

D. The Treasurer shall keep records of all financial transactions of the national chapter. The Treasurer shall provide copies of the itemized statements of all financial transactions to the members at each meeting. The Treasurer shall establish an account in a recognized banking institution in the name of Latham Family Reunion with the signatures of at least three (3) family members and requiring two (2) signatures for withdrawals. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all deposits, donations, receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall issue all disbursements with Latham Family Reunion checks. Bank statements shall be mailed directly to the President. The Treasurer shall perform other duties as may be required.

E. The Family Historian shall provide new members with a copy of the by-laws. The Family Historian shall keep records of all past, present and future family members. The Family Historian shall be in charge of the family scrap book and pictures. The Family Historian shall be responsible for keeping the family history current. The Family Historian shall perform other duties as may be required.

F. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order during meetings and other national chapter functions. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall keep count of the votes. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform other duties as may be required.

Note: Each officer shall be responsible for briefing incoming officers upon resignation or termination of office.

The Importance of Family and Forming a National Chapter

The family is the most basic unit in our society. It teaches us the values of loyalty, independence, responsibility, and mutual love. We look to our families for care, support, and protection. Strong, stable families are the vital cells of a society that is healthy. But to remain strong, families require nurturing; their bonds must be reinforced. A family reunion is a wonderful way to strengthen and preserve those family ties.

Our central aims with forming the LFR National Chapter are three:

To provide all family members information as widely as possible, about the reunion planning and practices.

To create a broad network of family groups in local areas, so that the Latham family can organize, celebrate and find mutual support with like-minded family members.

To develop the enduring strengths and traditional values of the Latham family. Most importantly, the national chapter would serve as a rallying point as support for local chapters.

Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Contact Us...

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THE LATHAM FAMILY REUNION extends and invitation to all family members and friends wanting to participate in the planning of future reunions making each one another memorable event and would love to have your talents and/or resources! Please contact us at: lathamfamilyreunion@yahoo.com

Latham Family Reunion News from the Latham Family Members

—Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family.



A Message from Ronald & Janice Ervin

During the 2007 Latham Family Reunion, held in El Paso, Texas, we discussed the creation of a National Chapter for our reunion. We made a commitment to the family to gather additional information.

During the 2009 Latham Family Reunion held in Las Vegas, Nevada, this additional information was presented, discussed, voted on and the Latham Family Reunion (LFR) National Chapter was created.

Officers were elected:

1. **President:** *Ronald Ervin*
2. **Vice President:** *Janice Ervin*
3. **Secretary:** *La Donna R. Mc Duffie*
4. **Treasurer:** *Deshelah Latham*
5. **Family Historian:** *Jvelyn Latham-Hubbard*
6. **Sergeant at Arms:** *Tam Latham-Nathan*

We Want New Members

We want new members, new ideas, new explorations, commitment and enthusiasm. We extend an invitation to all Latham Family members and friends to join the National LFR Chapter.

Membership to the LFR National Chapter is open effective immediately.

For additional information and a complete copy of the LFR National Chapter By-laws, please contact any of the officers listed in this newsletter.

LATHAM FAMILY REUNION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

This national chapter shall be known as Latham Family Reunion (LFR) National Chapter.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

Latham Family Reunion shall be a non-profit national chapter. The objective of the national chapter is to promote and create interest in attendance and participation in all Latham Family Reunions; to recognize and promote excellence within the family. This national chapter shall be incorporated.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in Latham Family Reunion will remain open to all family members and non-family members who are sponsored by a family member in good standing.
- B. No limit shall be set on the number of members.
- C. Prospective members will be required to fill out an application for membership. Member shall be given a copy of the by-laws and asked to read it, to ensure member is aware of the national chapter's requirements.
- D. Membership—active or inactive will be determined based on payment of dues. Members who no longer wish to participate, should notify an officer of the national chapter. To remain an active member, dues must be kept current.
- E. A member (one person) in good standing for 2 years, 100% of registration fee shall be paid by the national chapter, member in good standing for 1 year, 50% of registration fee shall be paid by the national chapter.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

- A. Meeting will be held annually.
- B. At least one quarter of total membership must be present to represent a quorum. If a quorum is not reached, no new business decisions shall be made nor shall any tabled actions from previous meetings be voted on.

ARTICLE V. DUES

- A. Monthly dues shall be seven dollars (\$7.00).
- B. There is a one-time initial application membership fee of five dollars, (\$5.00) for all members joining the LFR National Chapter. Purpose: to offset cost of startup, postage, teleconference, etc.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Family Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. All officers shall hold their offices for four (4) years commencing in July in year reunion held (reunion held on odd years). Elections of a new slate of officers will be held by written ballot (by mail) and announced at reunion. Current officers may run for re-election, with their consent, to an additional term of their current or different office. All nominees on the prepared ballot by the nominating committee, need not be present at the time of election in order to be eligible for that office.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings; the President shall be the chief executive and enforce all rules/policies of the national chapter. The President shall oversee all transactions of the national chapter. In the event of a vacancy in one of the offices, the President shall appoint a replacement who shall hold that office until the next election.
- B. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in their absence. The Vice-President shall perform other duties as may be required.
- C. The Secretary shall be required to keep records of all proceedings. The Secretary shall keep and read the minutes of membership at each meeting. The Secretary shall call roll and keep a roster of all members. The Secretary shall be responsible for updating addresses, phone numbers and E-mail addresses. The Secretary will be responsible for sending a card to any member, spouse or children of member who is ill in the hospital or home. The Secretary shall perform other duties as may be required.