

BY-LAWS

Knights of Columbus



St. Brendan Council

No. 12942

Cumming, Georgia

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ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. This Council shall be known as St Brendan Council, No. 12942, Knights of Columbus.

Sec 2. The initiation fee shall be \$20.00 except that for Priests and religious it shall be nil.

Sec. 3. Each member shall pay annual dues, the same to be payable quarterly in advance at the first regular meetings in January, April, July and October. The annual dues of members shall be \$40.00 plus a \$2.00 State Assessment, excepting honorary members who shall pay \$10.00, and honorary life members who shall pay nothing. Except as above stated, the dues of associate and insurance members shall be the same. For new member's dues plus assessment will be \$42 for the first quarter of the year, then \$32 for the second quarter; \$22 for the third quarter and finally \$12 for the fourth quarter in addition to their initiation fee.

Sec. 4. The Financial Secretary shall receive annual compensation, payable in quarterly installments at the end of each quarter, as follows: From the Council, an amount equal to eight per cent of the money collected on account of dues from both insurance and associate members, payable in quarterly installments at the end of each quarter. The Financial Secretary is free to waive this compensation at his discretion.

ARTICLE II Elections

Sec. 1 The annual election of officers shall take place at a regular meeting held between the first day of May to and including the fifteenth day of June. Not less than three months before the annual election the Grand Knight shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three who shall prepare a slate of candidates for the elective Council offices. This slate shall be presented to the Council not later than two meetings prior to the meeting at which annual elections are to take place. Other nominations may be made from the floor and nominations may not be closed until the election meeting has convened and the members are ready to ballot.

Sec. 2. The election of officers shall be by ballot. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect; except that where several of equal degree are to be chosen, a majority shall not be necessary, but all shall be voted for on one ballot and no ballot containing names of more or less candidates than there are such offices to be voted for shall be counted, and those receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected in the order of the number of votes received. If only one candidate is nominated for a position, he will be considered to have been elected by unanimous vote.

Sec. 3. The Grand Knight shall appoint two members to act as Tellers. After all who are entitled to do so have voted, the ballot shall be declared closed and the Tellers shall then proceed to count the votes in full view of the Council. One of the Tellers shall examine each ballot individually and pass the same to his associate, who shall read aloud the name or names written or printed on all legal ballots. The Recorder shall tally the same and the result thereof shall be announced by the presiding officer.

Sec. 4. Each officer elected must qualify and fill the office to which he is chosen, with or without installation, at the first regular meeting in the month of July succeeding his election, unless excused by the Grand Knight, and must present himself for installation at the time specified in the notice issued by or through the State Deputy or District Deputy, unless excused by such officer. Otherwise such office shall be considered vacant.

Sec. 5. Vacancies in elective offices shall be filled, after notice to the members, by election at the regular business meeting next succeeding the regular meeting at which the vacancy was created.

ARTICLE III -Officers

Sec. 1. Only members who are in good standing and who have been initiated in the first three Degrees of the Order shall be eligible to hold office in this Council. No member shall hold more than one office at the same time.

Sec. 2. The elective officers shall be as follows: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, (two Inside Guards may be elected), Outside Guard (two Outside Guards may be elected) and Board of Trustees.

Sec. 3. The appointive officers shall be as follows: Financial Secretary, Lecturer and Chaplain. The Financial Secretary is nominated by the Grand Knight, but shall be appointed by the Supreme Knight.

The Chaplain shall be selected by the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Board of Trustees in accordance with any rules established by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Grand Knight shall select the Lecturer.

Sec. 4. At the last regular business meeting in June of each year the Council may determine that an additional bond shall be required in addition to the bond furnished by the Supreme Council. The amount of the bond to be given by the Treasurer and Financial Secretary (if any) shall be established by this vote and the Treasurer and Financial Secretary shall not take office or be installed or receive any money or property of the Council until they have furnished such bond and the same has been approved by the Board of Trustees. The premium on said bond shall be paid by the Council.

Sec. 5. The Council Officers shall perform the duties required of them by the Laws and Rules of the Order and these By-Laws and such other duties as the Council may direct.

Sec. 6. Except when notice of applications shall be published as provided by Sec. 1 10 of the Laws and Rules, it shall be the duty of the Grand Knight, as early as practicable before each regular meeting, to file with the Recorder a list of candidates to be balloted upon at such meeting.

Sec. 7. At the end of each semiannual period the Board of Trustees shall meet and audit the several books of this Council and shall in each January and July make a full report of their findings, including the receipts and disbursements of the moneys of this Council for the previous semiannual period, the balance on hand to the credit of each of the various funds at the end of each semiannual period, and the assets and liabilities of this Council. The Grand Knight shall issue the call for such meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 8. Where a member ipso facto forfeits his membership the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary shall immediately notify the Supreme Secretary of such forfeiture and shall immediately send notice in writing to the member, including the date and the reason there for. In those cases relating to ipso facto forfeiture for failure to Council dues, such notice shall not be sent to the Supreme Secretary or to the member until an officer or a member of the Conservation Committee shall contact the member and endeavor to have him retain his membership.

