



Doc Maynard Historical Society  
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# Doc Maynard Historical Society E Clampus Vitus® Chapter No. 54-40 Bylaws

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## *Mission Statement*

The Doc Maynard Historical Society, in conjunction with E Clampus Vitus®, unites fraternally in the spirit of historical preservation through civic engagement and philanthropy, leaving a written legacy of historical events and places through plaquing and monument construction, while always maintaining our resolve to care for the widders and the orphans...especially the widders.

## ***Article I - NAME, TERRITORY, AND OBJECTIVES***

(a) The name of this organization shall be The Doc Maynard Historical Society, Chapter No. 54-40, of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus®.

- (b) The territory of Doc Maynard Chapter No. 54-40 shall consist of King, Pierce, Snohomish, Kitsap and Island Counties. In the state of Washington.
- (c) The objectives of Doc Maynard Chapter No. 54-40 shall be to place historical markers throughout its territory and other areas within the State of Washington, commemorating people, places, and events often overlooked by historians, while supporting such charities as chosen by the Council of Graybeards.

## ***Article II - BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF OFFICERS***

- (a) The Council of Graybeards shall consist of all Dead Salmon of the chapter of Doc Maynard and current Board of Officers.
- (b) Any member of The Council of Graybeards may resign their position at any time by written notice to the Council. This will result in a forfeiture of their voting rights.
- (c) The Executive Committee (EC) shall consist of the chapter Administrator, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and the current chapter officers.
- (d) The Board of Officers (Officers) and its progression, shall consist of the following:

Chair 1 – Damn Fool Door Keeper (DFDK)  
Chair 2 – Grand Noble Recorder (GNR)  
Chair 3 - Gold Dust Receiver (GDR)  
Chair 4 - Vice Noble Grand Humbug (VNGH)  
Chair 5 – Noble Grand Humbug (NGH)  
Chair 6 - Clampatriarch (XNGH)  
If there is a tie the Humbug will call upon the Grey Beards for a tie breaking consensus.

After your year as Clampatriarch, you will achieve the honorable title of Dead Salmon.  
Requirements, responsibilities, and corrective actions for Officers

- (a) If any of the following should happen, it will be considered a voluntary relinquishment of your current position, and willing removal as an Officer.
  1. Miss more than 4 meetings or scheduled events in the calendar year (Average of 1 per quarter?). It is acceptable to attend those 4 meetings virtually if you are unable to attend in person if approved by the Board.
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Miss any 2 meetings without good reason and/or prior notification of the Board of Officers.

3. Receive disciplinary action for conduct unbecoming a member or for actions that negatively impact the chapter or E Clampus Vitus.
4. All the above actions shall be recorded in official chapter minutes.

(b) If you're unable to make an event or meeting, prior notification must be given to the Board of Officers, and you must arrange for another Brother or Officer to cover any duties you are responsible for.

Attendance at, and performance of your duties at all Doc Maynard Doin's, the Widder's Ball, and other events as needed unless otherwise arraigned.

(c) For the NGH and VNGH attendance at Grand Council is required. Exceptions may be granted if approved by the Board.

(We request officers attend Grand Council every year to help support and run the chapter's hospitality suite, and help with the Hawker Box. With Grand Council being held in Sonora California, we want to make sure you understand the financial investment and time requirements associated with this annual event for us Washingtonians.)

Special considerations may be made in extenuating circumstances in regard to these requirements. Prior notification of any issues needs to be addressed with the Board immediately and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. If the issue of removal from office arises, the Officer in question will be able to state his case in front of the Board. The Board will review the case, and it will be resolved by private vote of the Board. (The offending Officer is not to be present during the vote as to avoid any hard feelings between Brothers.) If the vote to remove results in a tie, the case will be presented to the graybeards to determine the final tie breaking vote.

(d) Other responsibilities of the Officers:

1. Maintaining an acceptable level of sobriety during all chapter functions.
2. Helping with setup and tear down at Work Parties, Parades, Doin's, the Widder's Ball, and the Demotion Dinner.
3. Officers should have access to and be able to use a computer or email device, as many of the communications and events we put together are organized by email.
4. Each officer must represent the Chapter well in public, and at the many Work Parties and Parades we participate in.
5. Ability to organize and take charge of large groups when necessary.
6. Must be responsible at times for Chapter funds and making proper deposits or purchases on the Chapter's behalf. He must be willing to front his own money at times, knowing it may be days before being reimbursed by the chapter due to logistics.
7. He must be willing to take on other duties at the request of the Officers.
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The Board must review current Bylaws and Roles and Responsibilities with each prospective candidate prior to consideration of placement.

