

**BYLAWS  
OF  
FRIENDS OF CHATHAM**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of the organization shall be Friends of Chatham.

**ARTICLE II – OBJECT**

**Section 1.** The object of Friends of Chatham is to be a membership corporation, organized to receive and maintain funds, exclusively for charitable and non-profit purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The funds raised are for Chatham and the surrounding grounds in Stafford County, Virginia, under the auspices of the National Park Service, specifically Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

**Section 2.** The purpose of Friends of Chatham is to support the preservation of Chatham Manor including various outbuildings, dependencies, and the historic ground which surrounds it, through advocacy, financial support, and increased community involvement, while promoting public awareness and appreciation of its historic legacies primarily by facilitating, sponsoring, and participating in fundraising events relating to the foregoing purposes.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

**Section 1.** Any individual or organization demonstrating an interest in and support for Friends of Chatham, who has applied for membership and tendered the appropriate dues shall become a member in good standing.

**Section 2.** Levels of membership are based on annual dues paid. The seven levels are Member, Family, Contributing Member, Sustaining Member, River Terrace, Fabergé Circle, and Corporate Member. The amounts for each level of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** Annual dues are due at, or before the Annual Meeting.

**Section 4.** The Fiscal Year shall be July 1 – June 30.

**ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The Officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three Directors, and the Past President. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

