### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREEHOLD COUNCIL 1672





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# GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE Jim Brown, GK

#### Dear Brothers:

In this issue of the Compass you will find a proposed set of By-Laws for our council. I truly thank Brothers John Belbol, Joe McArdle, Rick Scott and Joe Virgillio for the time and talents in assisting to draft these By-Laws.

You may send your comments and suggestions on the proposed By-Laws to my attention. My email is: jbrown 1672@gmail.com, or send them to our council hall at 70 East Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728.

You may make your comments and suggestions in person at the April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> council business meetings. At these meetings, we will conduct an open discussion during the Old Business portion of the meeting, where any member is welcomed to put forth his comments and suggestions. The final draft of the By-Laws will be put before the membership for a vote of approval at our May 10<sup>th</sup> council business meeting. Once approved by our council, these By-Laws will be sent to the Supreme Council for ratification.

The past three months certainly has been very busy and productive for our council. Our fund drives for our Charity Fund have been extremely successful. Our Culture of Life Committee participated in the annual 40 days of prayer for the unborn at the Shrewsbury Planned Parenthood Facility and conducting the annual Birth Right Raffle and Dinner Event. Our Brother Knights participated in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments at St. Robert's and St. Rose Parishes, and our Worthy Chaplain celebrated mass at

our council in honor of Founder's Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our General Programs Committee has done a fantastic job on our annual Council Free Throw Contest and Kid's Day Program. Our Hospitality Committee has been cooking up a storm and our monthly Community Breakfast has been well received and attended. Our annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon was a great success.

To all the Brothers, spouses and friends who have helped out on our many programs and activities, I sincerely thank you so much for your support.

By the time you receive this message the Holy Days have passed and I hope that each of you and your families had a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Vivat Jesus



# **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE** - Father Ed Jawidzik

# Easter Prayer by St. Hippolytus of Rome - AD 190 – 236

Christ is risen: the world below lies desolate

Christ is risen: the spirits of evil are fallen

Christ is risen: the angels of God are rejoicing

Christ is risen: the tombs of the dead are empty

Christ is risen: indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers

Glory and power are his forever and ever.



## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - Gino lacovella**

## **Membership**

I hope everyone had Blessed Easter! Spring has arrived!

The trees are getting green, the flowers are blooming and the birds are singing!

With the rebirth of nature after this long winter, our Council will also be reborn with the growth of new members!

I would like to welcome 3 new members to our Freehold Council 1672, James Higgins, William Butch, and John Nahaczewski. All three brothers did their 1st Degree on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at our Freehold Council.

Our next membership drive will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church of St. Robert Bellamine and April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the church St. Rose of Lima in Freehold, NJ.

We are also planning an Open House on Monday, April 11th at our Council.

Please help us sign up your fellow parishioners. Please let me know what times you can help. We will have membership brochures in both English and Spanish. This will be a wonderful time to talk to new members and tell them all the wonderful things we do to help people in need.

Let us continue our mission and spread the word of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus and lets



finish 2016 year on a very good note!

## **Upcoming Degrees**

We will have a <u>Ist Degree</u> on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8 pm at our Freehold Council.

We will also have a **2nd Degree** at our council on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm.

There will be a <u>3rd Degree</u> on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm at the St. Joseph 3402 Council in Keyport, New Jersey.

This year the <u>4th Degree</u> will be held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

## **Open House**

Our Freehold Council will have an Open House on Monday, April 11th, 2016 at 8 pm. Refreshments will be served

Please let us know in advance if you want to participate in these degree events.

Please remember that new members can be added at any time. I ask each brother to please reach out to family and friends and encourage them to become members of the Knights of Columbus.

Overall we are 1.9 million members strong and are

the largest men's Catholic organization in the world and an organization that started in 1882 by Father McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut with 14,000 councils across the globe.

Be Proud and Encourage others to be a Knight of Columbus!

