



Knights of Columbus® Georgia State Council

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ARTICLE I – GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL DEFINED

SECTION 1 – The Georgia State Council shall consist of the Grand Knight and a past Grand Knight from each Subordinate Council in good standing; State Officers, ex officio; and the Immediate Past State Deputy provided, however, that when the Immediate Past State Deputy is actually residing in another state or jurisdiction, he shall there by forfeit such right, and his nearest predecessor actually residing in the jurisdiction of Georgia shall be entitled thereto. Each Subordinate Council shall also elect alternates to serve as representatives, if necessary, as members of the State Council. If there be more than one Past Grand Knight, councils shall elect one to represent it in the State Council.

SECTION 2 – All other Past State Deputies and all District Deputies in the jurisdiction shall be permitted the privilege of membership in the State Council, but without the right to vote therein. The privilege of membership includes the right to make motions and nominations and to speak to them.

SECTION 3 – These By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and such Amendments as may be enacted govern the conduct of the Georgia State Council, and are in consonance with and subject to the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus enacted by the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus.

ARTICLE II – GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL OFFICERS

SECTION 1 – The officers of the Georgia State Council shall consist of the State Deputy, the last living Past State Deputy in good standing residing in the jurisdiction of Georgia, the State Secretary, the State Treasurer, the State Advocate, the State Warden, and the State Chaplain.

SECTION 2 – The Georgia State Council shall elect the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, and State Warden, from the membership at-large, at the annual meeting of the State Council, by the majority of votes cast by members of said State Council present and voting. Those elected must be qualified in accordance with the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus. The state officers so elected shall annually select two Priests: one to act as State Chaplain, and the other as Associate State Chaplain. Said selections shall be in accordance with any rules established by the Ordinary of the Diocese in which the State Chaplain or Associate State Chaplain resides.

SECTION 3 – All State Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year from and after the 1st day of July following their election or selection and, until their respective successors have been elected or selected and qualified. In the event of a vacancy in any office of the State Council, such vacancy shall be filled by a qualified Knight of Columbus, selected by a majority vote of the remaining State Officers, from the membership at large to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

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SECTION 4 – Insurance members only shall be eligible to the office of State Deputy, and as Delegates to the Supreme Council, representing insurance members except as otherwise provided in Chapter II, Section 12(d) of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus. If the requisite number of insurance members as provided by the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus are not elected as Delegates to the Supreme Council, alternate Delegates that are insurance members will, in descending order of votes received, serve as insurance Delegates until the requisite number of insurance Delegates is satisfied.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

SECTION 1 – The State Deputy is the Chief Executive Officer of the Georgia State Council and the Knights of Columbus in the Jurisdiction of Georgia, and the direct representative of the Supreme Knight and the Supreme Board of Directors. He shall preside at all State Council meetings, and shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees of said State Council. He shall create districts within the State as provided by the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, and shall appoint District Deputies pursuant thereto. The State Deputy shall perform all duties expressly required of him by the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, or by these By- laws, and shall perform all other duties incidental to his office. The State Deputy shall supervise the Exemplification of the Knighthood Degree.

SECTION 2 – The State Secretary shall be the keeper of the Seal of the State Council. He shall keep the minutes of all State Council meetings, and transcribe them in the permanent records of the State Council. He shall receive and record all funds of the State Council. He shall conduct the correspondence of the State Council and keep records of the same. He shall sign checks at the request of the State Deputy if either the State Deputy or State Treasurer are unavailable. He shall perform all other duties incidental to his office, and shall perform any and all other duties as may be required of him by the State Deputy.

SECTION 3 – The State Treasurer shall receive from the State Secretary all funds of the State Council and shall deposit them for safekeeping in a bank or banks approved by the Executive Committee hereinafter provided for. He shall disburse said funds on the order of the State Secretary, duly countersigned by the State Deputy. He shall keep true and accurate accounts of all monies received by him and of all disbursements made by him, and of the indebtedness of each council to the State Council, and of his transactions with said councils. He shall perform all other duties incidental to his office, and shall perform all other duties as may be required of him by the State Deputy.

