

# Alabama State Council Knights of Columbus

State Convention – April 28-30, 2017

Montgomery, AL

## CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Griffin Shreves State Deputy (SD), called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

## OPENING PRAYER

Father Dan Good, State Chaplain (SC), gave the opening prayer

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steve Koach District Master (DM), led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance

## CREDENTIALS REPORT

Jack Hahn, State Warden (SW), vouched that all present possess a current membership card.

## STATE CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS

Father Dan Good, SC, spoke about the 'Building the Domestic Church' initiative. He discussed the importance of marriage and its relationship to the Domestic Church. He highlighted the publication "Into the Breach." He described other publications available and showed how they relate to our Catholic families. He urged Grand Knights to provide booklets for their councils and parishes, helping to re-root the family in prayer.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS PRESENTATION

Dr. Bouchon and Jane spoke to the state council about Special Olympics. Alabama Special Olympics recently sent an athlete from Huntsville to Austria for the international games. SD Griffin Shreves presented Dr. Bouchon a check for Special Olympics for \$1100.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME KNIGHT

A video message from Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight was played. He thanked the assembled brothers for their charitable work. He also encouraged knights to help do more. He also asked knights to recruit more members to increase the amount of charitable works we do.

## **GENERAL AGENT'S REPORT**

Mark Stice, Assistant General Agent, presented his report. He introduced the field agents present. He explained that Field Agents service Brother Knights during Business Meetings at times.

## **STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT**

SD Griffin Shreves presented his report. He emphasized recruitment, especially younger Knights. He then played a video interviewing three younger members asking them how they got interested in the knights. The website got rehosted recently. This will speed response time and resolve other issues. The SD asked for content to be submitted. He requested that all councils send updates to their directory information.

## **ROLL CALL**

State Secretary (SS) Jason Esteve called for District Deputies to announce the number of delegates for voting purposes. The credentials committee conferred and determined that the number of delegates was 92.

## **READING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Jason Esteve, SS, said that the minutes of the State Convention Meeting had been published on the website. Motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The minutes were approved as published.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Jason Esteve, SS, conveyed Bishop Emeritus Foley's regrets that he is unable to attend the State Convention.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET REPORT**

Joe Flaherty, State Treasurer (ST), described the package of Financial reports. He gave a descriptive overview of all the reports. He also made the group aware if they have questions about the reports later to contact him.

## **FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

Pete Parrish, Immediate Past State Deputy (IPSD), as chairman of the committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed the Financial reports, had found the accounts to be in order, and had voted to approve the financial reports and the 2016-2017 budget.

Maurice Dupont, PSD, appealed to the assembled brothers to reinvigorate their efforts to fund the priesthood scholarship fund. The fund is at \$200K right now. He would like to see it at \$300K in 3

years.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

David Galloway, State Membership Director, presented a snapshot of the progress at the district level. He highlighted districts three, six, seven, seventeen, and nineteen as doing well. He appreciated Joe Ching as having a very successful district.

He went over membership numbers, highlighting some councils who are doing well. Council 16400 is currently at 475% with 19 new members. Council 14507 is at 300% with 24 new members.

He then presented a plan for the rest of the year. He emphasized 1<sup>st</sup> degrees, being sure to schedule them in advance. Councils should work closely with their insurance agent to review the rolls for potential reinstatements. The state needs to finish strong.

## **PROGRAMS**

Bill Mores, State Programs Director, went over the programs that were successful for the year, including the Free Throw Tournament. He described the awards that will be handed out at the lunch today. He explained the forms that are necessary for councils to be a star council.

### **Church Director, Gil Pierre**

In June, 7 seminarians will be ordained both in Mobile and in Cullman. All members were encouraged to visit the seminarian at the table outside and give him encouragement.

### **Community Director, Skip Gentle**

Skip Gentle, PSD, Former District Master (FDM), Former Vice Supreme Master (FVSM), State Community Director, encouraged members to encourage membership through their activities. Be in the community wearing Knights of Columbus shirts, hat, etc.

### **Youth Director, John Milstead**

The Free Throw competition chairman was thanked for his work.

### **Culture of Life, Dave Birchmeier**

Dave Birchmeier, State Culture of Life Director spoke about the importance of Natural Family Planning and promoting it in local councils. He also discussed theology of the body.

### **Ultrasound Initiative**

Chairman Lee John Bruno thanked the councils for their help placing ultrasound machines throughout the state. He reported that 3 ultrasound machines were placed in 2016. He discussed the Supreme initiative to place ultrasound machines in busses. Over 15 councils contributed for a portable ultrasound that is currently in consideration. A mobile unit from Hanceville and a machine for Birmingham are in the works. Those machines would be the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> machines placed in Alabama.

RJ Archeanux, DD, spoke about the 'Life on Wheels' mobile ultrasound initiative.

## DRIVE FOR CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Ron Belz, State ID Drive Chairman, went over his written report. \$110,500 was collected this year. \$5.3 Million collected since the program's inception (39 years). 3 districts did not hold a campaign this year. He explained the distribution of monies to the District Deputies. He talked about a change to the Form 1 to provide greater visibility into pass-through monies.

## REPORT OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE

Steve Koach, DM, reported that the Military Chaplain's Fund is reaching the end of the initial 5 year period. Alabama has contributed more than \$13K to the fund so far. The goal Order-wide is \$1.5 million.

He reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> degree is growing. The last exemplification was held in honor of Sir Knight Mike Rose, a recipient of the Medal of Honor. New Assemblies should be assessed as councils grow and new councils are formed. All Sir Knights are responsible for helping to grow the order. He explained the principle of Patriotism and how displays of Patriotism are needed at this time in our country's history.

