at the direction of the presiding officer.
- iii. In the event the President cannot perform his duties, and the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Business Agent choose not to place their names in succession, and upon certification of such fact by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, the Sgt.– at– Arms, shall assume the duties of the president.

Section 4.07 Nomination and Elections:

- a) Nominations of all officers to be held at the January or the first meeting of the year following the New Year's Day Parade.
- b) Elections (if required) to be held at the February or second meeting of the year following the New Year's Day Parade.

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- c) All delegates must have attended at least seven (7) Fancy Brigade Association Meetings during The previous year to be eligible to run for office.
- d) A member cannot hold more than one (1) elected office.
- e) A member can nominate himself.
- f) During nominations no second is required.
- g) A letter of intention to be nominated for an office will be accepted if a member cannot be present for nominations or elections.
- h) Election of Officers shall be by secret ballot.
- i) Vote for office shall not exceed 3 ballots per office, per meeting. Next vote will take place within seven (7) days.
- j) If there is but one nominee for any office to be filled, then the Association may by voice vote authorize any member to cast the ballot of the Association for said member or any of them.
- k) In order to be eligible to vote a brigade (member) must be in good standing, including the current year, with the Association.

Section 4.08 Compensation: No officer may receive any compensation, except as reimbursement for actual disbursements expended on behalf of or in service to the association and according to policies authorized by the Board of Directors.

Article V Board of Directors

Section 5.01 General Powers: The Board of Directors shall be the managing body of the Association and shall advise the President as to the direction of the affairs of the Association.

Section 5.02 Number: The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Business Agent and Sgt.-at-Arms.

Section 5.03 Meetings: The Board of Directors should meet at least once a month except during July & August and at such other times as the President shall direct. They may be called into special session by the President or if in the event of his absence or disability the next officer in order of succession.

Section 5.04 Special Meeting: A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held upon the written request of any four (4) Board Members.

Section 5.05 Quorum: Four Officers must be present at a Board of Directors meeting to constitute a quorum.

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Article VI - Committees

Section 6.01 Committee Chairs: The President may designate and appoint committees of the Board as deemed necessary. Each Board committee shall be chaired or co-chaired by a Board member appointed by the President or, at the President's discretion, selected by the committee's members, subject to the approval of the Board. Non-Board members may be appointed to any Board committees at the discretion of the President.

Section 6.02 Standing Committees: The Board shall maintain the following standing committees: Finance Committee, Development Committee, Marketing Committee, Bylaw Committee, Theme Committee, Hall of Fame Committee, and Banquet Committee.

- a) Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be composed of three or more Board members, one of whom shall be the treasurer. The Finance Committee shall oversee all financial operations of the organization, develop long-range fiscal plans, procure and review any and all audits and prepare and recommend an annual operating budget to the Board.
- b) Development Committee. The Development Committee shall be composed of three Board members. The Development Committee shall be responsible for the organization's fundraising activities and shall coordinate its fundraising goals with the Finance Committee and Marketing Committee.
- c) Marketing Committee. The Marketing Committee shall be composed of three or more Board members. This committee shall focus on raising awareness about the Fancy Brigade Association as well as supporting the Fancy Brigade Association Board of Directors and the Development Committee in furtherance of visibility and development goals.
- d) Bylaw Committee. A Bylaw committee will be established each year to review the Corporate and Parade Bylaws which are an addendum to the Corporate Bylaws. The President will chair the committee which should have a minimum of four committee members. Any member can submit a requested modification to the Bylaws or the committee can make request for change to the Bylaws on behalf of the membership. All requests for modification will be brought forth to the membership for reading and adoption in accordance with the Bylaw Amendment Article X.
- e) Theme Committee. In January of each year the President will select the Theme Committee Chair and two other members to form the Theme Committee. The role of the Theme Committee will be the collector of all themes submitted by the Fancy Brigade members and ensures they are consistent with the rules established in the Parade Bylaws Article IX.
- f) Hall of Fame Committee. A Hall of Fame committee shall be established as the moderator of both the Hall of Fame and Veterans Hall of Fame nominations and elections in accordance with the

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establish Bylaws in Article VIII of these Bylaws. The Hall of Fame committee does not need to have a Board Member as one of the Committee members, it may consist of current members, or delegates, or Hall of Fame Members. This committee needs to be established before June of each year to prepare for the period of time which nominations are eligible to be submitted. The Board shall consist of a minimum of three board members.

