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**Louisiana
State Council**

BY-LAWS OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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FOREWORD AND DOCUMENTATION

As a result of Resolution No. 12 adopted in May, 1957, a committee was appointed by then State Deputy Floyd P. Landry to re-write the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus. This committee consisted of Alex Allain of Council 1425, Chairman; Adrian Duplantier of Council 2925; K.W. Davis of Council 2807; John J. Puissegur of Council 3465; and Past State Deputy G.A. Zernott.

At the opening session of the State Council Meeting on May 25, 1958, this committee, through appropriate resolution, presented its completed set of By-laws. That resolution and said By-laws were adopted by the State Council and subsequently submitted to the Board of Directors of the Order for approval. Such approval by the Board of Directors was granted and notification of such approval was contained in a communication dated October 25, 1958, by then Supreme Advocate Harold J. Lamboley.

Resolution No. 12, adopted at the Annual State Council Meeting in 1972, called for the appointment of a committee to prepare a revised set of By-Laws for presentation to the State Council's Annual Meeting in 1973. A committee was appointed by then State Deputy James M. Seghers and consisted of the following: Truman Stacey of Council 1207, Chairman; LeRoy Langlois of Council 3470; Donald Casey of Council 2926; Charles LeBlanc of Council 1437; State Advocate Robert Gremillion, and Past State Deputy Cursey Vidrine and Jack Truxillo.

At the second day session of the State Council Meeting on May 20, 1973, this committee, through appropriate resolution, presented its complete and revised set of By-Laws. That resolution and said By-Laws were adopted by the State Council and subsequently submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. Such approval by the Board of Directors was granted and notification of such approval was contained in a communication from Assistant Supreme Advocate John K. McDevitt, dated February 4, 1974.

A change in the Laws and Rules of the Order calls for the deletion of the use of passwords and requires presentation of a valid third-degree membership card for admission to the sessions of the State Council Meeting. The wording of Section 12:1 of these By-Laws reflects those changes.

No amendments to the By-Laws were adopted until the State Council Meeting of 1990 when Resolution No. 9 amending **Section 19:5** of the By-Laws was adopted. This adopted amendment was forward to the Board of Directors for approval and such approval was granted, evidenced by notification from Supreme Advocate W. Patrick Donlin in a communication dated August 13, 1990

At the Annual State Council Meeting's second day session on May 5, 1991, the State Council adopted Resolution No. 7 which amended **Sections 16:2 and 19** of the By Laws. This adopted resolution containing these By-Law amendments was forward to the Board of Directors of the Order for approval. Approval by the Board of Directors was granted, and notification of such approval contained in a communication dated October 2, 1991, from Supreme Secretary Charles P. Riesbeck, Jr.

Resolution No. 5 adopted at the 87th Annual Meeting of the State Council on May 24, 1992 in New Orleans revising **Section 17** – Executive Secretary and **Section 16:3** – Advisory Board was forwarded to Supreme Secretary and was approved on 9/14/92 by Supreme Advocate.

Resolution No. 9 adopted at the 92nd Annual Meeting held May 16th – 18th in Shreveport, stipulates that all nominees to the Supreme Convention must indicate the years that they attended the Supreme Convention on their Nomination form and ballot. The State Advocate will explain the resolution at each Annual Meeting and maintain a list of attendees for a twenty-year span.

By tradition have sent: State Secretary, State Convention Chairman, Supreme Convention Chairman, and Financial Secretary Association.

Resolution No. 11 adopted at the 92nd Annual Meeting held May 16-18, 1997 in Shreveport, revised **SECTION 8:1** of the By-Laws, changing the second to last sentence as follows: “He shall issue and sign the warrant that will be countersigned by the State Secretary and State Treasurer. The signatures for the check will require two (2) signatures (State Secretary, State Treasurer, or State Deputy). Mailing of the check to the recipient shall be handled by one of the following (In order of listed): State Treasurer, State Secretary, or State Deputy”.

Resolution No. 8 adopted at the 93rd Annual Meeting held May 2nd and 3rd, 1998 in Lafayette, LA. Revised **SECTION 4:9. 19:1 AND 19:5** of the State By-Laws by changing references to “30Days” (4:9) “45 Days” (19:1), and “30 Days” (19:5) to read “by no later than March 20th”.

Resolution No. 24 adopted at the 98th Annual Meeting held May 2nd and 3rd, 2003 in Shreveport, to amend the State By-Laws **SECTION 15:5**, “When there is only one nominee for a State Council Office, the Election Committee shall declare the nominee elected without the necessity of balloting.” (Not approved by Supreme Board)

Resolution No. 25 adopted at the 98th Annual Meeting held May 3rd and 4th, in Shreveport, amended the State By-Laws by adding the following to **SECTION 15: SECTION 15:6** the addition has been inserted as per the adopted resolution. (Not approved by Supreme Board)

Resolution No. 24 adopted at the 99th Annual Meeting held April 30 – May 2nd, 2004 in Lafayette, to amend the State By-Laws as follows: **SECTION 19:1**, change the first sentence of the second paragraph to read: “The State Deputy will have a prepared proposed budget for the General Fund, the Youth Expansion Program, and other such Funds as authorized by the State Council to cover income and expenses for the following fraternal year and ...” **SECTION 19:2** shall read: “Said budget shall be divided into sections labeled General Fund, Youth Expansion Program and other such Funds as authorized by the State Council.”

Resolution No. 20 adopted at the 102nd Annual Meeting in Alexandria May 4th-6th, to rescind **paragraphs 20:1 and 20:2** of the By-Laws of the State Council.

Resolution No. 21 adopted at the 103rd Annual Meeting in Kenner May 2nd through 4th of 2008, amended **sec. 4:9. Corrections have been made as of 5/8/2008**

Resolution No. 20 adopted at the 104th Annual Meeting in Shreveport May 1st - 3rd, 2009, amended **Sec. 9:1**. Amendment incorporated effective August 3, 2009 by approval of Supreme Board of Directors.

Resolution No. 21 adopted at the 104th Annual Meeting in Shreveport May 1st - 3rd, 2009, amended **Sec. 19:8**. Amendment incorporated effective August 3, 2009 by approval of Supreme Board of Directors.

Resolution No. 9 adopted by the 110th Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge May 2nd – 3rd, 2015 added **Sec. 8:3**. Amendment incorporated effective August 24, 2015 by approval of the Supreme Board of Directors.

Resolution No. 12 adopted by the 117th Annual Meeting in Alexandria April 29-May 1, 2022 amended **Sec 5:1** to delete the committees of Felicitations and Good of the Order.