Sec. 9. The Recorder shall file all reports in a filing book to be provided for that purpose and the same shall be preserved as a part of the records of this Council.

ARTICLE IV —Meetings

Sec. 1. The regular business meeting meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Monday of each month. Business meetings shall commence at 7:30 P.M. Thirty-one (31) members shall constitute a quorum at business meetings.

Sec. 2 All meetings of the Council shall be presided over by the Grand Knight, who will ascertain from the Warden if all present are possessed of the current membership card.

Sec. 3. The order of business and procedure at regular business meetings of this Council shall conform to Sec. 125 of the Laws of the Order. (last page.)

Sec. 4. Special business meetings shall be convened as follows: By vote of the Council at a preceding regular business meeting; by direction of the Grand Knight; by the Grand Knight upon the written request of seven members, which request shall state the object of the meeting. Due notice of special business meetings and their purpose shall be given to each member in the usual way and no other business shall be transacted at any such meeting.

Sec. 5. The following shall be the order of business and procedure at special business meetings:

1. Call to Order.
2. Warden's Report on Membership Card.
3. Prayer.
4. Roll Call of Officers.
5. Special Order of Business.
6. Prayer.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of all officers to attend each meeting of the Council. In case of inability of any officer to attend a meeting, due notice shall be given to the Grand Knight and arrangements made to have all necessary books and papers in the possession of such officer at the meeting. If a Chair Officer is absent from a meeting, the presiding officer shall designate a member to act for him. If an elected officer, without reasonable excuse approved by the Grand Knight, is absent from three consecutive regular business meetings, the Grand Knight may report this fact to the District Deputy for such action under Sec. 92(b) of the Laws of the Order as the District Deputy deems appropriate.

Sec. 7- In the absence or inability of the Grand Knight the Deputy Grand Knight shall preside and he shall execute all of the duties of the Grand Knight. In the absence of the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight the duty of presiding shall devolve on the other officers of the Council in the order in which they are named in Sec. 125 of the Laws of the Order.

Sec. 8. If any meeting shall fall on a legal holiday or Holy Day said meeting shall be held the following day unless the Council, by vote at a previous business meeting, annuls such meeting or fixes a different date or time for such meeting within the month for which it is scheduled.

ARTICLE V -Balloting for Candidates

Sec. 1. Voting to approve candidates shall be by voice. If any nays are cast, voting shall be by ballot.

Sec. 2 The Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight shall privately inspect the ballot box, both before and after the ballot, and the former shall announce the result. Balloting of candidates shall be in charge of the Warden who shall distribute ballots to all members present. He shall place the ballot box on the salutation table and take his place six feet there from. He shall then request that all officers vote and after they have voted, he shall request the members to vote. They shall advance in single file and deposit their ballots, but no member shall pass the Warden until the member preceding him has voted. After all who desire to do so have voted, the Warden shall exhibit the ballot box to the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight and they shall count the votes. If the number of negative ballots cast does not exceed one-half of the members present, the applicant shall be declared elected, otherwise rejected. The exact number of negative ballots shall not be stated. If more than one candidate is to be balloted for at a meeting, the Grand Knight may announce that the first ballot shall be a general one upon all the candidates, and that if not more than one-half of those present shall cast negative ballots upon such general ballot no other ballots shall be taken. If such announcement is made, and not more than one-half negative ballots are cast upon said general ballot, all candidates so balloted for shall be declared elected. If more than one half negative ballots are cast upon said general ballot, then an individual ballot shall be taken on each candidate.

ARTICLE VI -Committees

Sec. 1. In addition to the Committees provided for in the Laws and Rules of the Order, the following Service Program Directors shall be appointed:

Program Director whose goal will be the direct involvement and personal commitment of the Council and membership in a program that will establish the Knights of Columbus as truly a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization.

Membership Director to have supervision of a comprehensive program of recruitment and retention for his Council.

Director of Church Activities to promote a program that will enable the membership to respond to the constant call for the active participation of the laity in the work of the Church.

Director of Community Activities whose responsibility it will be to make the Council aware of its life within the community and to develop programs that will be of service to the community.

Director of Council Activities who will be concerned with the promotion of brotherhood through athletic, cultural and social programs. Additionally, he will be responsible for the development of public relations in the Council.

Director of Youth Activities to provide the youth in the community with the means and the opportunity to become personally committed and involved in meeting the challenges of our times.

Director of Family Life Activities to promote activities and programs within the Council that would strengthen and support the family life of its members.

Director of Pro Life Activities to promote council pro-life activities.

Such other Committees as may be required by these By-Laws.

Sec. 2. Except as herein provided, all Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Knight and the first person named on the Committee shall act as Chairman thereof. Standing Committees shall serve for the current fiscal year or until their successors have been appointed. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII -Funds

Sec. 1. All moneys obtained from any source, by or through any person or persons, acting for or in the name of the Council or under its direction or authority, shall be considered Council Funds and shall be forthwith delivered to the Financial Secretary, who shall give his official receipt there for and who shall report at the close of each meeting the amounts so received and from what source and shall deliver the same to the Council Treasurer and take his receipt there for.