- g) Awards Banquet Committee. Shall be established to coordinate the annual awards banquet, all members shall be selected by the president and serve a one year term. The committee will search for venues, negotiate cost, hire vendors, and establish agenda. The committee shall provide reports to the members of final income and expenditures within two months of the Awards Banquet.

Section 6.03 Special Committees: The President may appoint special committees composed of Board members and/or non-board members for purposes deemed appropriate by the President (i.e. special fundraising events, etc.). The term of such committees shall not be more than one year.

Advisory Council: The Board may maintain and Advisory Council which shall not have nor exercise the authority, responsibility, or duties of the Board. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, members of such Advisory Council need not be Board members. The President shall appoint the members thereof. Any members may be removed by the President whenever in the President's judgement; the best interest of the Fancy Brigade Association shall be served by such removal.

Section 6.03 Term: Each member of a committee and the Advisory Council shall serve a term on one year, unless the committee is sooner terminated or unless a committee member is removed from such committee or Advisory Council..)

Section 6.05 Vacancies: Vacancies in the membership of any committee or Advisory Council may be filled by appointments made in the same manners as provided in the case of the original appointments.

Section 6.06 Quorum; Manner of Acting: The act of the majority of the committee members present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

Section 6.07 Rules: Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not consistent with these by-laws or the rules adopted by the Board.

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Article VII Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 7.01 Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Fancy Brigade Association shall be from July 1st to June 30th.

Section 7.02 Annual Budget: The Board shall adopt an annual operating budget, which specifies major expenditures by type and amount.

Section 7.03 Books and Records: The Fancy Brigade Association shall keep correct and complete books and accounting records and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of all its meetings.

Section 7.04 Contracts and Grants: The Board may authorize any officer(s) or agent(s) of the Fancy Brigade Association to enter into contracts, leases, and agreements with and accept grants and loans from the United States; its departments and agencies; the State of Pennsylvania; its agencies, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions; and public or private corporations, foundations, and persons; and may generally perform all acts necessary for a full exercise of the powers vested in it. The President shall have the authority to enter into such contracts and expend such funds on behalf of the organization as the Board may specify.

Section 7.05 Checks, Drafts, or Orders for Payment: All checks, drafts, orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the association shall be signed by such officer(s) or agent(s) of the Association.

- a) There must be three (3) people authorized to sign checks, but only two (2) signatures are required on the checks. The Three (3) officers are the Treasurer, the President, and the First (1st) Vice President
- b) All checks distributed by the Fancy Brigade Association must be made out in the name of the Brigade receiving a check and not in the name of any individual.
- c) Only Fancy Brigades (members) who are part of the Fancy Brigade Association may share in the profits derived in the Convention Center. The Fancy Brigade Association also reserves the right to limit shares of profits any other Fancy Brigade events to only the Brigades who are in the Fancy Brigade Association.

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- d) The Fancy Brigade Association can lend money (if funds permit) to a Brigade (member) only under the following conditions and they have concluded two (2) consecutive years as a member in good standing: a) a Brigade is in danger of not making the parade due to a catastrophic event b) Costumer will not release the costumes until a final bill is paid. Once a request(s) is/are made, the association Treasurer will inform the Board if the funds are available for lending. The Association will be limited to lending out \$5,000 in a given year. If more than one Brigade makes a request they are still limited to the \$5,000 maximum. At the time of the request a special meeting will be called with one delegate from each Brigade, to review the request and make final approval. If approved, the requesting Brigade(s) will sign a document stipulating the loan amount and the repayment plan. All loans must be paid in full in the following year, by June 30th. If not paid in full a 10% late fee will be applied for each month the loan repayment is late. All Brigades will be limited to a \$5,000 loan over a five year period.

Section 7.06 Corporate Seal: The official seal of the corporation shall have inscribed the name of the corporation. The official seal shall also contain such words or figures as the Board of Directors may determine. The official seal may be used by placing, by any process whatsoever, an impression, facsimile, or other reproduction of said seal.

Section 7.07 Activities of the Corporation: No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or any 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 purposes 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 purposes not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from the 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.

Section 7.08 Insurance: The Fancy Brigade Association shall purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is serving the Fancy Brigade Association against any liability asserted against him/her and incurred by him/her in such a capacity or arising out of his/her status as such person, whether or not the Fancy Brigade Association would have the power to indemnify him/her against that liability under these bylaws or by statue.

