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August 16, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

William I. Kelly
Utah State Deputy
11533 Thornberry Court
Draper, UT 84020-9416

Re: Utah State Council By-Laws

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Kelly:

At its meeting on July 28, 2023, the Board of Directors considered the proposed By-Law amendments submitted by the Utah State Council.

Attached is a document describing the action taken by the Board. Please revise your by-laws accordingly. Once the by-laws are revised, please send me a copy for our file.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Associate General Counsel Joseph Niglio at (203) 752-4641 / joseph.niglio@kofc.org.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John A. Marrella".

John A. Marrella
Supreme Advocate
and General Counsel

JAM/mv
Enclosure

cc: Francisco E. Carmona, State Secretary
William T. McCauley, State Advocate

VOTED, to approve the (redrafted) amendments to the **Utah** State Council By-Laws as follows:

The Board approved the minor amendments contained in Article 3, Section 1; Article 4, Section 5(a); Article 4, Section 5(b); Article 5, Section 3(b); Article 5, Section 3(c); Article 5, Section 5(a); Article 5, Section 5(c); Article 5, Section 5(e); Article 5, Section 5(f); Article 5, Section 5(g); Article 5, Section 6(a); Article 5, Section 6(b); Article 5, Section 6(c); Renumber the remaining section within Article 6; Article 5, Section 7(e); Article 5, Section 8(b); Article 5, Section 9; Article 5, Section 10; Renumber the remaining sections within Article 5; Article 7, Section 1; Article 7, Section 3; Article 8, Section 2; Article 11, Section 5; Article 12, Section 1;

The Board approved the following substantive amendments:

The Board approved the amendment to add Section 2(b) to Article 3 provided the state council redrafts the section so that it reads:

(b) The State Deputy shall have the authority to open the State Council's Annual Meeting to non-members for the purpose of attending special events or presentations.

The Board approved the reorganization of Section 9 within Article 3 provided the state council redrafts Section 9 so that it reads:

Section 9 – Reports of Officers:

a) Instead of delivering an oral report during the state convention, the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, State Chaplain, Immediate Past State Deputy, General Agent and/or Field Agents, District Deputies, State Program Director, Faith in Action Program Directors and Chairmen, and the State Membership Director shall prepare an annual report for the Utah State Annual Report Book and send a copy of the report to the State Secretary by the required due date. Reports not received by the due date will not be included in the Report Book.

b) The Report Book will be formatted and placed on the State Council's website prior to the start of the State Convention.

c) The State Secretary shall include copies of the reports submitted or delivered by officers, directors, chairmen, and committees with the proceedings for the state council's annual meeting.

The Board approved the amendment to Article 3, Section 10.

The Board approved the amendment to Article 3, Section 13 provided the state council removes the section's first two sentences. The Section's first two sentences are not necessary.

The Board approved the amendment to Article 4, Section 4(c) provided the state council redrafts the section so that it reads:

The nomination period for all state officers and delegates and alternates to the Supreme Convention shall begin during the first business session of the State Convention and shall remain open until the State Deputy, or a designee chosen by the State Deputy, declares the nomination period closed. The nomination period shall be closed after the opening of the second business session and an announcement is made that there are no further nominations from the floor for each elected position.

The Board approved the amendment to Article 4, Section 4(d) provided the state council redrafts the section so that it reads:

If there is more than one candidate running for a state officer position or if a candidate who is not an incumbent is running unopposed, each candidate and a member supporting the candidate may make a two-minute speech before the balloting process begins.

The Board approved the amendment to Article 5, Section 7(d) provided the state council redrafts the section that it reads:

(d) Update the Utah State Council By-Laws after amendments have been reviewed and approved by the Supreme Board of Directors.

The Board **rejected** the amendments within Article 6, Section 4 and recommends that the state council take the following action: (1) remove Section 4 from the by-laws; (2) reclassify the Section as a state council policy; and (3) include the following text in the state council's by-laws:

Section 4 – Purpose, Scope, and Responsibility of State Council Committees:
The purpose, scope, and responsibilities of all State Council committees are set forth within the State Council's Policies Governing State Council Committees.

By reclassifying the section as a policy, the state council would be free to amend the policy without the need to amend its by-laws.

The Board recommends making the following change to Article 7, Section 2: replace the word "access" with "assess."

The Board rejected the amendment to Article 12, Section 2 because it was not necessary. The Board recommends that the state council remove Article 12, Section 2 from the by-laws.