Resolution No. 13 adopted by the 117th Annual Meeting in Alexandria April 29-May 1, 2022 amended **Sec. 10:2** to require the Treasurer to furnish the State Deputy with a monthly statement of the State Council’s bank balance, to be certified by the State Treasurer.

Resolution No. 14 adopted by the 117th Annual Meeting in Alexandria April 29-May 1, 2022 amended **Sec. 15:5** to require the vote count of the candidates to office to the State Council and delegates and alternate delegates to the Supreme Convention shall be reported to the membership and recorded in the minutes of the State Council meeting.

Resolution No. 15 adopted by the 117th Annual Meeting in Alexandria April 29-May 1, 2022 amended **Sec. 16:1** and **19:8** to set the Advisory Board Committee at three (3) members of the last three (3) living Past State Deputies residing in Louisiana.

Resolution No. 16 adopted by the 117th Annual Meeting in Alexandria April 29-May 1, 2022 amended **Sec. 5:1, 6:2, 15:1** and **15:2** to replace the reference of “representative” to the Supreme Convention to “delegate.”

Resolution No. 14 adopted by the 118th Annual Meeting in Lafayette on May 5 and 6, 2023, amended **Sec. 8:1** and **19:1** to replace the reference of “mailing” and “mail” to “delivery” and “send,” respectively, to better reflect that such information will be sent in a manner common to the use of the day.

Resolution No. 1 adopted by the 120th Annual Meeting in Alexandria on May 3, 2025, amended **Sec. 19:9** relative to the surplus funds in excess of the amount required for the operations of the State Council, to require the equal distribution of the surplus to the Bishop Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation and St. Mary's Residential and Community Service when the State Council's savings accounts have a balance equal to or exceeding \$600.000.

The By-Laws of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, which follow, include all of the aforementioned amendments and revisions.

At other Annual State Council Meetings, resolutions were adopted which outline and more specifically designate procedure to be followed in implementing various sections of the By-Laws but do not amend the By-laws per se. Such resolutions appear before the Index under a titling of “Addenda.” The Section designated **ADDENDA** is located on pages 14 – 18.

BY-LAWS
LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NAME

Section 1:1

This organization shall be known as the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, and shall be subject to, and governed by the Constitution, Laws and Regulations enacted by and under authority of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

PURPOSE

Section 2:1

The purpose for which the Louisiana State Council is formed are the following: promoting spiritual, special and intellectual intercourse among its members, promoting and conducting youth, educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and welfare, and public relief work; and to all things necessary and proper to accomplish the above and foregoing and to carry out the purposes and ideals of the Order of Knights of Columbus.

MEMBERSHIP AND CREDENTIALS

Section 3:1

The Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, shall consist of the persons designated by the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

Section 3:2

The State Secretary shall prepare and furnish proper credential blanks to the Grand Knight of each council at least sixty days before the meeting of the State Council; and the State Secretary shall designate the date by which one copy of the credentials of each subordinate council shall be returned to him.

Section 3:3

Each person claiming the right of membership in the State Council shall present to the State Secretary a credential showing the qualifications for membership, on an appropriate Council form to be furnished by the State Secretary and to be certified by the Grand Knight and Recorder of the Subordinate council. No representative of a subordinate council shall be recognized as a member of the State Council until he has presented such credential in proper form; however, in the absence of duly elected delegates and alternates for subordinate councils, the State Council may, upon

application from the floor at the regular annual meeting, seat as delegates from subordinate councils, members of said council so otherwise qualified.

Section 3:4

The State Secretary shall, prior to the convening of the State Council, prepare a roll of names of all persons entitled to membership therein, which shall serve as the roll of the State Council until the Committee on Credentials has submitted its report and the permanent roll determined by the action of the State Council.

Section 3:5

The Committee on Credentials shall consider, hear contest on, and report to the State Council as to the qualifications of all persons claiming membership therein. The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be heard as a special order of business whenever the said Committee is prepared to report.

MEETING

Section 4:1

The Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus shall convene as prescribed by the Constitution, Laws, and Rules of the Order.

Section 4:2

The date and place of the meeting shall be selected by the State Officers.

Section 4:3

All sessions of the State Council shall be conducted in the Third Section. All members of the Order in good standing and in possession of a current Third Degree Membership Card shall be admitted to the sessions of the State Council, but only as spectators; provided that any member of the Order, or other proper person, may be permitted to address the State Council by its consent, obtained through a majority vote.

SECTION 4:4

When a member of the State Council desires to obtain the floor, he shall rise, if the floor has been yielded, address the presiding officer by his official title, and upon catching the latter's attention, the member shall give his name and his capacity in the State Council. If the member is entitled to the floor, the presiding officer shall so recognize by repeating the member's name and capacity.

SECTION 4:5

No member shall speak longer than three minutes on discussion of a floor motion without permission of the Chair or assembly, nor more than once on any subject until all members who desire to speak have been heard.

SECTION 4:6

All voting shall be by “via voice”, or by show of hands, by rising, or by roll call. A roll call vote shall not be ordered without the consent of at least one-third of the members present.

SECTION 4:7

Whenever a Roll Call Vote shall be in order as provided for herein; it shall be taken in the following manner:

The State Secretary shall call the roll by districts in their numerical order stating the number of the District and the numbers of qualified votes, based on the number of delegates from said district.

The respective District Deputies or in their absence a chairman elected from the district prior to or at first session of the annual meeting of the State Council, shall poll the district delegation and make a composite report, repeating the district number, the number of affirmative, the number of negative and the number of absent votes – which number shall equal the total number of qualified votes from the district.

The privilege of challenging the district report and of requesting an individual poll of the district delegation on the grounds of Personal Privilege shall be reserved to any delegate member of the district delegation. The challenge shall be recognized only if made immediately following the report of the district poll by the District Deputy or Chairman.

Should a challenge be made, the State Secretary shall immediately poll the individual members of the District Delegation and separately record their votes.

SECTION 4:8 Except as otherwise provided herein, or by the Constitution, Laws and Rules of the Order, the proceedings of the State Council shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

SECTION 4:9 The State Deputy shall request councils to submit resolutions for consideration to the State Advocate by March 1st. Upon review by the State Officers and the Past State Deputy Advisory Board, resolutions will be sent to the councils by March 20th. The State Deputy shall appoint by April 2nd a Resolution committee to convene at the Annual Meeting of the State Council.

SECTION 4:10 All resolutions presented to the State Council shall be in writing, signed by at least three members, and shall be referred, without debate, to the proper committee.