(e) All Greybeards and officers of Doc Maynard 54-40 have voting privileges during the Graybeard meetings.

(f) \*The Grand Imperturbable Hangman, the Hawker, Clampchef, and Libationist, and Historian while not officers, will hold a spot as a “non- voting member” of the Council of Greybeards. They may be granted voting rights on matters concerning their position.

(g) For issues requiring urgent decisions before the next Board meeting occurs, or when the Executive Committee meets outside of the regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Executive Committee has the power to make decisions on behalf of the Board. All decisions made by the Executive Committee should be in the best interest of the chapter, must be documented, disclosed and presented at the next meeting by the Humbug to be entered into the minutes by the recorder at the next available Board meeting for review, and to ensure Article II (i) does not need to be invoked.

(h) Any 4 of the 6 Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum for any purpose, at any time.

(i) If any vote, at any time is deemed detrimental to the Chapter or E Clampus Vitus®, an objection to the vote by 50% plus one Dead Salmon shall constitute a quorum and may overrule any vote passed by the Executive Committee. In the case of an overruled vote, the Council of Graybeards must come together to discuss and resolve the issue.

(j) New proposals by the Executive Committee that previously resulted in an overruled vote by the Dead Salmon must be presented to the Council of

Graybeards. Any 4 of the 6 Executive Committee members and 50% plus one Dead Salmon shall constitute a quorum of the Board for re-voting purposes.

(k) If at any time an Officer is unable to uphold this commitment, we will quietly and respectfully handle the situation of a vacancy. In the event of a vacancy, a Dead Salmon(s) may be nominated or nominate himself to complete the term of the vacated position. The acceptance to complete the remainder of the term will require a majority vote of the graybeards. If accepted, at the end of the term a vote will be taken to determine if the Dead Salmon will continue to the next chair. If the chair is vacated at the end of the term, the process of Dead Salmon nominations will be repeated. If no Dead Salmon is nominated, all officers will have the opportunity to advance to the next chair unless a request is made to stay in their current position. Only a Dead Salmon can fill the role of a vacated

Clampatriarch position. If no officers want to advance and the Humbug or Clampatriarch position is vacated, a vote by the Dead Salmon will be taken to appoint a Dead Salmon to fill the role for the remainder of the year.

(l) No officer may hold more than one position on the Executive Committee.

(m) The outgoing Noble Grand Humbug shall serve as the Clampatriarch for the year immediately following his term as NGH.

### ***Article III – POWERS AND DUTIES***

(a) The venerable Clampatriarch, shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Noble Grand Humbug. If the Clampatriarch is the only Officer member in attendance he will assume responsibility for all meetings and functions.

(b) The Noble Grand Humbug (NGH) shall, have the duty to oversee all activities conducted by the chapter and its members, to distribute various duties as he deems necessary, and to direct chapter and Graybeard meetings on a monthly basis. He will make certain that the chapter is adequately represented at the annual Grand Council meetings. Each year the Humbug will in good faith attempt to organize and place at least one historic plaque, or re-condition existing plaque, somewhere within our territory.

The Humbug will work with the VNGH throughout the year to assure all officers know not only their own duties but they also learn the duties of the next officer or chair, so as to have a smooth transition at the end of their term.

(c) The Vice Noble Grand Humbug (VNGH) shall have the power and the duty to assist the Noble Grand Humbug (NGH) in every way possible and shall chair meetings and functions in the event they are the ranking officer in attendance. The VNGH will assist in making certain that the chapter is adequately represented at the annual Grand Council meetings.

(d) The Gold Dust Receiver (GDR) will work collaboratively with the CFO to reconcile and audit the books on no less than a bi-annual basis, and shall have the power and the duty to record all monetary transactions, to make regular financial reports to the membership and the Board. He shall chair meetings and functions in the event they are the ranking officer in attendance. The GDR is responsible for securely maintaining \$200 of the chapter's money for making change. The GDR will be responsible for collecting all monies at the check in table during all Doc Maynard events and collect all the monies from the Hawker after closing of the booth. All money shall be counted and verified by the GDR and another officer then recorded and signed by both then prepare for deposits.

