

Resolution to Amend the By-Laws of the New Hampshire State Council, Knights of Columbus

Whereas our current bylaws call for periodic Review of our By-Laws, and
Whereas there have been changes to the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Order, and

Whereas minor wording changes are needed to bring the By-Laws into conformity with those recommended by the Supreme Council, and

Whereas the District Deputies of the State Council and the Officers of the State Council and those appointed to a Committee by the State Deputy have reviewed the following,

Therefore it is recommended that the New Hampshire State Council respectfully requests the Board of Directors of the Supreme Council review and approve the following By-Law changes approved by the New Hampshire State Council in meeting assembled May of 2026 as follows:

[Techniques used:

Current language is normal text.

Bold wording is new language.

~~Red Strikethrough~~ is removed language from current By-Laws.

Comment under Analysis shown in [] are not part of the By-laws and serve only to explain the wording.]

Article I

Section IX

Per Capita Tax

In order to defray legitimate expenses, the State Council shall annually assess each Council within the jurisdiction of New Hampshire a per capita ~~fee~~ **tax** per member and payable annually at or before the first session of the State ~~Convention~~ **Annual Meeting**. Individual council members shall qualify for such assessment if such members are **otherwise** assessed a per capital tax by the Supremet Council. ~~In addition a \$10.00 Third Degree initiation fee shall be charged by the State Council for each new member, except priests and members of religious communities, added to each council roll each year.~~ Provided,

however, that the State Council shall not assess any per capita tax on Honorary Life or disabled members.

[Analysis: The Supreme Council has consolidated the degrees. There is no longer a third degree per se and thus no need to charge a fee for recruiting neighbors to join the Order.]

Article II

Section II

Notice: The State Secretary shall ~~mail~~ **publish** to all members of the State Council, not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, a notice setting forth the time, place and date of said meeting and shall publicize the the time and date of the ~~State Convention~~ **State Council's Annual Meeting** by posting on the state web site and by announcement at each council by ~~the a District Deputies~~ **Deputy or his assignee**.

[This merely cleans up language, allows for email notification to Grand Knights an states that a, not all District Deputies make an announcement to every council.]

Article II

Section IV

Quorum: ~~Attendance~~ Presence of at least fifty per cent (50%) of the **qualified voting M**members of the State Council shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV

Section I

It shall be the responsibility of the State Deputy to appoint such Third-Degree Members as may be necessary to serve at the pleasure of the State Deputy to assist in the implementation of the various programs of the State Council and Supreme Council. These members, to be known as Directors and/or Chairmen shall report to the chairman of the Standing Committee on Programs who shall be call the Program Director, except that the various chairmen shall report or coordinate with the directors of the various sections listed below.

At a minimum that State Deputy shall appoint Directors in the areas of typical council work. ~~Chairmen of specific activities shall report to the various~~

~~directors and may be appointed by the State Deputy.~~ Of those appointed, no more than twelve **(12)** shall be afforded the privileges of membership in the ~~S~~state Council of which five **(5)** shall be designated as Directors and one shall be the Program Director.

- a). Faith
- b). Family
- c). Life
- d). Community
- e). Youth

The State Deputy ~~shall~~ **may** appoint annually a State Squires Chairman who shall be responsible with the State Youth Director for establishing Squires Circles throughout the state. When enough Circles are active to create a State Circle the State Squires Chairman shall be the State Chief Counselor and direct liaison between the State Squires Circle and the State Council.

[This cleans up some language, eliminates a bit of repetitiveness and changes to position of State Squires Chairman from an obligatory position to a “if need” position to reflect the realignment of Supreme Council regarding the Squires Program.]

Article V

Section VII

Committee of Programming:

[second paragraph changes]

The Committee shall be responsible for developing and coordinating various state programs through the appointed chairman ~~Directors~~ of activities **such as, including,** but not limited to State Pilgrimage. State Pro-Life Seminar, State Commemorative Mass. State Marian Devotions. State ~~Free Throw Sports Related~~ **Contests approved by Supreme Council, State Sporting Events,** State Special Olympics **participation,** State Poster Contests, State Blood Drives **participation,** Annual Meeting, State Ball, Annual Banquet, ~~and~~ State Awards Programs and **State Scholarship Programs.**

[Just cleans up language to comport more fully with what we are doing.]

Section V (f): Any check that is returned with insufficient funds or returned for not being properly signed, the issuer **of that instrument** will be subject to a ~~\$25.00~~ **\$30.00 (thirty dollar)** charge in addition to any other fee assessed **upon** the State Council by a bank or financial entity to off set ~~the~~ **any** surcharge ~~charged to~~ **assessed upon** the State Council.

[This merely changes the cost from \$25.00 to \$30.00 to reflect the processing and bookkeeping fees currently be charges by financial institution for so-called “bad checks”]

ARTICLE VI

SECTION III

Notice: Upon receipt of any proposed amendment the State Deputy shall cause the State Secretary to cause the same to be **published** ~~printed and shall mail a copy thereof~~ to each member of the State Council by the most effective currently available means along with the notice of the Annual Meeteing; whereupon any such amendment shall be in order at the Annual Meeting for which such notice is given,

[This eliminates the costs associate with printing an mailing.]

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