

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAW'S
of the
ANGELO GRACI REPUBLICAN CLUB
of
QUEENS COUNTY
Organized October 23, 1984
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ARTICLE I

Name and Objectives:

Sec. 1 - This Club originally organized October 23, 1984 and formally known as The 38th Assembly District Regular Republican Club and then as the 23rd Assembly District Regular Republican Club shall now be known as the Angelo Graci Republican Club of Queens County, City of New York.

Sec. 2 - The objectives of this Club shall be to advance and promote the principles and interests as expounded by the Republican Party in National, State and Local affairs, and to encourage social and intellectual communication among its members.

ARTICLE II

Membership:

Sec. 1 - The membership shall consist of registered Republicans who shall have declared themselves in agreement with the objectives of this club as defined in Article I, Section 2 of these by-laws.

Sec. 2 - Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person of Republican principles by unanimous vote at any regular meeting of the Club. Such members shall have all privileges of the club, except the right to vote or hold office.

Sec. 3 - Life membership may be conferred upon any person of Republican principles by a unanimous vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Such members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club, upon payment of a fee of \$500.00, which may be waived by a unanimous vote of the membership present at any regular meeting, and a Life membership certificate signed by the President and Secretary.

Sec. 4 - Honorary membership may be revoked by a three-quarter (3/4) vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Sec. 5 - Every candidate for election to membership must be proposed in writing, and such proposal seconded by a member of the Club, and the name and address of the candidate, as well as the name of the proposer and seconder shall be recorded by the Secretary and referred to the membership for action.

ARTICLE III

Fees and Dues:

Sec. 1 - The dues of this Club shall be determined during each regular meeting in November subject to a majority vote by those members in attendance, payable when accepted as a member. Dues paid by a new member from January to June will be for the current year and dues paid from July to December will be for the next year. Any member in arrears for three (3) months dues shall be suspended from active membership and shall forfeit the right to vote or hold office; if for a period of thirty days after notification by the Treasurer such default shall continue, the Board of Directors may, at its discretion, by a majority vote, forfeit such membership in the Club.

Sec. 2 - Any member having forfeited his Active or Inactive membership on account of non-payment of dues, may be reinstated by the Board of Directors, at their discretion, by a majority vote, upon payment in full of all indebtedness up to and including the time active membership was forfeited and upon the payment of one years' dues in advance.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings:

Sec, 1 - The annual meeting of the Club shall be held on the 4th Tuesday in June of each year, at 7:30 P.M. The date and time of the annual meeting may be changed during any regular meeting held prior to the month of June subject to a majority vote by those members in attendance.

Sec. 2 - The regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at a time to be determined during each regular meeting in November subject to a majority vote by those members in attendance. In the event such 4th Tuesday shall be a legal holiday then such meeting shall be held at the call of the President. Regular meetings shall not be held during the months of December and January.

Sec. 3 - Special meetings of the Club shall be called by the Secretary, when requested so to do by the President, Board of Directors, or whenever one-quarter (1/4) of the members in good standing shall make a written request to the President for such meeting.

Notices for special meetings must in all cases specify the business or object for which they are called, and no other business shall be transacted at such meetings except upon the unanimous vote of the members present at such meetings.

Sec. 4 - At all meetings the Constitution and By-laws of the Club will prevail.

Sec. 5 - Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever deemed necessary. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the Secretary when requested to do so by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 6 - A total of one-quarter (1/4) of members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Club, and at all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7 - No member shall be allowed to vote by proxy.

ARTICLE V

Officers and their Election:

Sec. 1 - The officers of this Club shall be the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant-at-arms, and a Board of Directors to consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, three to nine members in good standing and current past president.

Sec. 2 - The officers of this Club, including the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors, shall be elected at the May meeting of each odd numbered year, and shall serve for a period of two years. A member can not hold the office of President, 1st Vice President or 2nd Vice President for more than two consecutive terms.

Sec. 3 - The regular nomination and election of officers shall be conducted in each odd numbered year as follows:

A nominating committee will be selected in March and will consist of three members, with one acting as a chairperson. The nominating committee will be chosen as follows: one by the President, and two by the membership. The nominating committee will select its own chairperson from among the three persons selected. No member of the nominating committee may be considered for any office as long as the member is on the committee.

Nominations for all offices will be presented at the April meeting, and elections will be held in May. Installation of officers will be held at the June meeting.

At the April meeting, nominations from the floor will be accepted. There will be no nominations from the floor in May.

At the time of elections, the chairperson of the Nominating Committee and two Tellers, appointed by the President, shall preside during the election. The Election of all contested offices shall be conducted by secret paper ballot. All uncontested offices shall be considered elected by the casting of one vote by the secretary for the persons nominated at the April meeting.

The Tellers shall tally and report the ballots cast for each election held by secret ballot.

Sec. 4 - Vacancies occurring in any office, except President and 1st Vice President, shall be filled by special election at the regular meeting following the vacancy; such election must be conducted in the same manner prescribed in Section 3 of this Article. A vacancy occurring in the office of President shall be filled by the 1st Vice President. A vacancy in the office of 1st Vice President shall be filled by the 2nd Vice President and a special election will be held to fill the office of 2nd Vice President.

Sec. 5 - Officers shall take office immediately followings their installation in June or winning of a special election.

Sec. 6 - During the temporary absence of any officer, the President, or presiding officer shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy pro-tem.

Sec. 7 - In the absence of the President, the 1st Vice President shall call the meeting to order and preside.

ARTICLE VI

Qualification of Officers:

Sec. 1 - A member shall be ineligible for any office if 3 months in arrears for dues or who shall not have been in good standing for a period of one year prior to their election.