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SECTION 4 – The State Advocate shall be the Chief Legal Officer of the Georgia State Council. He shall represent the State Council in all legal matters in as much as he is legally qualified to do so; he shall tender opinions regarding the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Georgia State Council, and of the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus. The State Advocate shall be the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. Should the State Advocate be unavailable to serve as Chairman of this committee, the State Treasurer will assume the duty. The State Advocate shall recommend to the State Deputy, seven (7) members to serve on this committee from among the elected Delegates of the Subordinate Councils. He shall serve as the parliamentarian of meetings unless the State Deputy appoints another to perform that duty. He shall perform all other duties required of him by the State Deputy, and he shall perform any other duties incidental to his office, including the update of these By-Laws as required.

SECTION 5 – The State Warden shall be the official guardian of the meeting place of the State Council. He shall check all membership cards of members present, and he shall determine that only duly qualified members are present and that they all are in possession of a current membership card. He shall perform all other duties required of him by the State Deputy, and he shall perform any other duties incidental to his office. (A current membership card shall be defined as one that reflects payment of dues covering the present calendar or fraternal year, depending on the billing cycle of the council. Valid membership cards carry the signatures of the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and member.) The State Warden shall be the custodian of all state council equipment, personally storing, safeguarding, transporting, and accounting for said equipment, or causing it to be so done by trusted brother Knights of Columbus. He shall deputize others for such purpose as his judgment may indicate adequate with the concurrence of the State Deputy. He will incur no expense for such without formal authorization of the Executive Committee. He will acquire additional or replacement equipment when authorized to do so by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 6 – The State Chaplain shall be the Spiritual Leader of the Georgia State Council, and shall have supervision over all religious exercises of the Georgia State Council; he shall also administer the Knight of the Year Award for the State Council. The Associate State Chaplain shall assist the State Chaplain in these endeavors.

SECTION 7 – The Immediate Past State Deputy residing in the Jurisdiction of Georgia shall perform duties required of him by the State Deputy or the State Council.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District Deputies shall be appointed as heretofore provided, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the State Deputy, but no longer than the State Deputy's elected term. The District Deputy may be reappointed annually up to the maximum number of terms allowed by the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus. District Deputies shall perform all duties expressly required of them by the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, or by these By-Laws; and they shall perform all other duties incidental to their office, and all such other duties as the Order may impose. The District Deputies shall supervise the Exemplification of the Formation Degree within their respective districts.

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ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1 – There is hereby created an Executive Committee of the Georgia State Council that shall consist of the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Immediate Past State Deputy residing in the jurisdiction, State Chaplain, and Associate State Chaplain. The State Deputy shall be the Chairman of said committee. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every three months.

SECTION 2 – The Associate State Chaplain enjoys all rights and privileges as a member of the Executive Committee but will enjoy the right to vote on motions only in the absence of the State Chaplain.

SECTION 3 – The Executive Committee and Executive Secretary shall be reimbursed for mileage compensation and per diem at the rate specified herein while in attendance at the Executive Committee meetings, state organizational meetings, mid-year meeting, council officer meetings, and other necessary meetings as determined by the State Deputy.

SECTION 4 – It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to supervise the budget adopted by the Georgia State Council at its annual meeting, and to keep the expenses of each state officer and employee of the Georgia State Council within the limits of said budget.

SECTION 5 – The Executive Committee shall be empowered, at its option, to engage the services of an Executive Secretary with duties prescribed by the said Committee, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the same. The Executive Secretary must be a 3d Degree Knight in good standing with extensive experience in leadership positions at the council and state levels. He shall participate in all meetings of the Executive Committee and exercise the same responsibilities as state officers in said meetings, except the right to vote. The Executive Secretary may be appointed to committees as the State Deputy may determine, and will enjoy voting rights within said committees. He will be reimbursed at the same rate of state officers specified herein.

SECTION 6 – Prior to the Annual Meeting of the State Council, the Executive Committee shall prepare a budget reflecting estimated expenses of the Georgia State Council for the ensuing year, and shall include therein a recommendation as to the State Per Capita Tax to be levied upon the Subordinate Councils within the Jurisdiction, to all be furnished to the Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance, hereinafter provided for, immediately upon his appointment by the State Deputy.

SECTION 7 – Prior to the Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council, the Executive Committee shall cause all financial books and records of the Georgia State Council and affiliated units to be audited by an independent Certified or Chartered Public Accountant, who shall provide a written opinion on the condition of the Georgia State Council and affiliated units. A copy of the written opinion, including financial statement, shall be made a part of the Official Proceedings of the Georgia State Council.