SECTION 4:11 Semi-annual conferences of the State Officers, State Chairmen, the Advisory Board, and District Deputies shall be held. Such conferences shall not constitute nor be considered as meeting of the State Council.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 5:1

The order of business for the State Council shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order.
2. Prayer
3. Presentation of temporary roll by the State Secretary.
4. Announcement of Committee Appointments.
 - a. Credentials
 - b. Audit
 - c. Minutes
 - d. Memorials
 - e. Resolutions
 - f. Budget & Finance
 - g. Elections
5. Presentation of Secretary's Minutes
6. Communications
7. Reports of State Officers
 - a. State Deputy
 - b. State Secretary
 - c. State Treasurer
 - d. State Advocate
 - e. State Chaplain
8. Nomination of Officers and Delegates
9. Submission of Resolutions
10. Report of Committees in the order listed under part 4
11. Unfinished business
12. New business
13. Election of Officers & Delegates
 - a. State Officers
 - b. Delegates & Alternates to Supreme Council
14. Prayer
15. Adjournment

SPECIAL ORDERS

SECTION 6:1

The report of the Committee on Credentials shall be taken up as a special order whenever said Committee is ready to report.

SECTION 6:2

Nominations of officers and delegates to the Supreme Council shall be taken up as a special order prior to adjournment of the business session of the first day of the State Council Meeting.

SECTION 6:3

The report of the Committee on Budget & Finance shall be taken up as a special order following the report of the Resolutions Committee.

SECTION 6:4

Elections of State Officers and delegates to the Supreme Council shall be taken up as the first special order following the report of the Credentials Committee.

SECTION 6:5

Special addresses are to be made special orders for such time as will meet the convenience of the assembly and of the speaker, without disturbing first special orders.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 7:1

The Officers of the State Council shall be those prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and they shall be elected and hold office in accordance with said Constitution and Laws.

SECTION 7:2

All officers shall be required to submit complete written reports to the State Council of their official acts, closing as of the first day of the month during which the State Council Meeting is held; copy of which shall be sent to the State Deputy at least ten days before the date of the State Council Meeting.

SECTION 7:3

All Committees of the State Council shall submit their reports in writing.

SECTION 7:4

All State Activity Chairmen shall submit a written report to the State Deputy 10 days prior to the State Council Meeting; and reports of State Chairmen shall not be read on floor of State Council Meeting, unless called for the State Deputy.

STATE DEPUTY

SECTION 8:1

In addition to the duties imposed upon him by the Laws and Rules of the Order, the State Deputy shall appoint all Committees to function at State Council Meetings and may appoint Special Committees between such meetings whenever exigency requires. He shall issue and sign the warrant that will be countersigned by the State Secretary and the State Treasurer. The signatures for the check will require two (2) of three (3) signatures (State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Deputy). Delivery of the check to the recipient shall be handled by one of the following (in order listed): State Treasurer, State Secretary, and State Deputy. He shall be the custodian of the Bonds of the elected state officers.

SECTION 8:2

The State Deputy, in his annual report, shall render a detailed account of the condition of his Contingent Fund and the expenditures there from.

SECTION 8:3

The State Deputy may not execute a contract binding the State Council beyond the term of his office, except under the following circumstances:

- a) A majority of the state officers may authorize the State Deputy in writing to execute a contract binding the State Council for a period of two years beyond the end of his current term of office.
- b) The State Council may authorize the State Deputy to execute a contract binding the State Council for any fixed period beyond the end of his current term of office.

STATE SECRETARY

SECTION 9:1

The State Secretary shall be responsible for securing and maintaining a true and faithful record of the proceedings of the State Council Meetings and for the publishing and proper distribution of said proceedings in such form as approved by the State Deputy.

SECTION 9:2

The State Secretary shall receive and collect all monies due the State Council, including per-capita assessment due by subordinate councils, issue receipts for all monies received by him. Give and record proper credit therefore and forthwith transmit all monies received by him to the State Treasurer. He shall prepare and furnish credentials blanks to the Grand Knights of each council, as hereinbefore provided. He shall prepare the

necessary copies and distribute to the subordinate Councils and State Officers all general communications as directed by the State Deputy.

SECTION 9:3

The State Secretary may, subject to the approval of the State Deputy, select a member of the Order at act as stenographer to take the proceedings of the State Council Meeting. Such stenographer shall be entitled to such compensation as will be recommenced by the Budget and Finance Committee and approved by the Convention.

SECTION 9:4

The State Secretary, in the absence or disability of the State Deputy, shall perform all duties imposed upon the State Deputy.

SECTION 9:5

The State Secretary shall furnish to the State Deputy a quarterly statement of the receipts forwarded by him to the State Treasurer and of the warrants drawn against the same.

SECTION 9:6

The retiring State Secretary shall furnish to the State Deputy a written report of the transactions taking place from the time of the State Convention to the end of the fiscal year.

SECTION 9:7

The State Secretary shall perform all such other duties as may be prescribed herein or as may be imposed upon him by the State Council or by the State Deputy.

STATE TREASURER

SECTION 10:1

The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of all of the funds and securities of the State Council; he shall receive all monies from the State Secretary, keep a true and accurate account thereof, and forthwith shall deposit the same to the credit of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, in a bank to be selected by the State Officers. Such funds shall be paid out by the State Treasurer only on warrants signed by the State Deputy, the State Secretary, and the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall make no disbursements except under authority of such warrants.

SECTION 10:2

The State Treasurer shall furnish the State Deputy with a monthly statement of the State Council's bank balance, certified by said State Treasurer.

SECTION 10:3

A retiring State Treasurer shall furnish to the State Deputy a written report of the transactions taking place from the time of the State Convention to the end of the fiscal year.

SECTION 10:4

The State Treasurer shall segregate and keep in a separate depository account funds designated as Youth Expansion Program Funds and shall not disburse such funds except as provided for in the annual Youth Expansion Program Budget of the State Council.

SECTION 10:5

The State Treasurer shall perform all such other duties as may be prescribed herein or as may be imposed upon him by the State Council or by the State Deputy.

STATE ADVOCATE

SECTION 11:1

The State Advocate shall be the legal adviser of the State Council and of the State Officers in all matters pertaining to the Order and referred to him. He shall also, upon request, give advice on matters pertaining to the Order to District Deputies and Advocates of subordinate Councils. A report of all opinions rendered by him shall be forthwith sent to the State Deputy.