(e) The Grand Noble Recorder (GNR) shall have the power and the duty to keep and record minutes of meetings, to keep files of correspondence and an updated mailing list, to ensure that proper notices are given to members regarding

upcoming events and shall chair meetings and functions in the event they are the ranking officer in attendance. The GNR will be responsible for check in and recording of all attendee's at all official Doc Maynard events. i.e. Meetings, Doins, work parties, Widders ball, with their name, clamper name, address, and e-mail. The GNR will work in conjunction with the GDR during the check in process at all Doins, to ensure every participant has the correct color wrist band on and that the chapter has enough wrist bands available.

(f) The Grand Imperturbable Hangman shall have the power and the duty to oversee the initiation of Poor Blind Candidates (PBC's) in accordance with the established Grand Council guidelines for initiations. He will also ensure the ritual ceremony of the Hall of Comparative Ovations (HOCO) is properly coordinated. The Hangman may appoint at his discretion, with Noble Grand Humbug approval, a band of vigilantes to assist him in this effort and charged with maintaining decorum during initiations.

(g) The Damn Fool Doorkeeper shall serve as Sergeant at Arms for the Chapter, and perform other duties at the request of the Board.

(h) The Dead Salmon shall serve in an advisory role to the Noble Grand Humbug, help plan, oversee, and council the Officers and advise them in the strategic planning of events to ensure the stability and continuity of the chapter and the membership at-large.

(i) The chapter Administrator must be a Dead Salmon of the chapter, nominated by the Gray Beards and shall serve in an administrative roll to oversee the day to day business needs of the chapter. He will be assigned as the registered agent with the Washington Secretary of State, be responsible for maintaining the chapter business license, and filling the chapters annual report. He will serve as the owner of the chapter business banking accounts.

(j) The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) must be a Dead Salmon of the chapter, nominated by the Gray Beards and shall will work collaboratively with the GDR

to reconcile and audit the books on no less than a bi-annual basis. He will be responsible to ensure the GDR is maintaining all chapter financial documents including invoices, receipts, bank statements, or any other financial documents required to be maintained by the chapter. The CFO will be responsible for ensuring all insurance is paid and up to date and will serve as registered agent with the SOS for annual corporate filings.

(k) The Chapter Hawker shall be responsible and accountable for all chapter merchandise and funds related to hawking. Requests for Hawker funds should be

presented at the Board meetings. The request will then be voted upon by the Board. The Hawker is responsible for maintaining \$200 of the chapter's money for making change. Financial reports, inventory, and confirmation of monies deposited will be reported by the following Greybeards meeting. Money should be reported and/or delivered to the Board by the closing of the event. All Hawker merchandise and funds are property of the Chapter. The Hawker is responsible for recruiting and maintaining at least one assistant hawker, with approval of the Board, to ensure inventory is available at all Chapter meetings and events. Hawker needs to retain a CARP card.

(l) The Clampchef shall be responsible for calculating, obtaining, and preparation of life sustaining proteins, and foliage required to maintain Clamp life. It will be prepared in a customary fashion, to appease the palate of even the most inebriated brother. The Clampchef is responsible for requesting funds at the Graybeard meeting prior to an event to purchase these life sustaining items. The Clampchef is also responsible for recruiting and maintaining kitchen staff to serve at each of the Chapter functions.

(m) The Libationist shall oversee the serving of beverages at chapter events, and recruit Libation assistants as necessary to provide back up in this high demand position. The libationist and his assistants, above all others, need to maintain a level of sobriety and decorum. The Libationist must maintain expected protocols as determined by the Board.

(n) The Hangman, The Hawker, The Libationist, and the Clampchef will be appointed by the Board, and each position is not limited to any specified tenure in office. All responsible parties assuming these positions need to be documented in the meeting minutes.

(o) Bank Account Signers shall consist of the current Noble Grand Humbug, VNGH, Gold Dust Receiver, CFO. They will coordinate to meet with the banking representative on the Saturday following the annual Demotion Dinner when all new officers officially assume their new positions, documented and in the minutes.