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ARTICLE VI – ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE COUNCIL

SECTION 1 – The Georgia State Council shall be convened annually between the first day of April, to and including the first day of June in each year, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such business, and the enactment of such rules and regulations as may be consistent with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus and these By-Laws. The Executive Committee, with the assistance of the Annual Meeting/Convention Committee, shall identify and present at the Annual Meeting the locations for the following three annual meetings and conventions.

SECTION 2 – The State Deputy shall so arrange the business of the annual meeting of the Georgia State Council that it shall be conducted in two (2) succeeding days, in sessions of equal or similar lengths.

SECTION 3 – In the absence of the State Deputy, or the inability to perform his duties, the State Secretary shall execute all the duties of the State Deputy. In the absence of any other State Officer, the Presiding Officer shall appoint a Delegate to act in his place, and perform all his duties, and have all his privileges except the right to vote.

SECTION 4 – All sessions of the Annual Meeting shall be conducted in the Third Degree. The State Warden shall check all membership cards of those present, and determine that only duly qualified members, in possession of a current membership card are present.

SECTION 5 – A majority of the voting members of the Georgia State Council shall constitute a quorum for transacting the business of the Annual Meeting, but less than a quorum may adjourn the meeting from day to day or sine die.

SECTION 6 – Before any meeting of the Georgia State Council shall be called to order, the State Secretary shall prepare a roll of the names of all Subordinate Council Delegates selected as members of the State Council, and shall include therein the names of all other members of the State Council who are members thereof ex officio. When said roll shall have been prepared by the State Secretary, the same shall serve as a roll of the members of the Georgia State Council until the report of the Committee on Credentials has been adopted by the meeting.

SECTION 7 – The roll of the members at the Annual Meeting shall not be called upon a demand of the yeas and nays, unless such roll call shall be approved by a majority of the members present and voting at the meeting.

SECTION 8 – Any member of the Georgia State Council desiring to obtain the floor at an Annual Meeting shall rise and address the chair, stating his name and the name of the Subordinate Council of which he is a member. The Presiding Officer of the Annual Meeting shall thereupon announce the name of the member entitled to the floor, and then said member shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration. No member of the Georgia State Council at the Annual Meeting shall be entitled to speak longer than five (5) minutes without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

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SECTION 9 – The Order of Business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

- a) Call to Order
- b) Warden's Report on Membership Cards
- c) Prayer, Pledge to the Flag, Roll Call
- d) Appointment of Committee on Credentials
- e) Appointment of Committees:
 - 1) On Resolutions
 - 2) On Audit and Finance
 - 3) Special Committees
- f) Announcements/Welcome by Host Council
- g) Report of Committee on Credentials
- h) Reading of Minutes and Communications
- i) Reports of State Officers
 - 1) State Deputy
 - 2) State Secretary
 - 3) State Treasurer
 - 4) State Advocate
 - 5) State Warden
 - 6) State Chaplain
- j) Other Reports:
 - 1) District Deputies
 - 2) State Service Program Directors
 - 3) Knight of the Year Award
- k) Selection of Location for next Annual Meeting
- l) Reports of Committees:
 - 1) Resolutions
 - 2) Audit and Finance
 - 3) Special
- m) Unfinished Business
- n) New Business
 - 1) Elections (State Officers, Supreme Convention Delegates)
 - 2) Other New Business
- o) Prayer
- p) Adjournment

SECTION 10 – In all matters of procedure not otherwise provided for by the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus or these By-Laws, the same shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

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SECTION 11 – The nomination of candidates for all State Offices and Supreme Delegates shall be held from the floor at a time specified on the agenda for the annual State meeting. The nomination of candidates for the State Deputy shall be first. The nominations of candidates for the other State Offices shall then be held in the order in which they are named in Article II, Section 1, of these By-Laws. The nominations for representatives and alternates to the Supreme Council will follow. The State Deputy and the last living Past State Deputy shall represent the Georgia State Council. Any other representation that the Georgia State Council may be entitled to shall be nominated from the floor. Election of State Officers and Supreme Delegates shall occur in the same order as the nominations and will be held under the first order of business under Section 9n above, "New Business." The State Deputy, or the Presiding Officer, shall appoint no fewer than three members to act as tellers to receive and count votes, and to report the results to the Chair. In all cases of election to any office in the Georgia State Council, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect, except as provided in the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus.