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Section 7.09 Participation Clause: With the importance of sponsor dollars and the increase in the number of sponsors, we are being requested to appear at a number of events. In order to assure that everyone shares this responsibility we are instituting a "Participation Clause" The System will work as follows starting in January 2003:

- a) Each year each brigade will have a designated amount of money deducted from their prize/TV money.
- b) Each brigade will earn 1 point for each event they attend. Each brigade must have an equal opportunity to attend.
- c) To ensure this all brigades must be notified within 24 hours of each other and at least 72 hours before the event.
- d) The President will state the minimum number of people required per club at each event.
- e) You must have the minimum number of members in costume to be considered participating at the event.
- f) No additional points are given if you are over the minimum number.
- g) At the end of the year the number of events are counted and multiplied by the total number of Brigades. For example if five events are held and there are twelve brigades the maximum participation point total would be 60 (12 x 5).
- h) Count up the number of clubs that attended each event. As in our example if five events are held, and an average of five clubs participate in the five events, the total number of points earned would equal 25 (5 x 5).
- i) If in our example \$1000 dollars was deducted from each club the total dollars available would equal \$12,000.
- j) At the end of the year you take the total dollars collected (\$12,000), and divide that Number by total number of points earned (in our example that would be 25). In our example each club who attended an event would earn \$480 per event (12,000/25). Again in our example if a brigade attended all 5 events they would take home \$2,400 dollars (\$1,400 over their initial investment). In January of each year the money earned the previous year is distributed (i.e. the money deducted in January 2003, will be distributed in January 2004).

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Article VIII Hall of Fame (incl. Veterans HOF)

Section 8.01 Eligibility requirements for the Hall of Fame:

- a) The candidate must be at least 40 years of age.
- b) The Candidate must have paraded as a Fancy brigade member for 20 years with at least half coming after the age of eighteen (18). This would include time served in an affiliation role with a Brigade or the Fancy Brigade Association.
- c) The Candidates name should be submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee between June 1st and September 30th.
- d) To nominate a Candidate for the Hall of fame the following must be submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee:
 - i. *An application must be completed providing pertinent information about the candidate. This application form will be the same for all candidates and will be supplied by the Hall of Fame Committee.*
 - ii. *A Resume on the candidate, summarizing their history and achievements,*
 - iii. *The Resume should be typed on the club stationary (of the club submitting). The Secretary of the Hall of Fame Committee will hold the Resumes in confidence.*
 - iv. *Only one (1) Resume per nominee will be accepted and read to the Delegates.*
- e) Voting for the Hall of Fame will take place in November. A special meeting will be called for the Hall of Fame election. All Brigade Members are welcome to attend. Each Brigade may cast only one vote. In order to be eligible to vote a brigade must have representation at the Hall of Fame election meeting.
- f) To be elected into the Hall of Fame an inductee must win by ½ the number of brigades present and eligible to vote.
- g) In the case of only one individual being nominated for the Hall of Fame there will be a yes/no vote by the delegates. If the Nominee does not receive a simple majority (50% plus 1)of “yes” votes of those present than no one will be inducted into the Hall for that year.
- h) All voting for the Hall of fame will be by secret ballot.
- i) Inductees to the Hall of fame will receive a Plaque commemorating their induction into the Hall. The new inductee will also receive the traditional Hall of Fame Ring.
- j) Each Brigade may nominate one individual for the Hall of Fame per year.
- k) If an individual is no longer an active member of a Brigade he may still be nominated provided he meets the previously stated criteria for nomination.
- l) Deceased brigade members will not be eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame posthumously, but will be eligible for the “Veteran’s” Hall of Fame (See below).

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- m) Those elected in to the Fancy Brigade Association “Veteran’s” Hall of Fame are not eligible for this category of Hall of Fame. A candidate can only be inducted into one recognized Fancy Brigade Association Hall of Fame. Prior to acceptance into the “Veteran’s” Hall of Fame a candidate should be made aware of this ruling and be given the right to decline.

Section 8.02 Eligibility Requirements for Veterans Hall of Fame:

- a) To be eligible for the “Veteran’s” Hall of fame a candidate must be 50 years of age and paraded with the Fancy Brigade Division for at least 20 years.
- b) The Fancy Brigade “Veteran’s” Hall of Fame will accept two candidates from each brigade for induction into the Hall in the odd numbered years

IX Dissolution

Section 9.01 Dissolution: 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 than 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 X Amendments to Bylaws

Section 10.01 Amendments: All rules and regulations are in effect for the entire year. Any new or proposed revisions to the current by-laws must be submitted in writing to the By-Law committee. The change will be read out at two (2) meetings (regular or special), and voted on at the second meeting. Delegates must be informed 72 hours prior to a special meeting being held to discuss bylaw changes.