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - George Ferriso

As the 2015 -2016 Columbian year is <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> over, our council membership stands at 476. This includes 17 Honorary and 86 Honorary Life members. Since our last Compass, our council membership has been active. We welcome the following new members Brian Barrett, Antonio Garcia-Vasquez, Mark Martin, Wilson Murillo and Reinhard Kirchhof who transferred from St. Mary of the Lake, Lakewood NJ. We bid farewell to the following members who transferred to other councils: John Olexsak (Monroe Twp, NJ) Rev. James Grogan (Moorestown NJ) Melvin Patmore (Hobe Sound Florida), Dan Foley (Lakehurst NJ) and John D. Battaglia (Shallotte NC). We extend our most sincere condolences to the families of the following long time members Alfred Vitale 36 years, Francis Riopel 57 years, Ed Lewis PGK 67 years and Bill Hakim PGK 66 years.

As of this writing, dues collection is in its final stage of collection. We stand at 86% of dues collected and the other 14% are being contacted to find out if the council needs to assist these brothers because of financial difficulty or other issues. Dues can be dropped off at the council and left in the mailbox in the front of the building ATTN: George F., or mailed to me at 361 Colgate Way, Freehold, NJ 07728. Once I get your dues I will mail your member card. Lastly, we are missing or have incorrect phone

numbers from a lot of members. After dues collection ends I will be sending letters to members to get updated information. PLEASE RESPOND TO THESE LETTERS. Occasionally, mail will go out to the members and will be returned without any more information. Why was it returned? An example, there was an Honorary Life member whose member card was returned with no additional information. I had a phone number and was able to contact the family only to find out that this member had passed away 6 months prior to the New Year. A phone number helps to contact you or a family member to find out what happened. This will help us keep our records up to date. I also realize that everyone DOES NOT have a computer, but if you do; please send us your email address. These emails are used for Council information and most of all we save a substantial amount of money by emailing the FIRST DUES NOTICE. We keep these emails confidential and only certain council officers are allowed to use them for council business. So in conclusion: PLEASE, VERY IMPORTANT, if you have moved or changed phone numbers or email, please let me know as soon as possible. I can be reached at the address above, email: gfgman@gmail.com or phone 732-780-4815 for those members without computers.

# **COMMITTEE KUDOS** - Jim Brown, GK

Our Charity Committee did a fantastic job with the Palm Cross Fund Raiser at St. Robert's and St. Rose. Brother Jeff Yoder chaired this event and did a great job. A big thanks to all the Brothers that helped out.

The Culture of Life Chairman Roger Zurro has kept several of our Brother's busy with their participation in the 40 Days of Life with Silent Prayer at the Shrewsbury Planned Parenthood and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday at St. Robert's and St. Rose. A mass was celebrated at our council hall on Founder's Day to honor our founder Father Michael McKivney and the founding of the Knights of Columbus.

Our Council Free Throw Contest went very well, had several participants and recognized the winners at our March Community Breakfast. James Stanley the winner of the 12 year old boys' competition won at the K of C Regional Competition shooting 21 out of 25 baskets. He will be participating in the State

finals on April 4th. Our Annual Kids Day Program went very well again this year thanks to Brother Rick Scott and other Brother Knights that helped out.

Our Hospitality Committee has been busy and doing a great job cooking at our monthly Community Breakfast and introducing a new special each time. The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon was outstanding and well attended.

Our council is very fortunate to have so many Brother Knights stepping up to help out. A big thanks and much appreciation for all you do to make our council great.

The next three months will also be very busy for our council, more cooking, the Catholic Essay Contest, Memorial Day Parade, council mass and picnic are all on the schedule. Be sure to check out the three month calendar of events and mark your calendars

# **BISHOPS HONOR SISTERS** - Roger Zurro

# USCCB ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HONORS 'MARTYRS OF CHARITY'



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued the following statement on March 8<sup>th</sup> honoring the four Missionaries of Charity who were murdered in a terrorist

Caring for the aging and dying is an act of love and mercy. Giving totally of oneself to serve the most vulnerable of our brothers and

sisters is an act of courageous faith. Thus, it is always a great sorrow when such acts of mercy lead to martyrdom. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, four sisters from the Missionaries of Charity, along with 12 people for whom they cared, were murdered in Yemen. Acknowledging they "gave their blood for the Church," Pope Francis described these sisters as "martyrs of charity."

