

*Unless noted otherwise all following resolutions are proposed by The Knights of Columbus Utah State Council to change the Utah State By-Laws.*

**RESOLUTION A**  
**CHANGE UTAH STATE BY-LAWS ARTICLE III MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the current State by-laws still detail that the State Council designate a Council to host the annual meeting for the succeeding year, AND

**WHEREAS**, we often have non-members address the delegates with special presentations, AND

**WHEREAS**, only the Grand Knight receives copies of the resolutions and the Resolutions Committee cannot offer resolutions, AND,

**WHEREAS**, no mention is made in the By-Laws of the Annual Report Book, AND

**WHEREAS**, the report of the proceedings of the of the Utah State Council, has never met the due date of September 1,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we amend the State By-Laws in Section 1 to designate the **District and the Councils** to host the annual meeting for the succeeding year as per custom over the past several years, AND

Provision be made in Section 2 **for others, not members of the Order**, to be able to make special presentations at the annual meeting at the invitation of the State Deputy, being escorted into and out of the chamber upon completion of their presentation, AND

Provision be made in Section 9 for the **Utah State Annual Reports Book** to replace verbal reports from Convention floor. Reports Book to be stored electronically **and published books to delegates at the Convention**, AND

Copy of Annual Meeting proceedings provided electronically to all Grand Knights and on State Website before **November 1**.

**REASONING: The duties reflected in this resolution reflect current practices of the Utah State Council.** They further provide a history of the annual meeting, the programs, and further provide a template of examples for future officers and chairman to reference. The use of electronic distribution of these items saves the State Council many dollars of publishing costs.

## **RESOLUTION B**

### **ADD SECTION 13 TO ARTICLE III MEETINGS PATRIOTIC DEGREE PROVINCIAL MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, our current by-laws do not provide a provision or mandate that the Utah State Deputy to attend the Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree annual meeting for the states in the John H. Reddin Province, AND

**WHEREAS**, the State Deputy is the senior Utah Knights of Columbus representative responsible for the oversight for all Knights of Columbus activities within the State, and that the Supreme Council highly recommends State Deputy attendance to provide guidance and support to the other jurisdictions, AND

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Council no longer provides reimbursement to State Deputies to attend the Provincial meeting, and there is a provision in the state budget to provide reimbursement for attendance at the Provincial meeting.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we amend the state By-laws to add:

- a) That the **State Deputy** or his designated representative from the State council **attend** the Patriotic (Fourth) Degree **annual** meeting within the John H. Reddin Province.
- b) **The Provincial meeting rotates each year among the districts of the Province.**  
The State council shall provide reimbursement to the State Deputy for expenses including: mileage reimbursement at the prevailing rate; up to two nights of lodging; and cost for all meals incurred in conjunction with the time involved at the Provincial Meeting.

**REASONING: Supreme encourages State Deputy attendance and it is only fair and reasonable that if we are directing an individual to attend a meeting that they be properly reimbursed for related expenses outside of their volunteering time.**

## **RESOLUTION C**

### **ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS – Section 5 Intent to Run for Office**

#### **ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS – Section 4 Elections Held**

**WHEREAS**, our current by-laws only allow current State Officers to declare if they wish to seek re-election or seek a different office, AND

**WHEREAS**, nominations open Saturday afternoon of the State Convention and elections take place Sunday morning,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we amend the state By-laws to change:

- a) in good standing wishing to seek election to State office should submit a letter of intention to the State Deputy by March 1.

- b) The State Deputy will forward copies of all letters of intent received to all Grand Knights by March 15, **signifying their intention.**
- c) Nominations will open on first session of State Convention and remain open until either the State deputy or his designee declares closure during the conduct of the elections.
- d) If more than one candidate is running for a State Office, a 2-minute **nomination and candidate speech** for each candidate can precede the election.

**REASONING: Candidates for State Office may declare their intentions to the Councils before the Convention. Nomination or candidate speeches may still be presented before elections are conducted.**

**RESOLUTION D**  
**CHANGE ARTICLE V SECTION 5 – State Secretary Duties**  
**ADD SECTION 10 – State Executive Secretary Duties**  
**UPDATE Other Duties of Officers**

**WHEREAS**, the current by-laws allow the State Deputy to delegate certain responsibilities to the State Executive Secretary, AND

**WHEREAS**, electronic ledger software is now available for State Treasurer, AND

**WHEREAS**, the State Advocate and Warden have been given additional assignments

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we amend the state By-laws to:

- a) **Change State Secretary duties** if State Executive Secretary is assigned
- b) Add Section 10 to **define State Executive Secretary specific duties**
- c) Allow State Treasurer to use other than permanent bound ledger and to send proposed budget to both GK and FS of each subordinate Council prior to the State Convention
- d) Add additional duties assigned to State Advocate (Council guidance for Safe Environment EIN, and 990-N submittal), and State Warden (delivery and setup for State meetings and ceremonials).
- e) Rearrange listing of officers to agree with Section 1 – Officers.