(p) The Cyber Recorder shall send emails pertaining to upcoming events, update website and post Facebook events. Make sure all records are uploaded to google drive. Make sure all electronic information is handled appropriately.

(q) The Grand Pansophical Historian shall provide history lessons (or assign a member) for each general meeting. He shall provide new candidates the history of Doc Maynard during Doins and how this chapter was born from him. If Historian is unable to attend Meetings or Doins he will assign someone to make the presentation in his stead.

## ***Article IV - SELECTION OF DAMN FOOL DOORKEEPER***

- (a) Each year the Humbug will create a nomination committee consisting of the Clampatriarch, Humbug, Vice Humbug, and two Dead Salmon. The Council of Graybeards will be given a presentation and assess the candidates at the December meeting prior to the Demotion Dinner just to provide feedback or concerns on the candidates.
- (b) The Humbug will make the ultimate decision on who will be elevated to the Damn Fool Door Keeper position.
- (c) If the candidate turns down the position, the process will be repeated until a new Damn Fool Door Keeper is selected.
- (d) The new Damn Fool Doorkeeper will be announced at the Demotion Dinner in January of each year.
- (e) Any Board/Graybeard Council member privy to the decision who informs other members before the Demotion Dinner in January, will result in the hanging/re-treading of the offending Board/Graybeard Member.
- (f) In the event of a vacancy the process for filling a vacated position outlined in Article II (k) will be followed.

## ***Article V – LIABILITY/INDEMNIFICATION***

- (a) Liability:
  - 1. Liability insurance, as required by the Grand Council, will be maintained at all times. This duty is the primary responsibility of the NGH.
  - 2. All rules and guidelines established by Grand Council concerning conduct will be strictly adhered to, with the consequences for violations which could include lawsuit, suspension or loss of membership, or both.
  - 3. Membership is in compliance with the guidelines established by the Grand Council of E Clampus Vitus.
- (b) Indemnification:
  - 1. The corporation shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or who has served at any time as an officer, director, or employee of the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification shall be provided for

any such person with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the corporation; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of directors who are not at that time parties to the proceeding.

2. The indemnification provided hereunder shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of persons entitled to indemnification hereunder. The right of indemnification under this Article shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any person may be entitled.

3. No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affectsthe right of an indemnified person under this Article shall apply to such person with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal, unless such amendment or repeal was voted by or was made with the written consent of such indemnified person.

4. This Article constitutes a contract between the corporation and the indemnified officers, directors, and employees. No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified officer, director, or employee under this Article shall apply to such officer, director, or employee with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal.

## ***Article VI – CREDO QUIA ABSURDUM***

In as much as a set of rules or laws are intended to bring order out of chaos, it is in true clamp humor that the contrary sometimes reveals itself. "All members are officers, and all officers are of equal indignity."

## ***Article VII – CHAPTER DISCIPLINE***

(a) Any chapter member while representing ECV® in public or at ECV® sponsored events who by his actions, behavior, words, or deeds, brings discredit to the Doc Maynard Chapter or E Clampus Vitus® shall be called before a meeting of the Board for disciplinary action. The Board will strive to make all disciplinary action fair and consistent for all members.

(b) The Board shall have the power and authority to set a mandatory hearing regarding such actions.

1. If a probationary member violates any rules of E Clampus Vitus® or Doc Maynard Chapter No. 54-40 inside of the three hundred fifty-four day and 40 minute probationary period, there will be no warning; he will automatically receive punishment based on the offense.

2. If the member in question cannot attend a reasonably scheduled meeting or refuses to attend, a certified letter stating the board's decision of punishment

will be sufficient. The offending person will have thirty days to respond to the certified letter or the decision will be immediately enforced.

3. If a banned member can be proven worthy and find a sponsor in good standing with the chapter, the banned member may be granted new membership based on his application being reviewed and approved by vote of the Board, and no less than one year from the date of banishment from the Chapter.

(c) The Board shall have the power to dispense discipline to any member up to and including life time expulsion from all Chapter activities for misconduct following the progression of disciplinary action.

(d) The Board shall have the power to remove any officer from office for misconduct and ban him from any participation in chapter events for a period of up to one year.

(e) Any officer or board member removed from office, may only return to the Board by elevation to the lowest office in the line of succession after the term of suspension has been complete.