SECTION 11:2

The State Advocate shall perform all such other duties as may be prescribed herein or as may be imposed upon by him by the State Deputy.

SECTION 11:3

The State Advocate shall maintain the State Council By-Laws whenever an amendment shall be approved by the State Council Delegates at an Annual Meeting and perform said maintenance in a timely manner, the up date shall be completed prior to the next Annual Meeting following the approved amendment.

STATE WARDEN

SECTION 12:1

It shall be the duty of the State Warden to see that a suitable hall is provided for the meetings of the State Council. He shall, under the direction of the State Deputy, arrange a properly protected section of the hall for the use of the members of the State Council. He, together with proper assistants, shall verify that all members are in possession of a current third degree membership card, and make sure that none but properly qualified members thereof are allowed to attend the sessions of the State Council. He shall see

that the members of the State Council are provided with all necessary conveniences for the proper discharge of their duties as such at the sessions of the State Council.

SECTION 12:2

The State Warden shall be the custodian of the Papal Flag, the American Flag, the Louisiana State Flag and the State Council Gavel, all of which properties he must have in readily usable fashion at State Officer's Meeting, State Council Meetings, and other occasions when so directed by the State Deputy.

SECTION 12:3

The State Warden shall perform all such other duties as may be prescribed herein or as may be imposed upon him by the State Council or by the State Deputy.

STATE CHAPLAIN

SECTION 13:1

The State Chaplain shall be the Spiritual Adviser of the State Council and shall have supervision over all religious ceremonies. He shall advise the State Deputy and other State Officers, whenever necessary, on all questions of faith or morals.

BONDS

SECTION 14:1

All elected State Council officers shall be bonded in favor of the State Council; and all bonds in favor of the State Council shall be obtained through the Supreme Council, and the premium therefore shall be paid by the State Council.

ELECTIONS

SECTION 15:1

The Officers of the State Council and delegates and alternates to the Supreme Council shall be elected in the manner provided by the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

SECTION 15:2

Nominations and Elections of State Officers and of delegates of the Supreme Council shall be considered as special orders.

SECTION 15:3

No more than one nomination of three minutes duration shall be allowed on behalf of any individual. Nominations shall not be seconded, nor shall motions closing nominations be entertained.

SECTION 15:4

The names of the nominees shall be posted in appropriate manner and placed in the hall where the meeting is held.

SECTION 15:5

The vote count of the candidates for Office to the State Council and the delegates and alternates to the Supreme Council shall be reported to the membership and recorded in the minutes of the State Council meeting.

ADVISORY BOARD

SECTION 16:1

The last three (3) living Past State Deputies of the State Council, actually residing in the state, which includes the immediate Past State Deputy as Chairman, shall constitute the Advisory Board. The State Deputy shall, ex-officio, be a member of the board. Should any Past State Deputy decline or be unable to serve, the next Past State Deputy in ascending order shall serve as a board member.

SECTION 16:2

The Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the State Deputy during interims between State Council Meetings; act as a reviewing committee for the Resolutions Committee on resolutions, and for the Budget and Finance Committee on budgets to be presented at the State Council Meeting.

SECTION 16:3

The Advisory Board is to review the Committee's findings and recommend to the State Deputy the selection of the State Office Administrator.

STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

SECTION 17:1

Employment. The State Office Administrator will be hired by the State Deputy for the Louisiana State Council.

SECTION 17:2

Duties. The duties of the State Office Administrator and the operation of the State Council Office will be defined in a Policy and Procedures Manual.

SECTION 17:3

Review Committee.

- A. The State Deputy shall appoint a “Review Committee” composed of three (3) Elected State Officers appointed by the State Deputy and three (3) Past State Deputies selected by the Advisory Board of Past State Deputies for the purpose of reviewing applications and making recommendations to the State Deputy on hiring a new State Office Administrator. The review Committee will conduct a performance review after six (6) months of employment.
- B. Upon request of the State Deputy, the Review Committee may be called to review the results of the Annual Performance review of the State Office Administrator.
- C. If employment of the State Office Administrator is terminated by the State Deputy, the committee will review the performance of the State Office Administrator, report their findings and make a recommendation to the State Deputy.

PER CAPITA TAX

SECTION 18:1

The State Council shall levy semi-annual per-capita assessments on the subordinate councils of the jurisdiction.

SECTION 18:2

Such per-capita assessments shall be calculated on the basis of membership according to the records of the Supreme Council. The method of assessment and collection shall be modeled after that in use by the Supreme Council. The July 1 levy shall be due on or before October 1 and January levy shall be due on or before April 1.

SECTION 18:3

The State Council and the subordinate councils shall waive the State Council per-capita assessments on members of the Order who are members of the clergy.

SECTION 18:4

The State Council shall allow a subordinate council to deduct from the total of its semi-annual billing a just sum for each inactive insurance member carried on Supreme Council’s record of the council’s membership rolls for the said billing period. Such just sum shall be established by adoption of a resolution setting same at a regular Annual Meeting of the State Council.

SECTION 18:5

The elected state officers, by majority vote thereof, shall be authorized to reduce the rate of State Council per-capita assessments levied on a subordinate council that is identified as a College Council by the Supreme Council.

COMMITTEE OF BUDGET & FINANCE

SECTION 19:1

For each State Council Meeting the State Deputy shall appoint a committee on Budget & Finance to be composed of at least five **(5)** and not more than twenty **(20)** duly accredited members during the month of January.

The State Deputy will have a prepared proposed budget for the General Fund, the Youth Expansion Program and other such Funds as authorized by the State Council to cover income and expenses for the following fraternal year and will send a copy of the proposed budget to the Elected State Officers and members of the Advisory Board of Past State Deputies, plus two (2) copies to Grand Knights of all councils for use by their voting delegates by no later than **March 20th**.

SECTION 19:2

The Budget & Finance Committee shall propose all assessments and per-capita taxes to be levied upon the Councils or membership in the State for the defraying of the legitimate expenses and obligations of the State Council; to prepare a budget showing a detailed estimate of revenues and of the various items of liability and expenditures for the next ensuing fiscal year. Said budget shall be divided into sections labeled General Fund, Youth Expansion Program and other such Funds as authorized by the State Council.

SECTION 19:3

The General Fund Budget shall include the compensation of officers; expenses for operation of their respective offices; allowances to those in official attendance at the Council Meeting; an adequate contingent fund for the State Deputy; funds necessary for the salary and expenses of the State Office Administrator and his office; and other such legitimate expenses of the State Council.

SECTION 19:4

The Youth Expansion Program Budget shall include those youth projects, programs, and activities of the State Council established by resolution or floor action.

