# CONSTITUTION OF

#### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL MEN'S CLUB

#### Article I - Name

This ministry shall be a comprised of a voluntary membership and shall be known as Saints Peter and Paul Men's Club (hereafter referred to within this document as "The Ministry")

#### Article II - Purpose

The purpose of The Ministry is to assist the pastor in his governance of the parish community. The Ministry will serve the community and assist the pastor by: producing social gatherings in order to foster community fellowship; contributing to parish and other charities; performing charitable acts for the parish as voted on and approved by the Ministry Membership.

### Article III - Members and Membership

**Members** – All male parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Church who are at least 18 years of age are eligible for Membership in The Ministry. Review of the Members Roster, maintained by the Secretary, shall be reviewed on a yearly basis. Lack of payment of dues within the year shall consider the person no longer an Active member and limit their voting rights.

**Membership** – Membership shall begin with payment of the dues prescribed, which are payable at the first meeting attended. It is encouraged that Members attend the regular meetings that are held throughout the Fiscal Year. It is also encouraged that Members participate as volunteers within the charitable works that are sanctioned by The Ministry.

#### Article IV - Officers

The officers shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

- A. **Duties** the duties of each office are as prescribed in The Ministry By-Laws.
- B. **Elections** The officers shall serve for a period of one year commencing with the regularly scheduled June Meeting and shall be elected as follows:
  - a. Candidates for office shall be nominated by The Ministry Members at the regularly scheduled April meeting. The Candidates must be active members when nominated and elected.
  - b. Candidates may also be nominated by an active member submitting same in writing to The Ministry Secretary not less than 10 days prior to the election.

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- C. Voting The election shall be held at the regularly scheduled May meeting. Voting shall be by secret written ballot of majority, considering only those candidates nominated by prescribed rules.
- D. **Removal** Any officer missing three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying another officer of their anticipated absence will be considered to have resigned and the vacancy will be filled by appointment of the President. All appointments will be effective immediately and appointee will serve until the next regularly scheduled election.
- E. **Succession** If for any reason the President should become incapacitated or decide to no longer hold this office, the Vice-President shall take over the role of President. Should the Vice President also become in-capacitated or decide to no longer hold office, the Treasurer would next be in line to be the President. Any office below the President that becomes vacant during their terms (Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) will be replaced by a special election in which nominees are requested and elected by Majority Vote to fill out the remainder of the term. At that time, new elections shall be held for all offices as is normal.
- F. **Dissolution** Failure by The Ministry Membership to elect at least a President and continue the business of The Ministry as provided by The Ministry Constitution and By-Laws shall be considered Dissolution of The Ministry. In this event, any inventory of tangible items and all monies will be donated to the serving Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church for use in parish charities.

### Article V - Committees

The Standing Committees shall be the Spiritual Committee and the Membership Committee. By vote of The Members or by act of the President, such ad hoc committees as are required may be established. The Chair of any committee shall be by invitation of the President, excepted as stated in The Ministry By-Laws.

## Article VI - Meetings

The regular meeting of The Ministry shall be the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Wednesday night of each month. Special meetings of The Ministry may be called by the President or by request of not less than five (5) members. Notice of a special meeting must be given at least five (5) days prior by letter or telephone. A Summary of Business to be conducted will be included in the notification.

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## Article VII - Amendments

Amendments (additions, changes, deletions) shall be made to this Constitution only at regular or special meetings of The Ministry when a Quorum is present and a Voting Majority has voted to agree to the Amendment. No Amendments shall be made without prior formal notice of the Amendment having been drafted and reviewed at the previous regular meeting. The Vote on the Amendment can then proceed at the next meeting when these conditions listed above, are met. A Quorum of Members needs to be available prior to a vote being taken. From this Quorum, a vote to Amend (add, change, delete) an Article within the By-Laws will require a minimum of three quarters (75%) Majority Vote of the Quorum present.

This CONSTITUTION adopted this	ZNO	day of _	NOVEMBER	, 2011	
by the members of Saints Peter and	Paul Men's	Club and by this	adoption do ackno	wledge receiv	/ing
proper notification in accordance wit	h the existing	g rules.	) 4		

As Attested by:

Ernest W. Smith, Secretary

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