In the words of the Holy Father, they were "victims not only of those who have murdered them, but also of the globalization of indifference." As the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops convenes this week in Washington, DC, we pause to make our own the

words and prayer of Pope Francis. We invite the faithful and all people of good will to join in solidarity with people of faith – all faiths – who see their lives threatened by evil, indifference, hatred, and terrorism.

We renew our call for an increased international response. Addressing the full body of bishops in November, USCCB President Archbishop Joseph Kurtz described the atrocities faced by Christians in the Middle East as "nothing short of genocide." The United States Department of State is considering an official finding of probable cause that genocide is occurring against Christians, Yazidis and other religious minorities. It would be an important step toward a declaration of genocide. That declaration would be a life-saving aid in the defense of those facing the extremists' violence. The Christian community along with others is working to help gather the necessary evidence to urge State Department action.

Wherever people of good will, of any faith, face death because they reject violence and extremism, we must be their witness. We give particular thanks to God for the "martyrs of charity." Through their sacrifice, they were transformed into signs of Christ's victory over sin, violence and death.

Roger Zurro - CULTURE OF LIFE

# FIELD AGENT NEWS - Michael Murphy, (732)887-6237

Earlier this month, the Ethisphere Institute named the Knights of Columbus Insurance program as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies. This is the third consecutive year that the Knights have received this distinction. This, in combination with 41 consecutive years with an A++ rating from A.M. Best and our more than 100 billion dollars of life insurance in force only drives home the point that many of us already knew. The Knights of Columbus Insurance Program continues to fulfill the dream of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, that no Catholic family will be left unprotected.

Whether it be in our wide array of life insurance products that help you protect yourself now and for the future, our children's policies which ensure a lifetime of protection for our kids, a top of the line

disability program that can protect your family in the event of serious illness or injury or are long term care program which continues to offer care and financial stability in a climate where other companies have discontinued such programs. The Knights of Columbus Insurance program continues it's mission to provide any and all assistance our members may require. Our insurance program is undoubtedly our single greatest fraternal benefit and will always be the principle we were founded on. If you have yet to meet with an agent I encourage you to contact me any time. If you have insurance I suggest you set up a time for a review. I promise you that it will be time well spent. I look forward to sitting down with each of you in the near future and discussing what we can do to help you protect your greatest asset, your family. May God bless you all!

