FRANKLIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
BEN FRANKLIN SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

Effective: January 1, 2027

The Ben Franklin Society is the Franklin County Republican Committee's annual membership and recognition program. The following Terms & Conditions govern participation in the program.

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1. Membership Year

The Ben Franklin Society operates on a calendar-year membership cycle from **January 1 through December 31.**

Memberships received from January 1 through September 30 apply to the current membership year.

Memberships received from October 1 through December 31 apply to the following membership year. Members joining during this period may begin receiving Franklin County Republican Committee and Ben Franklin Society communications immediately upon enrollment.

Members renewing by **January 31** will retain uninterrupted recognition and membership status.

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2. Membership Levels

Membership levels are based on the member's annual contribution or annual contribution commitment for the applicable membership year.

Level*	Annual Contribution
CITIZEN	$11.88 – $99
PATRIOT	$100 +
AMBASSADOR	$500 +
STATESMAN	$2,500 +
FRANKLIN CIRCLE	$5,000+

****Membership levels reflect Benjamin Franklin's lifelong journey of civic leadership.***

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3. Individual & Couple Memberships

CITIZEN and **PATRIOT** memberships are individual memberships.

AMBASSADOR, STATESMAN, AND FRANKLIN CIRCLE memberships are couple memberships and include benefits for the member and a spouse or significant other residing in the same household, unless otherwise stated.

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4. CITIZEN, PATRIOT, AMBASSADOR, STATESMAN, and FRANKLIN CIRCLE Commitments

CITIZEN, PATRIOT, AMBASSADOR, STATESMAN, and **FRANKLIN CIRCLE** memberships represent an annual contribution commitment for the applicable membership year.

Members may satisfy their annual commitment by:

- paying the annual contribution in full; or
- selecting an available installment payment option.

A member using an installment payment option is recognized at the membership level corresponding to the member's annual commitment while the payment arrangement remains current.

These annual commitments do not automatically renew for a subsequent membership year.

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5. Cancellation of Installment Payments

Members using an installment payment arrangement may cancel future payments at any time.

Upon cancellation:

- No additional installments will be required.
- Contributions already processed will generally not be refunded.
- Benefits already received by the member remain with the member; and
- Eligibility for benefits not yet provided ends upon cancellation.

The Franklin County Republican Committee will not seek collection of the unpaid portion of a cancelled annual contribution commitment.

This provision does not limit the Committee's ability to correct payment errors or issue a refund when otherwise appropriate.

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6. Membership Benefits

Members receive the recognition and benefits associated with their membership level as published by the Franklin County Republican Committee.

Membership benefits:

- Apply only for the applicable membership year.
- May be provided at various times throughout the membership year.
- Require the membership or applicable payment arrangement to be current at the time the benefit is provided.
- Have no cash value; and
- Are non-transferable unless specifically stated otherwise.

The Franklin County Republican Committee may substitute a comparable recognition item or benefit, when necessary, because of availability, scheduling, venue requirements, or other circumstances.

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7. Complimentary Event Tickets

Complimentary event tickets are valid only during the applicable membership year and for eligible FCRC events designated for the member's membership level.

Where permitted by FCRC, members may apply the value of complimentary tickets toward the purchase of a full event table, subject to availability. When applied toward a table purchase, the credit will be based on the applicable per-seat table price, rather than the individual ticket price. For example, individual ticket price for an event is $65. A table (8 seats) is $480 ($60 per seat). A couple redeeming their free dinner tickets could apply them at $60 per ticket toward the purchase of a table. The couple would pay an additional $360 for a full table.

Unused complimentary tickets expire at the end of the applicable membership year and do not carry forward.

Event tickets and table benefits remain subject to event capacity, reservation deadlines, and other event-specific requirements.

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8. Membership Upgrades

Members may upgrade their Ben Franklin Society membership during the membership year.

To upgrade, members should contact the Ben Franklin Society Chair for the additional annual contribution commitment required to reach the desired membership level and the available payment options.

Upon completion of an approved upgrade, the member's annual commitments will be combined for purposes of determining membership level.

Recognition and any benefits not already provided will thereafter be administered according to the upgraded membership level. Benefits previously provided at the former level will be considered when determining any remaining benefits under the upgraded level.

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9. Recognition

Members will be recognized according to their membership level unless they request otherwise.

Members may request that their name be omitted from public recognition materials, including the Franklin County Republican Committee website, printed materials, and recognition displays.

Requests for anonymity do not affect the Committee's legal reporting obligations. Contributions will continue to be reported as required by applicable federal, state, and local campaign finance laws and regulations.

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10. Special Events

Certain receptions, roundtables, tours, legislative visits, and other member experiences may have limited capacity or be dependent upon scheduling, transportation, host availability, or other circumstances beyond the Committee's control.

Attendance is subject to availability and any event-specific requirements established by FCRC.

Where participation exceeds available capacity, FCRC may establish a reasonable method for allocating available space.

Invitations may not be transferred unless specifically authorized.

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11. Membership Communications

Members agree to receive communications reasonably related to:

- Ben Franklin Society membership.
- Membership benefits and recognition.
- FCRC activities and events.
- Payment or membership administration; and
- Annual renewal opportunities.

Members may unsubscribe from general communications at any time. Administrative communications reasonably necessary to manage an active membership or payment arrangement may continue as needed.

12. Refunds

Contributions and membership payments already processed are generally non-refundable.

The Franklin County Republican Committee may authorize a refund when appropriate, including to correct a duplicate payment, processing error, or similar circumstance.

Cancellation of a recurring or installment payment arrangement stops future payments but does not, by itself, create a right to a refund of amounts previously contributed.

13. Program Administration

The Franklin County Republican Committee reserves the right to modify membership benefits, recognition items, event offerings, or other program details as reasonably necessary to administer and maintain the Ben Franklin Society.

Changes will be applied prospectively whenever reasonably practicable and will not affect benefits already provided.

Questions concerning membership status, contribution commitments, upgrades, benefits, or interpretation of these Terms & Conditions will be resolved by the Franklin County Republican Committee or its designated Ben Franklin Society representative.

14. Compliance with Law

All contributions are subject to applicable federal, Pennsylvania and local campaign finance laws and regulations. Participation in the Ben Franklin Society does not alter any contribution limits, reporting requirements, eligibility requirements, or other legal obligations that may otherwise apply to a contributor or the Franklin County Republican Committee.

Membership contributions to the Ben Franklin Society support the Franklin County Republican Committee and are not tax-deductible. Contributions from corporations and other prohibited sources cannot be accepted. Contributions must be made in the contributor's own name, using funds legally available for that purpose. Federal law prohibits contributions from foreign nationals who are not lawful permanent residents. Contributor information will be collected and disclosed as required by Pennsylvania campaign finance law.