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Article I – Name, Vision, and Mission

- A. This organization shall be known as “Louisiana Nurse Honor Guard of CENLA” (LNHG of CENLA). The Date of Origin is 01/01/2021.
- B. The Vision is:
A community of nurses, together at funeral or memorial services, honoring nursing colleagues who were dedicated to the nursing profession.
- C. The Mission is:
To pay tribute, as a line of duty death benefit, to nurses in CENLA by participating in funeral, memorial, and graveside services to provide a dignified, honorable service and relieve the nurse of his/her nursing duties.

Article II – Jurisdiction

The Board of Directors for the LNHG of CENLA shall maintain complete jurisdiction over this organization.

Article III – Membership

- A. Membership shall be open to all LPNs and RNs, active or retired, in CENLA in good standing by the LSBN or LSBPNE. Members seeking induction must provide proof of licensure with LSBN or LSBPNE.
- B. Members will attend funeral, memorial, or graveside services per their availability and follow the outlined tribute.
- C. Membership fee is \$20 every two years. This fee will cover the cost of service equipment and nursing student scholarships.
- D. Members must attend training.

Article IV – Chain of Command

- A. LNHG of CENLA Board of Directors
 - i. Chairman of the Board (standing) – Martha McMillan

- ii. Vice Chair (appointed) –
- iii. Secretary (elected) –
- iv. Treasurer (elected) –
- v. Board members (3 - elected) –

Article V- Uniform Dress

- A. Members shall wear all white scrubs, white socks or hosiery, white shoes, and a white nurse's hat. A nurse's cape is optional, but highly encouraged as it completes the look. Members must provide own uniform. A small number capes will be available to borrow as needed.
- B. Members shall be expected to maintain the highest standards with concern to hygiene, dress, and appearance.

Article VI – Reimbursement

- A. Membership activity is voluntary, and no reimbursements will be made for mileage, uniforms, or membership dues.

Article VII – Participation in Events

- A. Participation in Honor Guard duties within CENLA is voluntary and highly encouraged.
- B. Participation in at least one tribute per year is mandatory.
- C. No fundraising is permitted without prior approval of the LNHG of CENLA Board of Directors.
- D. Members shall provide the LNHG of CENLA current contact information including name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

Appendix I – Nightingale Tribute

Nursing is a calling, a lifestyle, a way of living. Nurses here today honor Name and his/her life as a nurse.

Name is not remembered by his/her years as a nurse, but by the difference he/she made during those years by stepping into people's lives.... by special moments:

Name Was There

When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed,

Name- was there.(spoken in unison)

In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery and loss of life,

Name- was there.(spoken in unison)

When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member or friend,

Name -was there. (spoken in unison)

At those times when the unexplainable needed to be explained,

Name -was there. (spoken in unison)

When the situation demanded a swift foot and sharp mind,

Name -was there.(spoken in unison)

When a gentle touch, a firm push, or an encouraging word was needed,

Name -was there.(spoken in unison)

In choosing the best one from a family's "Thank You" box of chocolates,

Name - was there.(spoken in unison)

To witness humanity---its beauty, in good times and bad, without judgment,

Name - was there.(spoken in unison)

To embrace the woes of the world, willingly, and offer hope,

Name - was there.(spoken in unison)

And now, that it is time to be at the Greater One's side,

Name- IS there. (spoken in unison)

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Name, we honor you this day and give you a white rose to symbolize our honor and appreciation for being our colleague.

Appendix II – Nurse's Prayer

Give me strength and wisdom,
When others need my touch;
A soothing word to speak to them,
Their hearts yearn for so much.
Give me joy and laughter,
To lift a weary soul;
Pour in me compassion,
To make the broken whole.
Give me gentle, healing hands,
For those left in my care;
A blessing to those who need me,
This is a [Nurse](#)'s prayer.

Appendix III- Final Call to Duty

We now light the Nightingale Lamp in _____'s honor.

_____ (ring bell)

_____ (ring bell)

This is the final call for _____. (ring bell)

He/she served selflessly & gave for the good of others. His/her tasks are complete; his/her duties are done.

_____, we officially release you of your nursing duties. Thank you for your service. May you rest in peace.

(extinguish lamp and give to family member with quiet condolences)