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| Date        | Item   | Location                    | Time           |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| APRIL       |  |                             |                |
| 2nd & 3rd   | Membership Drive                             | St. Robert's                | All Masses     |
| 6           | 4th Degree Meeting                           | Freehold Council # 1672     | 8 pm           |
| 9th & 10th  | Membership Drive                             | St. Rose of Lima            | All Masses     |
| П           | Open House                                   | Council Main Hall           | 8 pm           |
| 12          | Council Business Meeting                     | Council Main Hall           | 8 pm           |
| 16          | Birth Right Dinner                           | St. Thomas Moore            | 7 pm           |
| 19          | 1st Degree Exemplification.                  | Council Main Hall           | 8 pm           |
| 20          | Columbian Club Meeting                       | Lounge Meeting Room         | 8 pm           |
| 23          | Collection for the Develop. Challenged       | Freehold, Main St.          | 9 am - 1 pm    |
| 24          | Community Breakfast                          | Council Main Hall           | 8 am - 12 Noon |
| 26          | Council Meeting - 2nd Degree Exemplification | Council Main Hall           | 8 pm           |
| 28          | Pride in Priest Dinner                       | Doolan's Restaurant         | 6 pm           |
| MAY         |  |                             |                |
| 4           | 4th Degree Meeting                           | Freehold Council # 1672     | 8 pm           |
| <br>5       | Ascension Thursday                           | Treshold Council // 10/2    | 5 p            |
| 8           | Mother's Day                                 |                             |                |
| 10          | Council Business Meeting                     | Council Main Hall           | 8 pm           |
| 13th & 14th | NJ State Convention                          | Wildwood, NJ                | 12:30 pm       |
| 18          | Columbian Club Meeting                       | Lounge Meeting Room         | 8 pm           |
| 24          | Council Business Meeting                     | Council Main Hall           | 8 pm           |
| 29          | Community Breakfast                          | Council Main Hall           | 8 am - 12 Noon |
| 30          | Freehold Memorial Day Parade                 | Freehold Borough            | 9:30 am        |
| 30          | Freehold Memorial Parade Luncheon            | Council Main Hall           | After Parade   |
| JUNE        |  |                             |                |
| <u> </u>    | 4th Degree Meeting                           | Freehold Council # 1672     | 8 pm           |
| 5           | Communion Mass and Breakfast                 | St. Roberts/Park Diner 9    | 8:30 am Mass   |
| 14          | Council Business Meeting                     | Council Main Hall           | 8 pm           |
| 14          | Flag Day                                     |                             |                |
| 14-18       | St. Rose of Lima Carnival                    | St. Rose School Parking Lot | Evening        |
| 18th        | Relay for Life                               | Freehold Race Track         | All day        |
| 19          | Father's Day                                 |                             | ,              |
| 22          | Columbian Club Meeting                       | Lounge Meeting Room         | 8 pm           |
| 28          | Council Business Meeting                     | Council Main Hall           | 8 pm           |
| TBD         | Olde Freehold Day                            | Lake Topanemus Park         | 9 am - 5 pm    |
| TBD         | Council Picnic                               | TBD                         | TBD            |
|             |  |                             |                |

## Freehold Council 1672 Knights of Columbus

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### Meetings

Second and Fourth Tuesday 8:00 PM Sharp

> Jim Brown Grand Knight

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## **AFTER THOUGHTS** - Mike La Rosa

The youth and young adults of today really have it a lot rougher than when many of us grew up.

What is the biggest problem that they have to face? Is it drugs, or peer pressure, or violence, or distractions like cell phones? Maybe it's depression or pornography or alcohol or terrorism or suicide. Or all the above? You get my drift. But just

maybe it's having a poor relationship with God that is their biggest problem to overcome. Without God's help they are in real trouble. Of all the troubles that they have to confront, the easiest to overcome, but maybe the hardest to recognize is how well do they know God.

Their pace of life is so fast that they seem to: do everything, say everything, learn everything and see everything in an instant. It can almost make a person crazy. They are able to squeeze everything into their lives except what is most important. To slow down and think.



Teaching CCD at St. Rose I am surprised at the number of students that don't go to church on Sundays and aren't familiar with their prayers. Many of them however do show interest in class, ask questions and want to learn more about God. But I get the feeling that when they return home the normal routine of life rushes back.

Going to Mass on Sundays is the best thing they can do to get to know God and get their life together. It's the most important thing that they can do all week. To be close to God, receive Holy Communion and pray. There's no better way for them to put their life in prospective. Don't think that it's just for them either. It's a great way for all of us to slow down and take time to think about our lives, say our prayers. To thank God for what he has given us in the week that just past and to plan our week ahead. Don't wait for Easter or Christmas to start going to Mass every Sunday. This Sunday is the very best time to start.

# BY - LAWS

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

# FREEHOLD COUNCIL

NO. 1672

FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY

Adopted (Council adopted date)

## **ARTICLE I - General**

**Section 1.** This Council shall be known as Freehold Council NO. 1672, Knights of Columbus

**Section 2**. Mission: The mission of the Knight of Columbus is to provide a means by which Catholic men can support the Catholic Church, provide financial protection to their families and engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate.

Council 1672 seeks to accomplish this mission by supporting the parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Rose of Lima by encouraging its members to take advantage of the fraternal benefits offered through the Knights of Columbus' insurance program and raising money to support worthwhile Catholic organizations and local charities.