SECTION 12 – As soon as practicable after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the State Secretary shall transcribe the minutes of said meeting and incorporate the same in the records of the Georgia State Council. The minutes shall include the names of the nominees for offices, and as delegates to the Supreme Council, and winners thereof. It shall also include the name of the winner of the Knight of the Year Award. Thereupon, the same shall be certified by the State Secretary and by the State Deputy, and thereafter said minutes, so transcribed and certified, shall constitute an official record of the Proceedings of the Georgia State Council Annual Meeting. The State Secretary then shall have copies of said Minutes reproduced in such manner and form as the Executive Committee may direct, after which a minimum of one (1) copy shall be furnished to:

- a) each retiring and newly elected State Officer;
- b) each retiring and newly appointed District Deputy;
- c) the Grand Knight of each Subordinate Council. Five (5) copies will be forward to the Supreme Secretary. The State Secretary shall distribute copies of the approved Proceedings of the Annual Meeting as soon as practicable thereafter, but no later than the Mid-Year Council Officer Meeting after the Annual Meeting.
- d) one copy shall be placed in the state archives

SECTION 13 – Using all available current up to date materials, the State Secretary shall compile, publish, and distribute the Georgia State Directory for the current Fraternal Year no later than September 1 each year. The State Secretary will also place a copy in the state archives.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTION OF SUBORDINATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1 – The representatives of Subordinate Councils to the Georgia State Council shall be selected in such manner as prescribed in the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, provided, that Subordinate Councils in arrears to the Georgia State Council, or to the Supreme Council for duly levied assessments, shall not have the names of their representatives or alternates placed on either the temporary or permanent roll of the Georgia State Council, and shall not be entitled to representation until all such arrearages are paid in full.

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SECTION 2 – On or before March 15 of each year, the State Secretary shall furnish the Grand Knight of each Subordinate Council, Blank Credential Forms for certifying names of Delegates and Alternates elected to represent said Council at the Georgia State Council Meeting. The Recorder of said Council shall prepare, and the Financial Secretary shall certify six (6) copies of the Credential Form. The Council shall forward one (1) copy thereof to the State Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the Georgia State Council Meeting and shall furnish one (1) Copy to each Delegate and Alternate whose name appears thereon and shall retain one (1) copy for the Council records. The State Secretary may accept a PDF copy of the form with a legible council seal mark at the sole discretion of the State Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII – REPORTS OF GRAND KNIGHTS AND DISTRICT DEPUTIES

At least thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the annual meeting of the Georgia State Council, the Grand Knights of each Subordinate Council shall furnish the State Deputy and the Council's District Deputy, a report summarizing the major accomplishments and activities of the council since the last annual meeting. Based on these reports, the District Deputy shall furnish to the State Deputy, at least ten (10) days prior to the opening day of the annual meeting, a report summarizing the major accomplishments and activities of the councils in his respective district since the last annual meeting. The District Deputy shall also provide a copy of his report to the State Secretary, who shall incorporate it into the Official Proceedings of the Georgia State Council Meeting.

ARTICLE IX – REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 1 – All reports made at the annual meeting by State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Committees shall be in writing, and a copy must be furnished to the State Secretary at the time of presentation.

SECTION 2 – Councils may submit resolutions to the State Council. All resolutions presented at the annual meeting, which involve a change or an amendment to the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, or to these by-laws, shall be in writing and shall be submitted in duplicate hard copy to the State Advocate at least forty-five (45) days prior to the opening session of the annual meeting at which the resolution is to be considered. Council-submitted resolutions will be signed and countersigned by the Grand Knight and another elected officer of the council. They will include a statement in the resolution indicating the date that the council adopted the resolution. The Council Advocate will attest to the accuracy of the adoption by signature and raised seal of the council.

SECTION 3 – The State Executive Committee may submit resolutions adopted by a majority of its members present at an Executive Committee meeting. Resolutions submitted by the State Executive Committee shall be signed by the State Deputy and State Advocate.

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SECTION 4 – No later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the opening session of the annual state meeting, the State Advocate will forward all resolutions received in accordance with Article IX, Sections 2 and 3 above, to each District Deputy. No later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the opening session of the annual meeting of the Georgia State Council, the District Deputies will forward the resolutions to the delegates of his councils for their review.

SECTION 5 – At the opening session of the annual meeting of the Georgia State Council, all resolutions, together with any opinion of the State Advocate thereon, shall be referred, without debate, to the Committee on Resolutions. No resolution shall be considered by the Committee on Resolutions that is not presented in the manner described in Article X unless otherwise ordered pursuant to a motion approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the annual meeting.