Sec. 2. The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys received from the Financial Secretary in a bank to the credit of the Council. Disbursements from this fund shall be made only by check signed by the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight and Treasurer. The depository bank shall be furnished with a copy of this Sec.

Sec. 3. At the end of each Fraternal year the Trustees and Grand Knight elect shall prepare a budget for the following Fraternal year. This proposed budget will be presented as the first item of new business at the first business meeting of the new Fraternal year. A two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at this regular business meeting shall be required to approve this budget.

Sec. 4. No money in excess of \$500.00 (approved by the GK and the Trustees) shall be paid or transferred from the Treasury of this Council, except as provided in the approved budget and such moneys as the Council is called upon to regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the Laws of the Order or for purposes approved by the Supreme Council or Board of Directors, unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which notice in writing of a resolution of intention to pay or transfer such money and the purposes and amount to be paid or transferred shall have been given and regularly read.

ARTICLE VIII-Funerals, Etc.

Sec. 1. On the death of a member in good standing the Memorial Committee shall give notice to the members and, if time permits, shall request them to assemble and pay their respects to the memory of the deceased at a time and place to be indicated in such notice.

Sec. 2. When notice of the death of a member in good standing is received the Memorial Committee shall forward to the family of the deceased a message of condolence on behalf of the Council and the Memorial Committee shall arrange to have five Masses said for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

Sec. 3. The Memorial Committee shall arrange for the celebration during each Fraternal year of a Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased members and shall cause five days' notice to be given to the members of the time and place of such Mass. The Mass shall be celebrated by the Chaplain unless he is indisposed.

Sec. 4. The Council shall receive Holy Communion in a body during the Easter period, at a time and place to be determined by vote of the Council. This Mass may also serve as the yearly memorial mass.

ARTICLE IX -Miscellaneous

Sec. 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which a

resolution in writing providing for such amendment shall have been read and notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the members in writing or in the Council publication at least five days prior to the second meeting.

Sec. 2. Procedure and debate shall be in accordance with the Laws and Rules of the Supreme Council, the Board of Directors, these By-Laws and the Rules of Parliamentary Law known as "Robert's Rules of Order."

These By-Laws adopted by vote of the Council, December 10, 2002.

JAMES MILLER - Grand Knight.

WILLIAM WOOD - Recorder.

Date of Institution June 1 1, 2001

Approved March 12, 2003

PAUL R. DEVIN - Supreme Advocate.

Amended October 13, 2014

MICHAEL ARTSER— Grand Knight

CHARLES PERROT – Recorder

Amended December 12, 2016

RICHARD FLAIG--Grand Knight

CHARLES PERROT – Recorder

Rules of the Order, No. 125

The Order's Laws, Section 125, require that the following shall form a part of the order of business and procedure at regular business meetings of every subordinate council;

1. Call to Order.
2. Warden's Report on Membership Card.
3. Prayer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag or some other suitable patriotic display of loyalty.
5. Roll Call of Officers.
- *6. Opening Ode.
7. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting.
8. Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications.
9. Balloting for Membership,
10. Reading of Notices of Applications in other Councils.
- *11. Initiations.
12. Grand Knight's Report.
13. Chaplain's Report,
- *14. Treasurer's Report
- *15. Reading by Grand Knight of Receipts of Treasurer to Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Voucher of Deposit.
- *16. Reading of Bills and Communications.
17. Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting.
- *18. Report of Auditors and Trustees.
- *19. Chancellor's Report.
- *20. Report of Committees.
21. Unfinished Business.
- *22. New Business (When elections are in order, this is the first item under New Business).
23. Insurance Agent's Report.
24. District Deputy's Report.
- *25. Good of the Order.
26. Chaplain's Summation.
27. Closing Prayer.
28. *28. Closing Ode.

*Parts of the order of business marked with an asterisk: may be omitted at regular meetings other than regular business meetings. At regular business meetings, minutes of all meetings to and including the last regular business meeting shall be read.

Addendum:

Worthy Grand Knights, District Deputies and State Officers:

At the 134th annual meeting in August 2016, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus adopted Resolution 350, repealing Section 110 of the Laws of the Order.

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus also adopted Resolution 351, amending Section 128 of the Laws of the Order.

As amended, Section 128 expands the time period in which councils may hold annual elections. Section 128 now reads as follows:

All officers, except the Financial Secretary, Lecturer and Chaplain, shall be elected annually, by ballot, at a regular meeting held between the ~~fifteenth~~ first day of May to and including the fifteenth day of June each year, and with the exception of the Trustees who shall serve for terms not to exceed three years as provided by Section 145, said officers shall hold their offices for the term of one year from the first day of July following and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Council bylaws must comply with the Laws of the Order. Therefore, at the direction of the supreme advocate and in accordance with the statutory change adopted by the Supreme Council, all Knights of Columbus council bylaws (Article II, Section 1) shall be deemed to be amended to reflect this change by the Supreme Council.

There is no need for any council to submit this change to the Supreme Advocate's Office. However, you are directed to attach a copy of this memorandum to the current bylaws maintained in your council files.