SECTION 19:5

All motions and resolutions contemplating expense of any kind to the State Council, or involving an appropriate or expenditure of State Council funds, or

contemplating levying an assessment on subordinate Councils, whether voluntary or compulsory, shall be referred to said Committee, without debate, for its consideration, action and report. Such proposals, however, that pertain to the increase of present taxes, assessments, and /or contributions, whether voluntary or compulsory, shall not be valid for consideration, action, and/or report by the committee unless copies of such proposals are furnished in writing to the subordinate Councils of the State by no later than **March 20th**. Only those State Council fund-raising projects adopted through resolution approval at an Annual Meeting of the State Council may be conducted statewide among the subordinate councils of the Louisiana Jurisdiction.

SECTION 19:6

Said Committee shall report its recommendations on all motions and resolutions referred to it and shall submit the budgets as prepared by it for the consideration and action of the State Council.

SECTION 19:7

The adoption of said budget by the State Council, whether as originally proposed by said Committee, or as amended by the State Council, shall be considered as a levy of the assessment of tax therein proposed, and as an appropriate authority for the payment of all items of expenditures therein contained.

SECTION 19:8

No funds of the State Council shall be appropriated or expended except under authority of the said budget as finally adopted by the State Council or as amended by a majority vote the Budget Stabilization Committee, composed of the Elected State Officers, the immediate Past Deputy and the Advisory Board of Past State Deputies, provided that in no budget category may expenditures exceed income. The Budget Stabilization Committee may not amend the budget to increase the total expenditures of any budget category.

SECTION 19:9

(a) At the end of the Fraternal Year (June 30), if there are funds remaining in the treasury of the State Council in excess of the amount that was required for the operations of the State Council for that year, and if the State Council's savings accounts (including, but not limited to, unallocated-funds accounts, savings accounts, or investment accounts) have a total balance equal to or exceeding \$600,000, then the excess operating funds in the treasury of the State Council (i.e., the surplus) shall be equally distributed between and donated to the Bishop Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation and St. Mary's Residential and Community Services.

(b) At the end of the Fraternal Year (June 30), if there are funds remaining in the treasury of the State Council in excess of the amount that was required for the operations of the State Council for that year, and if the total amount

of all available savings is less than \$600,000, then a sufficient amount of the excess operating funds in the treasury of the State Council (i.e., the surplus) shall be deposited and/or transferred and invested into the State Council's savings accounts (including, but not limited to, unallocated-funds accounts, savings accounts, or investment accounts) in order to replenish the savings accounts and bring the total savings balance up to no less than \$600,000. The remaining excess operating funds in the treasury of the State Council, if any, shall then be equally distributed between and donated to the Bishop Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation and St. Mary's Residential and Community Services.

STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 21:1

The State Deputy shall appoint a State Legislative Chairman and a committee to serve with him. The said Chairman and committee shall report to the State Deputy on all bills introduced into the Louisiana State Legislature that may be opposed to the principles of our Catholic Faith and/or Order.

STATE COUNCIL AWARDS

SECTION 22:1

The State Council shall annually reward the outstanding activity of subordinate councils, so as to promote and encourage the greatest fulfillment of the purposes and ideals of the Supreme Council and of the State Council.

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 23:1

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the State Council by two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

SECTION 23:2

All proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be in the hands of the State Secretary at least one month before the meeting of the State Council, and said officer shall furnish each council, at least two weeks before said meeting, a copy of all proposed amendments.

SECTION 23:3

With the consent of three-fourths of the members present and voting, amendments may, however, be proposed from the floor.

SECTION 23:4

All proposed amendments must be by resolution; and, whether presented prior to State Council Meeting or from the floor, must be in writing and must state

their intent to amend the By-Laws and state the numbered section or sections to be amended.

[End of the By-laws]

State and Supreme Per-Capita Taxes and Assessments.
For Informational Purposes Only
(As August 24, 2023)

State (Paid to State)	Period: July 1 to Dec 31	Period: Jan 1 to June 30
	Billed on January 15	Billed on July 15
	Due on April 1	Due on October 1
Per Regular Member	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.25
Per Inactive Member	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50
Per Honorary Member	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50
Per Honorary Life Member	0	0
Per Disabled Member	0	0

Supreme (Paid to Supreme)	Period: July 1 to Dec 31				Period: Jan 1 – June 30			
	Billed on January 1				Billed on July 1			
	Due on April 10				Due on October 10			
	Per Capita	Catholic Advertising fee	Culture of Life fee	TOTAL	Per Capita	Catholic Advertising fee	Culture of Life fee	TOTAL
Per Regular Member	\$ 1.75	\$.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.25	\$ 1.75	\$.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.25
Per Inactive Member	\$ 1.75	\$.50	0	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.75	\$.50	0	\$ 2.25
Per Honorary Member	\$ 1.75	\$.50	0	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.75	\$.50	0	\$ 2.25
Per Honorary Life Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Per Disabled Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Honorary: Age 65 with 25 years of membership.

Honorary Life: Age 70 with 25 years of membership, or 50 years of membership regardless of age.

Inactive: A former member/suspended member who has K of C Insurance.

ADDENDA

Information included in this section are items that outline specific methods or procedures for implementing the By-Laws of the State Council. These items are the result of resolutions adopted by the State Council at its Annual State Council Meetings; and although they relate directly to the By-Laws. They DO NOT constitute any amendments thereof.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 - Adopted at 1975 State Council Meeting

Be it resolved by the 70th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, That, the execution of "Presentation of Temporary Roll by State Secretary," under Order of Business, Section 5:1 paragraph #3 of the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, be accomplished in the following manner:

1. The presiding state officer verifies the Temporary Roll of the State Family.
2. Each District Deputy verifies the Temporary Roll of the subordinate councils within his respective District.
3. These verifications are made to the State Secretary prior to the commencement of the first business session of the convention.
4. The State Secretary simply report that this has been accomplished at the "presentation of Temporary Roll by State Secretary," in the order of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – ADOPTED AT 1977 State Council Meeting

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL IN 72ND ANNUAL MEETING ASSEMBLED, THAT beginning July 1, 1977, per-capita taxes be levied by the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, at the following described rates:

- a. members who are members of the clergy or who are Honorary Life members of the Order shall bear a rate of 0;
- b. members who are Honorary members or who are Inactive Insurance members of the Order shall bear a rate of \$2.75 per year;
- c. All other members shall bear a rate of \$6.00 per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the State Secretary shall bill the councils of the state for such per-capita taxes on a semi-annual procedure with membership figures from Supreme Council as of July 1, and January 1, being sued for such semi-annual billings, payment for which shall be due on or before October 1 and April 1 respectively;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT any previous motion, resolution, or action of the State Council contrary to the above provisions be and is hereby repealed.