SECTION 6 – No resolution which commits or binds specified Subordinate Council or the Subordinate Councils within specified District, to detailed obligations, or actions not under the jurisdiction of the Georgia State Council, shall be adopted by the Georgia State Council unless and until such resolution has been submitted and approved by majority vote of members present and voting at a qualified meeting of said Subordinate Council or Councils.

SECTION 7 – Within seven (7) days after the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Georgia State Council, the State Advocate will present a copy of each resolution to the State Secretary. The State Secretary will publish each resolution, regardless of outcome, in the Proceedings of the meeting. The State Secretary will forward a copy of each resolution adopted by the State Council that requires consideration by the Supreme Council to the Supreme Secretary by the date so designated.

ARTICLE X – AD HOC COMMITTEES

The State Deputy shall have the power to appoint Ad Hoc Committees to serve between meetings of the Georgia State Council, as he deems desirable, to promote and advance the welfare of the Order of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Georgia. Such committees shall serve at the pleasure of the State Deputy, but in no event, beyond the term of Office of the State Deputy appointing or reappointing them. If the State Deputy deems it necessary and useful for a report to be issued at the annual meeting of the Georgia State Council, the chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee will enjoy the privilege of speaking on the specific subject of the committee when called upon by the State Deputy, unless he shall also be a member of the State Council.

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ARTICLE XI – SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION 1 – At each annual meeting of the Georgia State Council, the State Deputy shall appoint the following committees for said meeting, and such additional committees as in his judgment will expedite the meeting and will assist in the transaction of business thereof:

- a) Committee on Credentials
- b) Committee on Audit and Finance
- c) Committee on Resolutions
- d) Committee on Fraternal Greetings
- e) Committee on Ceremonials
- f) Committee on Necrology

In the absence of the State Deputy, and providing committees for the meeting have not been previously appointed by the State Deputy, appointments to said committees shall be made by the State Secretary.

SECTION 2 – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Credentials to:

- a) examine the credentials forms submitted by the respective Subordinate Councils to the State Secretary as provided in Article VI, Section 2 of these by-laws;
- b) ascertain from the State Secretary that each Subordinate Council sending representatives to the annual meeting is in good standing with the Georgia State Council and the Supreme Council;
- c) submit to the annual meeting a report indicating the names of the representatives of the Subordinate Councils whose names are to appear on the permanent roll of the meeting.
- d) in the event there is a challenge to the seating of any representative, each side may appear and argue before the Committee on Credentials, each side being allowed no more than five minutes without the special consent of the Committee on Credentials.

SECTION 3 – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Audit and Finance to:

- a) examine the budget prepared by the Executive Committee reflecting estimated expenses of the Georgia State Council for the ensuing year, and make report thereon to the annual meeting, including any recommendations with respect to any changes which the Committee on Audit and Finances deems appropriate in said budget;
- b) submit to the annual meeting a recommendation as to the Per Capita Tax to be levied upon the Subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction in said budget;
- c) certify to the annual meeting the travel (mileage) allowance to be received by each state officer and delegate in attendance at such meeting, pursuant to Article XII, Section 8a of these by-laws.

SECTION 4 – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Resolutions to review all duly processed resolutions pertaining to changes and amendments to the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus or these by-laws, and to conduct hearings relating thereto, and to submit to the annual meeting a report including the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions pertaining to approval or rejection of the resolution.

SECTION 5 – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Fraternal Greetings to extend the greetings of the Georgia State Council, Knights of Columbus, to individuals and organizations with whom the Committee on Fraternal Greetings deem appropriate to correspond.

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SECTION 6 – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Ceremonials to see that all Ceremonials of the Order are properly conducted and to report any inconsistencies in the Ceremonials or Regulations in connection therewith.

SECTION 7 – It shall be the duty of the Committee on Necrology to check with each Subordinate Council prior to the first Business Session of the Annual Meeting to ensure that all deceased Brothers' names have been submitted to the State Secretary, and to ensure that these names are included in the minutes of the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 8 – The State Deputy determines the number of members to serve on any committee, or the Chairman Pro-Tempore of the committee in the absence of the State Deputy.

ARTICLE XII – FINANCES

SECTION 1 – To defray the expenses and obligations of the Georgia State Council, there shall be levied and collected from all Subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction an annual Per Capita Tax on the membership of the respective Subordinate Councils.