**REASONING: To better describe the duties and responsibilities of the State Officers.**

**RESOLUTION E**  
**CHANGE UTAH STATE BY-LAWS ARTICLE VI SECTION 4**  
**APPOINTED COMMITTEES**

**WHEREAS**, many major Utah State Committee duties, responsibilities and chairmen are not defined in the current State by-laws, AND

**WHEREAS**, Amending Section 4 will fill this void for the Awards, Appreciation, Credentials, Audit, Balloting, Resolutions, Assistant Wardens, and Minutes Committees

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** we amend the state By-laws to amend the Appointed Duties for **Utah State Council Committees** to define the duties, responsibilities and chairmen for the major committees within the State of Utah.

**REASONING:** The duties reflected in this resolution reflect current practices of the Utah State Council in relation to the formation and the duties for Awards, Appreciation, Credentials, Audit, Balloting, Resolutions, Assistant Wardens, Minutes Committees and Board of **Directors**. The Christopher Fund and Mileage Committees are the only committees currently defined.

**RESOLUTION F**  
**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE UTAH STATE COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS:** It is the desire of the Utah State Council to effectively grow and manage its membership in carrying out its mission of fraternity, service, and charity, AND

**WHEREAS:** the Supreme Council utilizes a Board of Directors in decisions and matters that may come before them in carrying out the many duties involved in the operation of the Order, AND

**WHEREAS:** Resolution E creates the Board of Directors and gives them the authority to advise the State Council Officers,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** the State Council create a Board of Directors to be utilized to assist the State Council in matters that may arise in membership, by-laws, finance, responsibilities of office, or any others brought before them by the State Council, AND

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** the Board of Directors shall consist of the IPSD and two PSDs selected by the seated State Deputy and voted upon by the State Council Officers. The Directors will have one vote on matters brought to them by the State Council. The Board of Directors shall also consist of the State Treasurer and State Advocate as ex-officio non-voting members to provide by-laws and financial information as needed to assist the board members in arriving at decisions where they may apply.

**REASONING:** To mirror the Supreme Council in utilizing the experience and expertise of recent PSDs to assist in solving or offering strategy in resolving situations that may occur we wish to establish just such a group and to align with the charge of the Board of Directors.

**RESOLUTION G**  
**CHANGE ARTICLE VII SECTION 1 – Assessments**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution E creates the Audit Committee and gives them the authority to recommend changes to the State Budget

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we amend the state By-laws so that the Utah State Council shall approve assessments from the convention floor based on recommendations of the Audit Committee for approval of the Utah State fraternal year operating budget.

**REASONING:** To align with the charge of the Audit Committee

**RESOLUTION H**  
**ARTICLE XI SECTION 3 – Initiation Fees**

**WHEREAS**, the CUF Degree has been created and members can join the Order on line and no costs are incurred in this process, therefore, no initiation fees should be assessed, AND

**WHEREAS**, the transfer from an associate online member to a council member has no cost, no initiation fee shall be assessed.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, all subordinate councils are to vote to change their by-laws to eliminate the practice of charging any initiation fees.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, “Article XI Section 3 - Initiation Fees” shall read, “No initiation fees are to be charged by subordinate councils in the processing of new members within the Utah Jurisdiction. **There are to be no initiation fees charged by the subordinate councils of the Utah State Council.**”

**REASONING:** Totally eliminating this Article will not accomplish the desire to stop the practice as well as spelling it out as unacceptable practice of the by-laws.

**RESOLUTION I**  
**CHANGE UTAH STATE BY-LAWS ARTICLE XII CEREMONIALS**

**WHEREAS**, within the current Utah State by Laws, references to ceremonials/degrees used to define these practices refer to old terminology changed by the Supreme Council AND,

**WHEREAS**, the current Utah State by Laws do not clearly define responsibility for the respective ceremonials when conducted in the state.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** we amend the state By-laws Ceremonials section for the proper degree nomenclature and clearly affix responsibility for the **conduct of the ceremonial**.

**REASONING:** The degree names have been changed for over three years now and need appropriate reference. Responsibilities for ceremonial work within this amendment reflect current practices of the Utah State Council.

*The following was proposed by Council 12181 on behalf of the subordinate Councils of the Utah State Council for the Utah State By-Laws:*

### **RESOLUTION J**

#### **ADD UTAH STATE BY-LAWS ARTICLE XI SECTION 5 – Clergy/Deacon Dues**

**WHEREAS**, In the Catholic Church, a deacon is an ordained member of the clergy. In other words, a deacon receives the sacrament of Holy Orders. There are three orders in the Catholic hierarchy — deacon, priest and bishop. Ordained Catholic ministers enter the clerical state with ordination to the diaconate, and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides us with a definition of a deacon that is rather comprehensive. “In the Catholic Church, an ordained clergy is referred to as a deacon. Bishops, presbyters, and deacons are the three different categories of ordained clergy that make up the Church’s three different orders”. And,

**WHEREAS**, the liturgy, the word, and service are the three pillars that make up the deacon’s ministry. During the liturgy, he provides assistance to the Bishop as well as the priests. During the Mass, the deacon is responsible for reading from the Bible, giving assistance at the altar, and maybe even preaching the homily.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** we amend the State by-laws to add a section to the Miscellaneous Article that exempts all clergy and Deacons from further payment of dues and Utah per capita charges and assessments.

**Reasoning:** Priests and members of religious communities are already designated as Honorary Life and are exempt from payment of dues, per capita charge, and assessments. Most Councils in the State do not charge dues or fees from Deacons in their Council. This resolution would standardize treatment within the State. Supreme per capita and assessments would still need to be paid.