Report of Budget and Finance Committee – adopted at 1987 State Council Meeting

- 1) The State Council per-capita tax shall be set at \$7.50 per member per year. The proposed increase will not apply to Honorary nor Inactive Insurance members whose per-capita tax shall remain at \$4.70. The proposed per-capita increase to be effective on July 1, 1987.

Each Annual State Council Meeting since 1987 through 1994 has adopted a motion contained in the Report of the Budget and Finance Committee re-establishing the rates of the State Council per-capita taxes at the levels affixed in the 1987 committee report.

Report of Budget and Finance Committee – Adopted at 1987 State Council Meeting.

- 1) The State Council Per-capita tax shall be set at \$7.50 per member per year. This will represent an increase of \$1.50 per year. The proposed increase will not apply to Honorary nor Inactive Insurance members whose per-capita tax shall remain at \$4.50. The proposed per-capita increase to be effective on July 1, 1987.

Each Annual State Council Meeting since 1987 through 1994 has adopted a motion containing in the Report of the Budget and Finance Committee re-establishing the rates of State Council per-capita taxes at the levels affixed in the 1987 committee report.

Resolution No. 8 – adopted at 1995 State Council Meeting

WHEREAS the Per-Capita Tax will be increased \$1.00 per regular member, \$0.30 per Honorary Member and \$0.30 per Inactive Member, making the new totals \$8.85 per Honorary Member and \$5.00 per inactive Insurance Member.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLLVED at this 90th meeting of the Louisiana State Council of the Knights of Columbus held in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 27 and 28, 1995, the delegates vote to approve these changes as presented.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee – adopted at 1995 State Council Meeting.

The State Council per-capita tax should be set at \$8.50 per regular member, \$5.00 per Honorary Member and \$5.00 per Inactive Insurance Member. The proposed increase to be effective July 1, 1995.

NOTE WELL!

The increase in per-capita tax adopted at the 1995 State Council Meeting is the First Increase since 1987 and was approved by the membership as a result of a mandate to make the General Fund self sustaining.

Resolution No. 11 – adopted at the 1997 State Council Meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The change will be in the second to last sentence as follows: He shall issue and sign the warrant that will be countersigned by the State Secretary and State Treasurer. The signatures for the check will require TWO (2) OF THREE (3) signatures (State Secretary, State Treasurer or State Deputy). Mailing of the check to the recipient shall be handled by one of the following (in order listed): State Treasurer, State Secretary, or State Deputy. This resolution became effective after approval by the Supreme Board of Directors meeting held August 2-4, 1997.

Resolution No. 8 – adopted at the 1998 State Council Meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Lafayette, Louisiana on May 2nd and 3rd, 1998, for their Annual Meeting, amend sections 4:9, 19:1 and 19:5 in the Louisiana State Council By-Laws by changing references to 30 days (4:9), 45 days (19:1), and 30 days (19:5) to read by no later than March 20th. This resolution became effective after approval by the Supreme Board of Directors meeting held on August 1-3, 1998.

Resolution No. 8 adopted at the 90th Annual Meeting in 1995 increased the per capita tax to \$1.00 more per member, and \$.30 more per honorary life member and \$.30 per inactive insurance member, making the new totals \$8.50 per regular member, \$5.00 per honorary life member, and \$5.00 per inactive insurance member.

Resolution No. 13 adopted at the 90th Annual Meeting in 1995 established a “Disaster Fund,” Purpose is to make available to the State Deputy a disaster assistance fund. We currently have \$2,343.69 remaining in the Hurricane Andrew Fund that could be used to initiate the funding of the account. To keep this fund solvent \$1,000 shall be appropriated from the General Fund

Surplus, if any, each year. Said fund shall be indiscriminant and shall be under the sole control of the State Deputy.

Resolution No. 8 adopted at the 91st Annual Meeting on May 4th and 5th, in Baton Rouge, Purpose to eliminate the collection of registration fees at KCLS functions and at Grand Knights Day. Be it resolved, to have the fees for these events paid in advance with the July Per-Capita Tax Billing. The fee will be \$15 per council

Resolution No. 9 adopted at the 91st Annual Meeting on May 4th and 5th, in Baton Rouge, purpose, to establish new guidelines for major degrees, a fee of \$5.00 should be charged for each first degree candidate, to keep the fund solvent upon conferring the first degree member, \$15.00 collected from the new member would be forwarded to the State Treasurer through the Insurance General Agent, funding would allow degree teams to be adequately reimbursed for their expenses.

Resolution No. 12 adopted at the 93rd Annual Meeting held on May 2nd and 3rd, in Lafayette, purpose is to plan and provide for the establishment of a Policies and Procedures and Benefits Manual for the State Council Office Employees, and to establish a Human Resources Committee effective July 1, 1998. Said Committee shall consist of 3 of the most immediate PSD's residing in the State and the presiding State Deputy; this committee shall serve in perpetuity to oversee the policies, procedures and benefits for the State Council Staff.

Resolution No. 13 adopted at the 93rd Annual Meeting held on May 2nd and 3rd in Lafayette, purpose is to authorize funding for the retirement and related benefits to State Council employees. Authorized to provide a single to Leo Clavell and has in General Fund Reserves labeled "State Office Administrator Surplus". The State Council shall provide annually \$5,000 from the General Fund Account and \$1,000 from the YEP Account for placement into a "Benefits Reserve" account to fund future benefits to current State Office Employees. Said account shall be reviewed each 10 years to ensure that sufficient, not excessive funds are available. Funding and payment be provided as soon after July 1, 1998, as is economically possible.

Resolution No. 15 adopted at the 94th Annual Meeting held May 1st and 2nd, 1999 in Alexandria; purpose is to request future State Deputies to limit the size of the State Family, in order to minimize expenses. It is recommended that the State Deputy eliminate unnecessary assignments, use multiple assignments, or combine related assignments, in order to save expenses.

Resolution No. 12 adopted at the 95th Annual Meeting held in Baton Rouge, on May 5th -7th. Purpose is to place a limit on the amount of funds that may be used by the State Council to cover cost over-runs of the State Council

Meetings each year. No more than \$10,000 be used to cover any cost overruns of the State Council meetings and that any use of all or part of the \$10,000 be approved by the State Officers, with a report to be given at the next meeting of the State Council by the State Deputy. The State Officers, according to Resolution 8 of the 1994 Annual Meeting, may spend all of the reserves in any one year.