SECTION 2 – At each annual meeting of the Georgia State Council, the members shall fix the annual Per Capita Tax to be paid by the Subordinate Councils for the ensuing fraternal year. Said Per Capita Tax will be assessed in accordance with the membership figures forwarded by the Supreme Secretary to each Subordinate Council and the Georgia State Council as of January 1 of each year.

Such assessment of Per Capita Tax will be due and payable to the State Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Annual Meeting. Pro Rata Billing of the Annual Per Capita Tax for newly formed councils only, shall be one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual Per Capita Tax per month, based on the remaining full months of the billing year, starting the first of the next month after the date a new council is instituted.

College councils will be assessed 50% (fifty percent) of the fixed annual Per Capita Tax to be paid by the Subordinate Councils for the ensuing fraternal year.

SECTION 3 – The State Secretary shall send notices of the Per Capita Tax levied to the Financial Secretary of each Subordinate Council, and he shall send copies to each District Deputy for transmittal or personal delivery to the Grand Knight of each of the Subordinate Council in his District. The State Secretary shall be charged with the responsibility for collecting said tax.

SECTION 4 – Except as in these by-laws otherwise provided, the Georgia State Council shall not levy any assessments for defraying the legitimate expenses of the Georgia State Council, or for any other purpose.

SECTION 5 – All money owed to the Georgia State Council by Subordinate Councils, shall be paid by check, draft, or money order, made payable to "Georgia State Council, Knights of Columbus," or by electronic means as may be made possible by the Executive Committee. Promptly upon receipt of any funds, the State Secretary shall make entry thereof on his records in a suitable bound book kept for that purpose, issue a receipt therefore, and forward the funds promptly to the State Treasurer.

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SECTION 6 – All funds of the Georgia State Council shall be deposited by the State Treasurer in a bank, or banks, designated by the Executive Committee, to the credit of the Georgia State Council, Knights of Columbus, and shall be subject to withdrawal upon check signed by the State Treasurer, with countersignature of the State Deputy.

SECTION 6.1 – The Georgia State Council shall provide \$0.10 of the monies assessed per billable member from the annual state per capita assessments. Said monies to be transmitted to the Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc. (the Christopher Fund) at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Council.

SECTION 7 – No committee or member thereof, acting for or on the behalf of the Georgia State Council, shall incur expenses to be paid from Georgia State Council funds without the prior authority.

SECTION 8 – The members of the Executive Committee, District Deputies, representatives of Subordinate Councils who have been certified by the Committee on Credentials as Delegates to the annual meeting, shall receive in lieu of actual expenses incurred in attending said annual meeting:

- a) Mileage compensation at the rate of not less than thirty-five cents (\$0.35) per route mile, round trip, from the sites of their home council to the place of the annual meeting, as certified by the Committee on Audit and Finance.
- b) Per diem of not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per day of the annual meeting. This mileage and/or per diem may be increased on recommendation of the Committee on Audit and Finances, and approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.
- c) Delegates and others that reside 26 or more miles away (as determined by the State Executive Secretary) from the designated convention hotel(s) shall not be entitled to the reimbursements specified herein if not registered in said hotel. An exception is granted when the chairman of the convention committee verifies that the designated hotel(s) are sold out, or upon the granting of an exception based on exceptional circumstances by the State Deputy.

SECTION 9 – When not otherwise reimbursed under other provisions of these by-laws, members directed by the State Deputy to present reports at state meetings shall be reimbursed for mileage under Section 8 above. If, upon the determination of the State Deputy a member's participation is required for multiple days, he shall be entitled to per diem.

SECTION 10 – The Executive Secretary, if one is engaged by the Executive Committee, in attendance in his official capacity at the annual meeting, shall receive the same compensation as allowed to the Executive Committee as provided for in Article XII, Section 8.

SECTION 11 – Each new council officially instituted within the jurisdiction shall be given a donation of two hundred, fifty dollars (\$250.00). Such donations to be paid from Georgia State Council funds by April 1, following institution of said council as shown by the records of the Supreme Secretary.

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SECTION 12 – The State Secretary, the State Treasurer, and the State Executive Secretary should one be so employed, as a condition of qualifying for said offices, shall be required to post bond, drawn in favor of the Georgia State Council, Knights of Columbus, in such amount as the preceding annual meeting shall by resolution determine; provided however, that in no event shall such resolution provide for bonds in an amount of less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) each. The State Deputy shall be the custodian of such bonds and all expenses associated therewith shall be paid from Georgia State Council funds.

