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### **Age Qualification for Candidates Seeking Election as National Officers**

A Brother of the Order requested a formal opinion from the National Counselor regarding the eligibility of a member, who is currently 15 years of age and therefore a minor in all 50 states of the Union, to run for the office of National Quartermaster.

After consulting the Charter, Constitution and Regulations of the Order Chapter III Article VIII (Officer Job Descriptions & Duties) Section 7, Chapter III Article IX (Finances) Section 9, Sub section (c), Chapter V (General Regulations) Article III (Bonds), General Order #22 series 2013-2014, Proceedings of the 2014 National Encampment pages 86-88, the current Sons of Union Veterans or the Civil War Policy regarding Minors, and the Federal Fair Labor Act, the National Counselor determined that “as an organization it is incumbent on us to ensure the proper stewardship and leadership expected by the brothers of the Order. As the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations are silent on the matter of an age requirement for National Officer; it is within the power of the Commander-in-Chief to provide clarification and direction in this matter. Based on the research and findings herein, any petitioner desiring to candidacy as a National Officer should be disqualified unless the individual has met the age of 21 years at the time the petition for candidacy is presented.”

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and supported by a formal opinion issued by the National Counselor the following is hereby ordered:

Any Brother seeking election as a National Officer shall be disqualified if he has not met the age of 21 years at the time the of his election.

Ordered this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of July, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Paquette".

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Attest:



Alan L. Russ

National Secretary

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