**Section 3.** The initiation fee shall be \$10.00, which will cover the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees. The initiation fee shall be due at the First Degree Exemplification. Initiation fee for priests shall be \$0.

**Section 4.** Each member shall pay annual dues of \$40.00 which shall be payable by January 1st of each year, with the exception of Honorary Member for which the annual dues shall be \$8.80. Priests and Honorary Life Members shall not be charged. Except as above stated, the dues of Associate and Insurance members shall be the same.

**Section 5.** With the exception of the Financial Secretary, officers of the council shall receive no compensation. The Financial Secretary shall receive from the council an amount equal to 8 to 10 per cent of the money collected on account of dues from both Insurance and Associate Members. The per cent to be applied will be approved by the members at the last council business meeting in June of each year.

## **ARTICLE II -Elections**

**Section 1.** The annual election of officers shall take place at the first regular Business Meeting in June. In April, the Grand Knight shall appoint a Nomination Committee of three members who shall prepare a slate of candidates for the elective Council offices. This slate shall be presented at the first business meeting in May. 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 vote.

**Section 2.** The election of officers shall be by ballot vote and a simple majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect. If no office is contested, the vote may be taken by a show of hands. Should any office be contested then a ballot vote shall be taken for that office. The ballots shall be counted and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for that contested office shall be declared elected to that specific office.

**Section 3.** The Grand Knight shall appoint two Members to act as tellers should a ballot vote be necessary for any elected position. After all who are entitled have voted, the ballots 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 singly and pass the same to his associate Teller, 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.

**Section 4.** Each officer elected must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member of the Order and be able to assume the office to which he is elected, with or without installation, at the first regular Meeting in the month of July succeeding his election, unless excused by a vote of the council. Each elected officer will 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.

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

**Section 6.** Only members in good standing for least one month prior to the date of this election shall be entitled to vote.

## **ARTICLE III – Officers**

**Section 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 an elected office in this Council. No Member shall hold more than one elected office at the same time.

**Section 2.** Elected officers shall be as follows, Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guards, and Outside Guards, (Two Inside Guards and Two Outside Guards may be elected) and the Board of Trustees.

**Section 3.** Appointed Officers shall be as follows, Financial Secretary, Lecturer, and Chaplain. The Financial Secretary is 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 appoint the Lecturer.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of Past Grand Knights in the following order, the immediate Past Grand Knight and his two immediate predecessors. When a sitting Grand Knight becomes a Past Grand Knight he will be on the slate of officers to be elected to a three year term. He will assume the position on the Board of Trustees as the First Year Trustee thus moving the sitting First Year Trustee to the Second Year Trustees position. Likewise the second will move to the third and the third will vacate his position on the Board of Trustees.

If one of the three immediate Past Grand Knights is not available to serve as a trustee, the nominating committee will seek a previous Past Grand Knight to place on the slate of candidates.

**Section 4.** At the last regular business meeting in June of each year, the Council shall determine the amount of bond to be given by the Treasurer and Financial Secretary in addition to the bond furnished by the Supreme Council. 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. (This section may be revised after reviewing with District Deputy)

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

**Section 6.** Except when notice of application shall be published as provided in Section 110 of the Laws and Rules of the Order, it shall be the duty of the Grand Knight or his Membership Director as early as practicable before each regular meeting, to file with the Recorder a list of candidates whose application for membership is to be voted upon at such meeting.

**Section 7.** At the end of each semiannual period, the Board of Trustees shall meet and audit the records of this Council. In each January and July, the Board of Trustees shall make a full report of their findings, including the

receipts and disbursements of the moneys of this Council for the previous semiannual period, and the assets and liabilities of the Council. The Grand Knight shall issue the call for such meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Section 8.** Whenever a member forfeits his membership, the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary shall immediately notify the Supreme Secretary of the forfeiture and shall immediately send notice in writing to such member. The notice shall state with the detailed reason(s) for the forfeiture and the date the forfeiture occurred. In those cases relating to forfeiture for failure to pay council dues, such notice shall not be sent to the Supreme Secretary or to the member until the Financial Secretary or a member of the Retention Committee contacts the member in question and endeavor to have him retain his membership.