SECTION 13 – At least 30 days prior to the opening session of the annual meeting the State Treasurer will forward to each subordinate council a copy of the following:

- a) The summary of the general account for the prior fraternal year, July 1 through June 30. The summary will include the beginning balance, receipts, expenses and ending balance.
- b) The summary of the general account for the current year fraternal year as of March 30, including budget vs. actual.

SECTION 14 – The State Deputy may waive fees and authorize payment of mileage and per diem to guests, regardless of affiliation, at any State meeting.

SECTION 15 – Council Operational Budgets and Charitable Giving Plans

- a) Councils within the jurisdiction of Georgia will develop an operational budget and a charitable giving plan before the end of each fiscal year (either January 1 for councils operating on a calendar year or July 1 for councils operating on a fraternal year) to govern council spending during the following year. The operational budget and charitable giving plan will list all predictable expenditures necessary for the operation of the council, and all anticipated charitable contributions.
- b) Councils will approve the operational budget and charitable giving plan by a 2/3 vote of members attending the business meeting upon which a vote is taken after 30 days' notice to the membership.
- c) Although they are line items in the budget, assessments lawfully levied by the Supreme and State Councils are mandatory. Therefore, they are not subject to approval by council members.
- d) A Grand Knight may, when financial conditions dictate and after consultation with the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees, reduce the amount allotted to specific operational and charitable line items not otherwise specified in these by-laws and the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus. In such a case, the Grand Knight will report his actions and reasons for them to the membership at the next business meeting. The Grand Knight's decision to reduce an expenditure can be challenged by motion and overruled by a 2/3 vote of the membership attending the meeting in which the announcement is made.

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- e) Councils may include in the operational budget a line authorizing the Grand Knight to spend at his discretion amounts not to exceed a total of \$500.00 annually. Councils may set any amount lower than \$500.00 in the budget. Once approved, the council may not change the amount during the fraternal year. Once used the council may not authorize additional funds for this line item. The Grand Knight may not combine these funds with any other expenditure. The Grand Knight will report the amount expended, and the reason and recipient of the funds, and the balance remaining in the line item at each meeting immediately following each expenditure.
- f) The Treasurer, as part of his monthly report will provide a written record of all financial transactions to include amounts expended in each category, specific purposes for the expenditures, and balances remaining in each category. These records will comprise a running tally of the budget and will be maintained for a period no less than five years. Any council member in good standing may inspect these records in the presence of the Treasurer, upon a formal request to the Grand Knight. Such inspections will occur at a location and date that is mutually agreeable to all parties.

ARTICLE XIII – ARCHIVES AND CUSTODIAN

The Georgia State Council shall maintain a depository file for keeping all official records that are more than two (2) years old. A custodian, who shall serve without compensation, shall be appointed by the State Deputy to keep said file. It being the oldest council in Georgia, and with the consent of that council, Savannah Council 631, Savannah, Georgia, is hereby designated as the location at which this depository file shall be maintained. Any equipment necessary to house the official records of the Georgia State Council shall be purchased from the State Council funds.

ARTICLE XIV – COUNCIL OFFICER MEETINGS

The State Executive Committee will hold council officer meetings annually in January and July. The State Deputy shall announce the dates, locations and goals of these meetings to the District Deputies as early as possible. District Deputies shall inform each Council. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Council Membership Director, and Council Program Director of each Council shall attend unless excused by the State Deputy.

ARTICLE XV – REPEAL OF PREVIOUS BY-LAWS

All by-laws, resolutions, and other related motions heretofore adopted or passed by the Georgia State Council and not herein included, are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE XVI – AMENDMENT OF THESE BY-LAWS

These By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, or any part thereof, may be amended, modified, or repealed, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total eligible membership of the Georgia State Council with the right to vote and present at the annual meeting, such amendment, modification, or repeal being subject however, to the approval of the Supreme Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus.

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ARTICLE XVII – BY-LAWS, WHEN EFFECTIVE

These by-laws shall come into full force and effect when same shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting at the annual meeting, and after same shall have been approved by the Supreme Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus.

We, the undersigned State Deputy, State Secretary, and State Advocate respectively of the Georgia State Council, Knights of Columbus, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, adopted by the Georgia State Council at its Annual Meeting held in Savannah, Georgia on the 16th and 17th day of May, 2026.



Kevin J. York
State Deputy



Paul Zock
State Secretary



Joseph Ladd Rosipal Jr
State Advocate