

ARTICLE ONE

Name and Purpose

1. NAME: The Name of the corporation is the:

RENAISSANCE CLUB OF North Tonawanda, INC,

2. PURPOSE: To participate in the best civic spirit of the community and to support the efforts of local, state and federal government; to encourage friendship and social relations among the members; to share and enjoy Italian culture, folkways and traditions consistent with the principles and purposes of American Democracy; to encourage the teaching and learning of the Italian language; to encourage and assist in the naturalization and orientation of those of Italian birth; to encourage goodwill among all Italian American organizations and to cooperate with all other organizations as may share our interests and objectives.

ARTICLE TWO

Members and Meetings of Members

1. MEMBERSHIP:

Any person not less than twenty-one (21) years of age who shall pay an initiation fee, as hereinafter stated, and who agrees to, and does subscribe to the by-laws of the corporation shall be eligible for membership.

Persons may become members only after making application to the secretary upon a form prescribed by the Board of Directors. The application will then be delivered to the Membership Committee for investigation. After due investigation and approval by the majority of the committee; the Board of Directors at their regular or special meeting duly called shall act upon the recommendation.

2. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

- a) Upon charges preferred against any member in writing and filed with the secretary, upon consideration by the Directors and an affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the entire Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting called for such purpose, a member may be expelled, suspended or may have a hearing before the Board of Directors at their next meeting and the Board may then reconsider its prior action.
- b) Any member may resign from the Corporation by delivering a written resignation to the President or Secretary of the Corporation and when accepted by the Board of Directors, shall become effective.
- c) Any member who has resigned, been suspended or expelled, may be reinstated by the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting called for such purpose and upon such terms as the Directors may designate.

Regular Membership - Any person over the age of 21 is eligible for membership.

Student Membership — Any regular member who has paid at least one (1) year dues and attends school on a full-time basis will be exempt from dues during such time.

Military Membership - Any regular member who has paid at least one (1) year dues and serves full-time in a branch of the U.S. Military will be exempt during his/her term of service.

Retired Membership — Any member or applicant who has reached his/her *birthday* prior to March 1st of the year the dues are to be paid and who can show proof of age and receipt of social security payment is eligible to pay "retired" dues as set by the membership.