(f) E Clampus Vitus® members who are not Doc Maynard Chapter members who are involved in disciplinary issues or create concern at a Doc Maynard event may be banned from future Doc Maynard Chapter functions. The ECV® member in question will be reported to his home chapter for discipline, or to the Sublime Officers and Board of Proctors based on the severity of the incident.

Progression of disciplinary action as determined by severity of offense:

1. Warning - Any member violating section VII (a) will receive a minimum written warning concerning their actions.
2. Suspension - Any member violating section VII (a) having already been issued a written warning shall receive a 6 month to 1-year suspension based on the severity of the offense.
3. Expulsion/Banishment – Any member that does not comply with the disciplinary action that has been mandated by the Board, or continues to commit offenses requiring disciplinary action will be subject to expulsion or banishment from the Chapter and notification will be made to E Clampus Vitus® Inc. to review your status.

Incidents of physical violence or any action determined by the Board to be a major offense in public or at any official Chapter function may constitute immediate expulsion or banishment from the Chapter and notification will be made to E Clampus Vitus® Inc. to review your status.

#### Votes of No Confidence

(a) For just cause, any member in good standing may make a motion for a Vote

of No Confidence upon any or all Board Member(s).

- (1) A motion for a Vote of No Confidence must contain specific factual allegations supporting the just cause basis for which the Vote of No Confidence is being called.
- (b) If approved via majority vote under quorum, the targeted Board Member(s) shall be provided with a fair and just hearing in accordance with the procedures below:
  - (1) The hearing shall take place at the next general meeting of the majority vote approving the Vote of No Confidence.
  - (2) The targeted Board Member(s) may call witnesses and provide written evidence in defense of the claims against them.
  - (3) Upon conclusion of the hearing, the membership shall decide by secret ballot, by majority vote under quorum, one question:
    - (a) Did the Board Member(s) commit such acts so that their removal from their position(s) is appropriate? (Y / N)
  - (4) In the event that the membership votes “Yes” on the above question, the Board Member(s) shall be immediately removed from their Board position(s), and the Board shall proceed with election of replacement.

### ***Article VIII – POOR BLIND CANDIDATES (PBC’s) AND NEW MEMBER PROBATION***

- (a) Poor Blind Candidates (PBC) shall be treated by and follow all Grand Council PBC initiation policy. \*Please refer to current Grand Council initiation policy.
- (b) New member shall serve a probationary period of Three Hundred Fifty-Four Days Forty Minutes and a Fifty-Four Seconds.

### ***Article IX – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS***

- (a) General membership meetings will be held monthly.
- (b) The Council of Graybeard meetings will be held monthly, generally preceding, or following the General meeting.
- (c) The meeting day, time, or location may change due to a conflict in scheduled events such as Grand Council, or incidence of inclement weather. Notification of any change in a regularly scheduled meeting will be posted to the online calendar, and sent by e-mail. An attempt will also be made to call and notify members without e-mail of the change.
- (d) General meeting structure should be conducted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Moment of Silence for Golden Hills
4. Roll Call of Officers
5. Reading of minutes from last meeting
6. Financial Report
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Motion to Adjourn

(e) Graybeard meeting structure should be conducted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Officers
3. Reading of minutes from last meeting
4. Financial Report – review, requests and approvals of expenditures
5. Old business (To include review of events from the previous month)
6. New business (To include discussion regarding planning and logistics for upcoming events and making vital decisions for the chapter)
7. Motion to Adjourn

## ***Article X – BYLAW AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS***

(a) Only Doc Maynard Chapter No. 54-40 members and associate members in good standing and not under disciplinary action may propose or vote on an Amendment or Revision.

(b) All proposed Amendments or Revisions shall be submitted in writing to the Board. The proposer will be given the opportunity to make his proposal uninterrupted in the first general meeting it is proposed. The proposal requested in the first meeting will be presented at the following general meeting.

(c) The final reading of the Amendment or Revision proposal will be made at a third meeting and brought before the general membership for discussion and vote at that meeting.

(d) Amendments or Revisions must be ratified by two/thirds of the eligible vote at the general meeting when the proposed Amendment or Revisions is scheduled to be voted upon. A majority vote of two/thirds shall be required for passage and adoption.

Document Change History (all approved changes will be recorded in the Chapter minutes)

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