Sec. 2 - A member shall be eligible for any office if he/she has attended at least seven meetings in the year prior to their election.

ARTICLE VII

Removal of Officers:

Sec. 1 - Any officer may be removed from office by the Board of Directors for conduct unbecoming their station, for absenting them self for three consecutive meetings, unless their absence is satisfactorily accounted for, or for inattention to the duties pertaining to their office; if any officer becomes in arrears for dues during their term, their office may be declared vacant by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Duties and Powers of Officers:

Sec. 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, and shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees and shall enforce all rules and regulations of the Club.

He/She shall appoint, with instruction for their guidance, the following chairpersons of committees:

Auditing committee
Entertainment committee
Publicity committee
Membership committee

He/she shall also have the power to appoint, from time to time, such special committees, as he/she may deem necessary or useful in conducting the affairs of the Club.

He/She may request any clergyperson present at any meeting give an invocation or benediction.

All members of standing or special committees referred to in this Article, are subject to removal and replacement by the President of the Club at his or her discretion.

Sec. 2 - The 1st Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in his or her absence.

Sec. 3 - The 2nd Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the 1st Vice President.

Sec. 4 - The Secretary shall keep a roll of the officers and call the roll of such officers at each meeting of the Club and Board of Directors. She/he shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of all meetings. She/he shall post the names and addresses of pro-posed members and of any proposed amendments or alterations to the Constitution and By-laws. She/he shall send notices of each meeting of the Club, or of the Board of Directors at least five days prior to the date of such meetings; she/he shall receive all communications, read them at meetings, and conduct all correspondence of the Club. Her/his records shall be open at all time to the inspection of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5 - The Treasurer shall collect dues from members as well as all other monies due the Club. He/she shall keep a book provided for the purpose, a true and accurate account of all monies which record shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Board of directors. She/he shall report to the Secretary, at each regular meeting, the total amount of receipts for insertion in the minutes. The Treasurer shall make all disbursements approved by the membership. He/she shall have his/her books open at all times to the inspection of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be Treasurer of and handle all monies for the Entertainment Committee. He/she shall at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be bonded in a sum of not less than \$1,000 - the expense of such Bonding to be paid by the Club.

Sec. 6 - The Sergeant-at-arms shall have charge of the door at all meetings of the Club and assist in preserving order.

Sec. 7 - The Board of Directors shall consist of members as hereinbefore provided and shall, in addition to the duties and powers prescribed specifically in these Constitution and By-laws, have the power:

1. To manage all properties, effects and assets of the Club, to sell or dispose of same or any part thereof, except the real estate of the Club.
2. To make or authorize all necessary contracts and purchases, and to have general supervision of affairs.
3. To appoint a chairperson of the House Committee whose duty it shall be to see that all rules and regulations of the Club pertaining to the House are enforced.
4. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Grievance Committee to be made up of the Chairperson of the Board and four members of the Board, whose duties it shall be to adjust or arbitrate difficulties arising between members of the Club.

ARTICLE IX

Visitors:

Sec. 1 - Members may at all times introduce visitors at the Club.

ARTICLE X

Duties of Members:

Sec. 1 - It shall be the duty of each member to attend the meetings regularly and be particular when speaking not to make any personal remarks, and in every way behave respectfully, to punctually and faithfully discharge his duties when appointed on committees, pay his dues regularly, and to use his best endeavors to promote the interests and welfare of the Club.

Sec. 2 - It shall be the duty of each member to notify the Secretary immediately of his or her change of address.

ARTICLE XI

Charges:

Sec. 1 - All charges against a member of the Club must be made in

writing and submitted to the Secretary who shall refer same to the Board of Directors for action, who shall have the power to suspend or expel such member.

Sec. 2 - The Chairperson of the House Committee shall prefer charges against any member who either willfully or maliciously violates any of the House rules. He shall present such charges in writing to the Board of Directors for action.

ARTICLE XII

Dissolution:

Sec. 1 - This Club shall not be dissolved as long as there are 8 members in good standing.

Merger:

Sec. 2 - This Club shall only merge with another Club by a 2/3 vote of the members in good standing.

ARTICLE XIII

Order of Business:

Sec. 1 - All members of the Club shall rise immediately upon the opening of the meeting and give the pledge to the Flag in unison as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic, for which it stands, One Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

Sec. 2 - At all regular meetings of the Club, after the pledge to the Flag the order of business shall be:

1. Roll call of officers
2. Reading of minutes
3. Report of Treasurer
4. Collection of dues (this rule to remain open all evening)
5. Propositions for membership
6. Reports of standing and special committees
7. Communications
8. Bills presented
9. Unfinished business
10. New business
11. Good and welfare of the club
12. Adjournment

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments:

Sec. 1 - Any proposed amendment to these By-laws must be presented in writing and signed by at least five (5) members in good standing, and read, debated and voted upon at the following meeting. It shall require a vote of the majority of the members present to insure its adoption. A copy of any proposed Constitution and by-laws amendment must be sent to all members at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which said amendment will be voted upon.

Sec. 2 - Any part of this Constitution and by-laws may be suspended by a unanimous vote of all members present at any regular or special meeting, when it shall be deemed that the best interests of the Club so require.

Sec. 3 - All matters not covered by this Constitution and By-Laws contained herein, shall be governed in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

I hereby affirm and swear that this is a true and accurate copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Angelo Graci Republican Club of Queens County, as finally adopted on May 28, 2019.

Secretary

Witnessed:

President

Chairperson, Board of Directors