

Article III Membership

- A. Canary Islands Descendants Association's membership, with full voting rights, shall be available to all natural descendants of the original sixteen families who were commissioned by the King of Spain to emigrate from the Canary Islands to found, in this northeastern frontier of Nueva España, the Villa de San Fernando, which became the City of San Antonio, and having arrived on March 9, 1731 for that purpose. Members who genealogically-documented descendants of one, or more, of the sixteen Canary Islands families listed below are qualified to be descendant members of the Canary Islands Descendants Association, Inc.:

The Numbered Heads of Canary Islands Families Taken from the Cuautitlán List November 13, 1730*

**This official document was approved by the Viceroy of Nueva España and recognized by His Majesty Felipe V.
(It is the historical basis for the Hidalguia bestowed upon the heads of families and their descendants)*

- I. Juan Leal Goraz
- II. Juan Curbelo
- III. Juan Leal II (eldest son of Juan Leal Goraz)
- IV. Antonio de los Santos
- V. Joseph Padron
- VI. Manuel de Niz
- VII. Vicente Alvarez Travieso
- VIII. Salvador Rodriguez
- IX. Francisco de Arocha
- X. Antonio Rodriguez
- XI. Joseph Leal (son of Juan Leal Goraz)
- XII. Juan Delgado (son of Lucas Delgado)
- XIII. Joseph Cabrera
- XIV. Maria Robaina de Bethencourt-Granado (widow of Juan Rodriguez Granado)
- XV. Maria Meleano-Delgado (widow of Lucas Delgado)
- XVI. Ignacio and Martin Lorenzo de Armas (brothers) and Felipe and Joseph Antonio Perez (brothers)

- B. There shall be six categories of membership in the Association; they shall be:

1. **Direct-Descendant Member**-an individual who has successfully submitted an application and supporting documentation to prove direct descent from one or more of the original sixteen Canary Islands settling families. Every member's application and documentation must be verified by the Second Vice President and, once approved by the Executive Committee; the member will pay initiating dues and appropriate annual dues to the Treasurer. Once accepted, no other qualification requirements will be levied upon the individual. All documents submitted for qualifying members shall become the property of the Canary Islands Descendants Association.

2. **Junior Member**-a minor who is a natural born child of a direct-descendant member and has submitted written application with qualifying information to the Second Vice President shall be confirmed by the Executive Committee and considered a non-voting junior member. Upon reaching the age of 18 and paying the then current direct descendant annual dues, pro rata, the junior member will automatically become a Direct-Descendant Member with full voting privileges.
3. **Associate Member**-the legal spouse of a living or deceased Direct-Descendant Member. This individual shall register with the Second Vice President and pay applicable dues to the Treasurer. Whereas Associate Members shall not be eligible to vote or hold an elected office in the Association, they may participate in discussions, serve on, and chair committees, with the exception of the officer election nominating committees.
4. **Provisional Member**-an individual who has reason to believe that he or she is a direct descendant, but has not yet had an application for direct-descendant membership approved. The individual shall register with the Second Vice President for a two-year provisional period. During the provisional period, this member shall *actively* pursue his/ her quest to acquire the necessary genealogical data and submit his/her application for full membership into the Association. Any extensions beyond the two-year period must be applied for with the Second Vice President, who will seek concurrence from the Officers Board.
5. **Honorary Member**- a benefactor who has contributed generously, consistently or significantly to the wellbeing of the Association through grants, properties (real or authentic artifacts), services or monies, but does not meet the criteria for any of the other membership categories. Candidates for honorary membership shall be nominated in writing by a Direct-Descendant Member and approved by majority vote of the membership at a regular monthly meeting. Formal recognition shall be accomplished by the President as expeditiously as possible.
6. **Affiliate Member**-a member in active and good standing of a sister Canary Islanders Association (in Louisiana, for example) who wishes to be registered in our membership roster. Such an individual shall not be assessed any dues or fees, nor will he/she have a voting voice.

C. Association members shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. A Direct-Descendant Member whose membership lapses for nonpayment of annual dues as prescribed by Article IV of the Constitutional By-Laws shall be placed on inactive status and declared unable to vote on motions and elections at monthly meetings or to run for office. He or she however, will be immediately reinstated upon payment of past and then current dues.
2. A Member may be considered for termination by the membership when he or she commits a grievous and treacherous act that is determined by the Board as injurious to the Association. The vote for terminating a member shall occur at a regular monthly meeting only after the entire active membership has been given a minimum of ten days prior notice. The affected member shall be given the opportunity to be heard at the meeting before the vote. A motion for termination shall be made and seconded, and a two-thirds majority vote of the Direct-Descendant Members present at that meeting will be necessary to constitute passage.