Resolution 15 adopted at the 95th Annual Meeting held in Baton Rouge, on May 5th -7th.

To re-direct YEP funds currently given to Catholic Student Centers.

WHEREAS: The State Council has donated to the Catholic Student Centers through the YEP Program and,

WHEREAS: It is felt that, if our monies were re-directed, we could make a bigger impact on some needed youth programs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Effective with the budget for the fraternal year 2001-2002, YEP donations to the Catholic Centers cease.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a special committee to consist of three (3) Elected State Officers, three (3) Past State Deputies, seven (7) program Chairmen be established by the State Deputy for the purpose of discussing an alternative program or programs, and then to make a recommendation to the State Deputy for implementation in the fraternal year 2002-2003 YEP budget.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a letter to each Ordinary of Louisiana concerning this change accompanies the donation given at the State Convention in May 2000.

Resolution No. 12 adopted at the 96th Annual Meeting held in Kenner on May 18th – 20th, purpose to rescind the resolution #15 (Student Center Funding) which was adopted at the 2000 State Convention.

WHEREAS: The committee discussed optional programs that may benefit the youth of our state and

WHEREAS: The committee felt the student centers was the most effective way of assisting college youth in our state, and

WHEREAS: After due deliberation this committee reached a unanimous agreement that these funds should continue to be contributed to the seven diocese to be used for the purpose of aiding and assisting the Catholic Student Centers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Resolution #15 which was adopted at the 2000 State Convention be rescinded as written.

Resolution No. 25 adopted at the 99th Annual Meeting held in Lafayette on May 1st and 2nd, 2004. Purpose is to combine several seldom used accounts to simplify banking procedures and to coincide with the current proposed budget, and to give future State Deputies some room for over run in certain areas, within the guidelines of the budget. That the following Resolutions be rescinded: Resolution #13, 1995, Resolution #8, 1994, Resolution #12, 2000; Resolution #13, 1998; Resolution #17, 2000; and Resolution #9, 1994.

WHEREAS: The current budget contains a section on investment disbursements, if needed due to over run. Specifically: Benefits Reserve \$5,000; Convention Reserve \$10,000; Disaster Relief \$5,000; and Abbey Reserve \$6,000.

WHEREAS: The Disaster Relief Fund has over \$14,000 as of January 31, 2004, and

WHEREAS: The Convention Reserve has over \$37,000 as of January 1, 2004. Resolution 8 authorizes the Convention Reserve to be used as a cost over run, and Res.12, 2000, limits this over run to \$10,000.

WHEREAS: The Benefits Reserve Fund has over \$21,000 as of January 1, 2004. Res. 13 1998 authorizes \$6,000 be put in reserve until c=such time as funds are sufficient to cover over runs.

WHEREAS: The Millennium Chalice has been purchased and non maintenance appears to be needed and that fund has over \$2,000 as of January 1, 2004

WHEREAS: The Camp Abbey Reserve Fund has over \$6,000 and the YEP unallocated has \$140,000 as of January 1, 2004

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Benefit Reserve, Chalice, Convention Reserve, Disaster Relief, and History Book Funds be combined onto the General Fund Unallocated Fund and that the State Deputy be authorized to spend on more than the amount budgeted as investment disbursements for over run in any of these accounts.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Abbey Reserve be combined with the YEP Unallocated Fund and that the State Deputy be authorized to spend no more than the amount budgeted as investment disbursements for over run in any of this account.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The State Deputy can only spend these reserve funds with the approval of all the State Officers. Any expense from these reserves must be reported to the next State Council Meeting.

FURTHER BE II RESOLVED THAT: Resolution 13, 1995, Res. 8, 1994, Res. 12, 2000; Res. 13, 1998; Res. 17, 2000; and Res. 9, 1994 be rescinded by this resolution and the Budget for 2004-2005.

Resolution 26 adopted at the 99th Annual Meeting held in Lafayette on April 29th –May 2nd, purpose is to receive a final financial statement from the State Treasurer by August 31 of the same year. That the financial statements be mailed to each council in the State, and audited statements be sent no later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Resolution No. 21 adopted at the 100th Annual Meeting held in Kenner on April 28th-May 1st, 2005, To help St. Mary's Training Facility with their planned \$3.9 million expansion project by dedicating a suggested percentage as determined by the councils within the Louisiana Jurisdiction for our annual Citizens with Mental Disabilities Fund Drive for that project in honor of State Chaplain Msgr. Joseph Susi.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the La. State Council dedicate a suggested percentage of 30% of proceeds from each council's campaign for people with mental disabilities to St. Mary's Training Facility until the goal of \$500,000 has been reached. **Completed 2017**

Resolution No. 15 adopted at the 101st Annual Meeting held on May 5th-7th, 2006 in Baton Rouge, to transfer monies from General Fund Unallocated for the operation of the State Council, if needed.

WHEREAS: With the devastation of the two hurricanes, many councils may not be able to pay per capita tax, and

WHEREAS: The State Council is dependant on said funds, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Elected State Officers and PSD Advisory Board would have permission to transfer funds for shortfalls of the operational budget, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, allows said action to take place, but restricted to the 2006-2007 fraternal years.

Resolution No. 21 adopted at the 101st Annual Meeting held in Baton Rouge on May 5th-7th, 2006, amends the State By-Laws to add SECTION 11:3 to the By-Laws, as says the following: "**The State Advocate** shall maintain the

State Council By-Laws whenever an amendment shall be approved, and shall perform such duties before the next Annual Meeting.

Resolution 25 adopted at the 101st Annual Meeting held in Baton Rouge on May 5th-7th, 2006, Resolution says that resolutions mailed on behalf of members running for various elected positions in the State Council will no longer be mailed by the State Office.

