

Resolution to Amend the Texas State Council Bylaws

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Texas State Council contain some outdated information and fail to include some important information regarding current practices of the body, and also contain some incomplete or incorrect references that need to be clarified; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Texas State Council desire to continue to honor a currently serving Supreme Director who is a member of a Subordinate Council and resides in Texas with recognition as an ex-officio officer of the Texas State Council, and further desire to more clearly place responsibility and accountability for governance of the Texas State Council with the officers elected by the members, in full accord with the voting practices of other jurisdictions in the Order;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the delegates to the State Convention duly assembled do hereby approve, adopt and enact the following amendments to the Bylaws and direct the State Officers to implement these amendments at the earliest possible date after approval by Supreme:

Article I – Definitions

E. *Delete existing text and replace with “**Diocesan Deputy**” means an individual appointed by the State Deputy to coordinate the activities of District Deputies and Subordinate Councils within the boundaries of a Diocese of the Church in Texas.”*

Article II - Structure

Section 3. Purposes

The purposes of the State Council include, but are not limited to, (A) govern the Subordinate Councils in accordance with the Constitution and these Bylaws, (*remove “and”*) (B) to organize, establish and maintain fraternal, charitable, (*remove “eleemosynary,”*) educational, religious, public, community or civic projects to be supported, in whole or in part, by the State Council and/or the Subordinate Councils (*insert “, and (C) assemble once each year in convention to elect certain officers and delegates, to consider and adopt resolutions and to conduct such other business as may properly come before the convention”*).

Section 4. Membership

- (A) The voting membership of the State Council shall consist of (1) the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight (*insert “or the Deputy Grand Knight”*), or their duly elected representatives, actually residing in the State of Texas from each Subordinate Council in good standing, and (2) the State Officers. (*remove “and ex-officio State Officers”*)

(B) Except as otherwise provided herein, the non-voting membership of the State Council, who shall be permitted all other privileges of membership, shall consist of: (1) Past State Deputies, (*remove “and”*) (2) District Deputies (*insert “and (3) ex-officio State Officers”*).

Section 5. Standing Committees

(A)2. The Audit Committee shall consist of not less than 3 certified or chartered public accountants. The State Treasurer and the State (*remove “Comptroller” and insert “Executive Secretary”*) shall not be members of the Committee.
4. The Bylaws Committee shall consist of at least (*insert “5 and not more than 7 members, including”*) the State Advocate (*insert “who shall be the Chair”*), a Past State Deputy, a District Deputy, and (*remove “a” and insert “2”*) Grand Knight(*add “s”*).

Article III – Officers and Duties

Section I – State Officers

Insert “(A)” The officers of the State Council are: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Immediate Past State Deputy, and State Chaplain (*insert “, each of whom shall have the right to vote”*). Any Supreme Director who is a member of a Subordinate Council is an ex-officio state officer (*insert “without the right to vote”*). Each officer (*insert “and ex-officio state officer”*) of the State Council must reside within the State of Texas (*remove “, and each officer and any ex-officio state officer has the right to vote”*).

Insert “(B) Each year, the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden shall be elected to serve a one-year term by a majority of the voting membership of the Texas State Council present at the convention.”

Section 3.

(D) *Change “Diocesan Coordinators” to “Diocesan Deputies”.*

Section 6. (*insert “(D) The honorarium paid to the State Advocate shall be \$1.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.”*)

Section 7. (*insert “(A)” before the first sentence and “(B) The honorarium paid to the State Warden shall be \$0.75 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.”*)

Section 12.

(D) If the position of the Executive Secretary or Editor of the Texas Knight becomes vacant during a fraternal year, (*remove “it may be temporarily filled by the State Officers.” and replace the following capital “T” with a lower case “t”*) (t)he State

Deputy shall appoint an individual to fill said position for (*remove “the remainder of the fraternal year”*) and (*insert “a period not to exceed six months until the position can be filled in the normal course of business”*).

(*insert “(E) The P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall vote upon such resolutions or amendments as are submitted under Article V Section 4 (B) to indicate to the State Officers that Committee’s advice regarding adoption of each resolution or amendment; and”* and *insert “(F) The P.S.D. Advisory Committee may conduct a special audit under Article V Section 9.”*)

Section 13.

(5) summaries of the (*remove “District Deputies’ report on”* and *insert “reports of Committee Chairmen appointed by the State Deputy to direct major programs and monitor ”*) Council activities for the same period.

Article IV – Executive Secretary

(B) The Convention shall approve the budget for the Executive Secretary’s office, which shall include the salary and benefits for the Executive Secretary (*insert “and any clerks hired under Article III Section 3 (B) and/or 5 (D)”*), as recommended by the State Officers.

(C) The Executive Secretary shall (*insert “manage the clerks and”*) be accountable to the State Deputy.

Article V – Finance

Section 4. Authority for Disbursement

(A) *In the second sentence from the end of the paragraph ... to obtain the concurrence of (remove “five of the” and insert “at least three other”)* State Officers.

Section 5. Deposit of Money

(B) Any standard business depository procedure approved by (*insert “a majority of”*) the State Officers may be utilized...

Section 7. Miscellaneous Expenses

Change “Diocesan Coordinators” to “Diocesan Deputies”.

Section 8. Mileage and per Diem

(A) *In the first sentence, change “Diocesan Coordinators” to “Diocesan Deputies”.*

Section 9. Special Audit

At the end of the sentence, add “Expenses of the audit shall be paid by the State Council.”

Article VI – Convention

Section 1. Date and Place

- (A) Each year during May, the convention shall be convened within the state. The *(remove “recommendations for” and insert “locations of”)* future Convention sites and dates *(remove “by” and insert “shall be decided by a majority vote of”)* the State Officers *(remove “shall be submitted for approval to the Convention”)*.
- (C) *After the word “April” insert the number “1”.*

Section 6. – Meetings Conducted

In the first sentence, the words “ceremonial” and “election” will have an “s” added to make the words plural.

Article VII – Elections

Section 1. Form of Ballot

All State Officers, except the Chaplain, the *(remove “Assistant” and insert “Associate”)* Chaplain, and any ex-officio State Officer, shall be elected by the Convention. All delegates to the Supreme Convention, except the State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy, shall be elected by the Convention.

Nominating speeches for each State Officer shall be limited to one five minute speech and one two minute seconding speech. Nominating speeches for delegates to the Supreme Convention shall be limited to one two minute speech and a one minute seconding speech. By majority vote, the Convention may further limit the nominating and seconding speeches. *(insert “An elected or ex-officio State Officer may not demonstrate support for another candidate for statewide elected office at the convention by wearing a campaign button, attending a meeting of supporters called specifically to discuss a campaign, or delivering a nominating or seconding speech.”)*

Submitted by the State Officers