**Section 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**

**Section 1.** The Council's monthly business meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The members present at such meeting shall constitute a quorum at business meetings. All meetings shall begin at 8:00PM.

**Section 2.** All meetings of this Council shall be presided over by the Grand Knight, who will ascertain from the Warden if all present are in possession of their current membership card.

**Section 3.** The Order of business and procedure for all regular business meetings of this Council shall conform to Form # 1937 Knights of Columbus "The Method of Conducting a Meeting" The Grand Knight may also have the option of using Section 125 of the Laws of the Order.

**Section 4.** Special business meetings can be convened: (1) by vote of the Council at a preceding business meeting; (2) by direction of the Grand Knight; (3) by the Grand Knight upon the written request of seven members stating the object of the meeting. Proper notification 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.

**Section 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. Opening Prayer
- 4. Roll Call of Officers
- \*5. Opening Ode
- 6. Special Order of Business
- 7. Closing Prayer
- \*8. Closing Ode.

**Section 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 of such officer present 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 Section 92 (b) of the Laws and Rules of the Order as the District Deputy deems appropriate.

**Section 7.** In the absence 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 to the other officers of the Council in the order in which they are named in Section 126 of the Laws and Rules of the Order.

**Section 8.** If any meeting should fall on a legal holiday that meeting shall be held the following day unless the Council, by vote at a previous meeting, cancels such meeting or fixes a different date for such meeting within the month for which it is scheduled.

## **ARTICLE V – Balloting for Candidates**

**Section 1.** The Grand Knight may announce that the vote may be a general one. The names of the candidates shall be announced and a majority show of hand in favor of accepting the candidates shall suffice to approve their selection. Should any member present wish to have a ballot vote the Grand Knight shall inspect the ballot box both before and after the ballot, and the Grand Knight shall announce the result. The Warden shall

<sup>\*</sup>Parts of the order of business marked with an asterisk may be omitted.

be responsible for the balloting of candidates and 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. 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 the Deputy Grand Knight and they shall count the votes. If the number of negative ballots cast does no 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 a meeting, the Grand Knight may announce that the ballot shall be a general one upon all the candidates, and if not more than one-half of those present shall cast negative ballots upon shall general ballot, no other ballots shall be taken.. If more than onehalf negative ballots are cast upon general ballot, then an individual ballot shall be taken on each candidate.

### **ARTICLE VI – Committees**

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

- (a) <u>Program Director</u> whose goal will be the direct involvement and personal commitment of the council and membership in programs that will establish the Knights of Columbus as truly a Catholic, family, and fraternal service organization.
- (b) <u>Membership Director</u> Who has supervision of a comprehensive program of recruitment for his council.
- (c) <u>Retention Director</u> Who works with the council's Retention Committee and has the responsibility to follow and apply the rules of the order as set forth in the Financial Secretary's Handbook on all matters of retaining members in good standing.
- (d) <u>Director of Church Activities</u> Who will 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.

- (e) <u>Director of Community Activities</u> Who is 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.
- (f) <u>Director of Council Activities</u> 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.
- (g) Director of Youth Activities to provide youth in the community with the means and the opportunity to become personally committed and involved in meeting the challenges of our times.
- (h) <u>Director of Family Life Activities</u> Who will promote activities and programs within the Council that would strengthen and support the family life of its members.
- (i) Such Other Committees as may be required by these By-Laws or may be established by the Council itself or its Grand Knight.
- **Section 2.** Except as provided herein, all Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Knight who will appoint a member of the Committee to act as Chairman. Standing Committees shall serve for the current fiscal year or until their successors have been appointed.