Resolution 19, adopted at the 104th Annual Meeting held in Shreveport on May 1-3, 2009, provides the following State Convention Policy:

“1. Convention

- 1.01 The State Council Meeting shall be planned and executed by the State Convention Committee, composed of the General Chairman, Co-Chairman (both appointed by the State Deputy), the State Deputy, the State Secretary, the State Office Administrator, the Convention Secretary, and Convention Committee Chairmen.
- 1.02 The State Deputy shall appoint the General Chairman and Co-Chairman by July 1. The General Chairman shall appoint the Convention Secretary, the Finance Chairman and the Committee Chairmen by September 30.
- 1.03 The Convention Committees shall include Finance, Housing, Registration, Publicity, Medical Services, Ladies Entertainment, Decorations, Financial Secretaries Association, Ladies Auxiliaries, Golf, Dance, Banquet, Breakfast, Protocol, PSD Programs, Printing, Program/Photography, Meeting Facilities, Sound & Recording Systems, State Deputy Hospitality, Masses, Exhibits, Youth, Transportation, and Parking & Security. The General Chairman may merge, eliminate or add committees with the consent of State Deputy.
- 1.04 No funds shall be expended nor obligated and no contract shall signed prior to the approval of the convention budget by the Elected State Officers. No funds shall be expended nor obligated in excess of a convention budget line item without a budget amendment, approved by the Elected State Officers.
- 1.05 No contracts obligating the State Council, shall be entered into without the prior specific approval of the State Deputy.
- 1.06 The Finance Committee shall be composed of the General Chairman, the Co-Chairman, the Finance Committee Chairman, the State Secretary and the State Treasurer. The Finance

Committee will propose a budget, based on anticipated expenditures provided by individual chairmen, to the State Convention Committee.

1.07 The State Convention Committee shall present a detailed budget, including the registration fee, to the Elected State Officers for approval by November 1.

1.08 The Finance Chairman will receive all convention funds, identify their source and forward them to the State Secretary. The Finance Chairman will receive all convention invoices. He will confirm accuracy of each invoice & forward it to the State Deputy. The State Convention finances, as State Council funds, will be administered in a The Finance Chairman will provide a financial report to the State Deputy by the last day of each month, beginning in the first month following adoption of the budget, and a final report by the 15th day of June, immediately following the Convention.”

Resolution 20, adopted at the 104th Annual Meeting held in Shreveport on May 1-3, 2009, amended By-Laws Section 9:1 to read:

“**SECTION 9:1.** The State Secretary shall be responsible for securing and maintaining a true and faithful record of the proceedings of the State Council Meetings and for the publishing and proper distribution of said proceedings in such form as approved by the State Deputy.”

Resolution 21, adopted at the 104th Annual Meeting held in Shreveport on May 1-3, 2009, amended By-Laws Section 19:8 to read:

“**SECTION 19:8.** No funds of the State Council shall be appropriated or expended except under authority of the said budget as finally adopted by the State Council or as amended by a majority vote the Budget Stabilization Committee, composed of the Elected State Officers, the immediate Past Deputy and two Past State Deputies appointed by the Advisory Board of Past State Deputies, provided that in no budget category may expenditures exceed income. The Budget Stabilization Committee may not amend the budget to increase the total expenditures of any budget category.”

Resolution 13, adopted at the 105th Annual Meeting held in Lafayette on May 1-2, 2010, provides:

“That a Disaster Relief Fund be established within the GF-Unallocated Trust;”

“That \$23,200 of the GF-Unallocated Trust funds be allocated to the Disaster Relief Fund;”

“That annually an expenditure of \$5,000 be included in the General Fund Budget to be deposited in the Disaster Relief Fund until such time as the fund balance reaches \$50,000;

“That once the \$50,000 fund balance is achieved, all interest gained from the Disaster Relief Fund shall be transferred annually into the GF-Unallocated Trust Fund, additionally, the \$5,000 to be budgeted annually and deposited into the Disaster Relief Fund, shall be suspended until such time that the fund balance falls below the \$50,000;

“That disaster relief donations for any fraternal year shall not exceed 50% of the total Disaster Relief Trust Fund, unless specifically approved by a Resolution of the delegates at an Annual Meeting of the State Council;

“That the State Deputy with the consent of the other state officers be authorized to expend up to \$5,000 for any one disaster;

“That the State Deputy with the consent of the other state officers and Past State Deputies Advisory Committee be authorized to expend in excess of \$5,000 for any one disaster;

“Should the Disaster Relief Fund balance be reduced below the \$50,000 due to charitable giving, the annual budget shall include an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to allow for the re-building of the account until a \$50,000 fund balance is achieved.”

Resolution 14, adopted at the 105th Annual Meeting held in Lafayette on May 1-2, 2010, provides:

“That in conjunction with each Annual Meeting of the State Council the Convention Committee plan a Charitable Project, approved by the State Deputy, to be conducted by the Knights of the Louisiana Jurisdiction.

“That the Charitable Project involve knights, ladies and council bringing items to the convention to be donated immediately following the convention to a Catholic organization in the host city or diocese, e.g. pregnancy center, school, homeless shelter, diner.”

Resolution 13, adopted at the 107th Annual meeting held in Baton Rouge on May 5-6, 2012, provides:

“That no funds belonging to the Bishop Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation be withdrawn from the Christopher Fund, except as authorized by the board of directors for the Bishop Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation.”

Resolution 10, adopted at the 110th Annual Meeting held in Baton Rouge on May 2-3, 2015 provides:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Louisiana State Council, Knights of Columbus, convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 2nd and 3rd, 2015 of their 110th Annual Meeting assess each subordinate council an exemplification fee of \$15 for each member initiated in the first degree after September 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the exemplification fees shall be placed in a separate account and expended only for the expenses of Third Degree Exemplifications.

Resolution No. 1 adopted by the 120th Annual Meeting in Alexandria on May 3, 2025 provides:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 19:9 be amended as follows:

- (a) At the end of the Fraternal Year (June 30), if there are funds remaining in the treasury of the State Council in excess of the amount that was required for the operations of the State Council for that year, and if the State Council's savings accounts (including, but not limited to, unallocated-funds accounts, savings accounts, or investment accounts) have a total balance equal to or exceeding \$600,000, then the excess operating funds in the treasury of the State Council (*i.e.*, the surplus) shall be equally distributed between and donated to the Bishop Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation and St. Mary's Residential and Community Services.
- (b) At the end of the Fraternal Year (June 30), if there are funds remaining in the treasury of the State Council in excess of the amount that was required for the operations of the State Council for that year, and if the total amount of all available savings is less than \$600,000, then a sufficient amount of the excess operating funds in the treasury of the State Council (*i.e.*, the surplus) shall be deposited and/or transferred and invested into the State Council's savings accounts (including, but not limited to, unallocated-funds accounts, savings accounts, or investment accounts) in order to replenish the savings accounts and bring the total savings balance up to no less than \$600,000. The remaining excess operating funds in the treasury of the State Council, if any, shall then be equally distributed between and donated to the Bishop Charles P. Greco Memorial Foundation and St. Mary's Residential and Community Services.

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