#### **ARTICLE VII – Funds**

- **Section 1.** All monies 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 delivered to the Financial Secretary, who will give his official receipt. The Financial Secretary will report at each business meeting the amounts so received; and their source and shall deliver the same amounts to the council Treasurer and take his receipt.
- **Section 2.** The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys received from the Financial Secretary in a designated bank account to the credit of the council. Disbursements from this account fund shall be made only by check signed by the Grand Knight and Treasurer. The Deputy Grand

Knight shall have the authority to sign council drafts only in the event of the Grand Knight's absence.

**Section 3.** No money in excess of \$500 dollars shall be paid or transferred from the Treasury of this Council, (except if such moneys as the Council is called upon to regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the Laws and Rules 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.

**Section 4.** All bills shall be presented to the Recorder and read by him to the Council before being referred to the Board of Trustees. In case a bill is not approved by the Board of Trustees, it shall be referred back to the Council for action.

**Section 5.** The council shall establish a Charity Fund for the purpose of designating a portion of the Council's funds to be used in awarding charitable donations to causes and organizations that meet the standards of the Core principles of the Order.

**Section 6.** The council shall establish a Charity Committee with the Grand Knight serving its Chair. The purpose of this committee will be to review any proposals brought forth by the membership pertaining to charitable contributions to be made by the Council from the Council's Charity Fund.

Proposals for charitable donations are to be submitted by Council members to the Charity Committee for consideration. The Charity Committee will review each submission to determine the appropriateness to the request and, if approved, determine a dollar amount to recommend to the Council Members to be awarded to the charity in question.

Once approved and recommended to the Council Members by the Charity Committee, the final decision on the distribution of the Charity donation will be made in accordance with the procedure set forth in "Section 3 –" Article VII, Section 3" of these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VIII – Funerals, Etc.**

**Section 1.** Upon the death of a member in good standing, the Grand Knight or his designee 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.

**Section 2.** When notice of the death of a member in good standing is received, the Grand Knight or his designee shall forward to the family of the deceased a message of condolence on behalf of the Council.

### ARTICLE IX – Miscellaneous

**Section 1.** These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds show of hands 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 an 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.

**Section 2.** Council procedure and debate shall be in accordance with the Laws and Rules of the Supreme Council, the Supreme Board of Directors, these by-Laws and the rules of Parliamentary Law known as "Robert's Rules of Order."

**Section 3.** Distribution of information through electronic means (emails) using the email data base created by the Council Webmaster is to be used for Knights of Columbus business only. Any member wishing to distribute any communication using the council email data base must obtain permission from the Grand Knight prior to distributing such communication.

**Section 4.** Due Notification of action and/or a special meeting shall be defined as utilizing email, Council Newsletter, standard U.S. Mail and/or telephone calls, no less than three (3) days prior to said action or meeting.

These By-Laws adopted by vote of the Council (Council Adopted Date)

Approved: (date approved by Supreme)

, Supreme Advocate James H. Brown, Grand Knight Spencer Purdum, Recorder

Spencer Purdum Recorder

Date of Institution: February 23, 1913

Approved: (Council Approved Date)

Note: Once these By-Laws are approved by the membership they will be sent to the Supreme Council for final approval

### **REFERENCES:**

The Order's Laws: Section 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
- 5. Roll Call of Officers
- \*6. Opening Ode
- 7. Chaplain's Message
- 8. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 9. Report of Admission Committee and reading of applications

- 10. Balloting for Membership (New members,)
- \*11. Initiations
- 12. Grand Knight's Report
- 13. Treasurer's Report
- \*14. Reading by Grand Knight of Receipts of Treasurer to the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's voucher of Deposit
- 15. Reading of bills and Communications
- 16. Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting
- \*17. Report of Auditors and Trustees
- \*18. Chancellor's Report on Vocations
- \*19. Report of Service Program Committee
- 20. Report of Standing Committees
- 21. Unfinished Business
- \*22. New Business
- 23. Report on the Fourth Degree
- 24. Field Agent's Report
- 25. District Deputy's Report
- \*26. Good of the Order
- 27. Closing Prayer
- \*28. Closing Ode

Items marked with an \* are optional