## ELECTIONS OF STATE OFFICERS

The following tellers were appointed

Pete Parrish

Robert Rigsby

Mark Stice

Larry Cannon

Maurice Dupont

The following State Officers were elected by acclimation:

Griffin Shreves – State Deputy

Jason Esteve – State Secretary

Joe Flaherty – State Treasurer

Danny Garcia – State Advocate

Jack Hahn – State Warden

The following members were elected as delegates to the Supreme Convention

Joe Flaherty

Jason Esteve

Danny Garcia

Steve Koach

The following members were elected as alternate delegates to the Supreme Convention

Skip Gentle

Jack Hahn

## **RESOLUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Danny Garcia, State Advocate (SA), thanked the members of his members: Pat Jackson, Mike Heitzman, Scott Hetrick, and James Waters. Resolutions were presented and adopted. Proposed bylaw changes were presented and adopted. These bylaw revisions and resolutions appear as an appendix to these minutes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was presented.

## **SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE'S REMARKS**

Al Cala presented his remarks. He emphasized that growth is our primary responsibility. He spoke about Star Councils, new council development, reactivations and round tables. He associated star council with its three primary components: membership growth, programs and retention, and insurance.

## **PAST STATE DEPUTY REMARKS:**

Skip Gentle, PSD asked for help with the Silver Rose program. He thanked the brother knights for their help and all they do for the Order

Maurice Dupont PSD, thanked Pete Parrish and Griffin Shreves to ask him to come back and serve as a District Deputy and 'reactivating him'.

Ray Carney, PSD, spoke about the New Member Insurance policy and its recent changes.

Steve Koach, PSD, DM, thanked everyone for their attendance. He also thanked everyone for electing him as a delegate to the Supreme Convention.

Pete Parrish, IPSD, thanked the Knights for coming to the convention. He encouraged everyone to continue to recruit. We can meet our goals with everyone's help.

## **STATE OFFICERS REMARKS:**

Jack Hahn, SW, thanked everyone for electing him to the position again.

Danny Garcia, SA, thanked everyone for their continued confidence. He said that he continues to pray for his brother knights.

Joe Flaherty, ST, thanked everyone for their continued confidence. He stressed anyone who wants new pins, they are available. Thanks to everyone for helping him out.

Jason Esteve, SS, thanked everyone for attending. He thanked everyone for their continued confidence.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Father Hugley, Associate State Chaplain said the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 by State Deputy Griffin Shreves.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Esteve

State Secretary

# APPENDIX A

## Resolutions and By-Laws as passed by the State Convention

### **Attachment 1** ***Resolutions***

#### Resolution – 1

#### **GRATITUDE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal and service organization in the world; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus is enjoying growth in its Membership and Insurance in force; and,

**WHEREAS:** The State of Alabama could not be a Leader in the Knights of Columbus without the guidance, leadership, and assistance from the Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Board of Directors, General and Field Agents, and the Supreme Representative; and,

**WHEREAS:** The dedication of all those working at the Supreme Council is displayed everyday through assistance to our State Council and its membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 29, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama, wishes to thank the Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain, the Supreme Board of Directors, General and Field Agents, and the Supreme Representative for a job well done, and asks the Supreme Knight to relay our gratitude to all those who work tirelessly for the success of the Alabama State Council, and all of the councils of the Order.

Resolution - 2

**APPRECIATION AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR  
POPE FRANCIS**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis has been a faithful servant of the Church and global Christian community throughout his lifetime; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis has faithfully and dutifully served the Church and needs of the global Christian community since his election as Supreme Pontiff in March 2013; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis known for his humility, his emphasis on God's mercy, his concern for the poor, and his commitment to interfaith dialogue, and has ardently worked to maintain that the Church should be more open and welcoming; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis maintains the traditional views of the Church and has been a major supporter of the cause of the Culture of Life; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis served the Church in the role of Cardinal from his native country, Argentina; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis has been a champion for world peace; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis has traveled extensively around the world spreading the gospel of Christ;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council, meeting on April 29, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council to express our deepest appreciation to Pope Francis and dedicate our unwavering support to him in serving the Church and the needs of the global Christian community.

Resolution - 3

**Thanking All Local, State, Federal Law Enforcement, And First Responders For Their Service**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The men and women of our local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies, regularly put their lives on the line on a daily basis to protect and to serve all; and,

**WHEREAS:** The members of our local, state, and federal first responder agencies are working hard each and every day to ensure that our lives and property are safe; and,

**WHEREAS:** Many of the men and women who proudly serve in local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies are Catholic Christians; and,

**WHEREAS:** Many of these men and women are Knights or family and friends of Knights; and,

**WHEREAS:** Supporting local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies is a major focus of the Knights of Columbus;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council, meeting on April 29, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies, and pledge our unwavering support to them and offer our continuous prayers for their safety.

Resolution – 4

**IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has supported our Military since the beginning of our Beloved Order; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council has worked diligently to provide aid and support the men and women who both currently serve and have served our country; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council has programs to aid our wounded warriors as they return home to their families; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council holds a special place in the hearts and minds of all Brother Knights;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council meeting on April 29, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama hereby asks the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to thank these brave men and women for their service to the United States of America.

Resolution - 5

**SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE AND FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus shares the Church's conviction that our obligation to shape the moral character of society is a requirement of our Catholic faith; and,

**WHEREAS:** All Christians have a responsibility to seek the justice of God's kingdom, restoring the temporal order and directing it to God through Christ; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that it is morally necessary to exercise the right to vote, to defend one's country, and to offer prayers for all who exercise authority; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Church affirms that democracy is the best expression of the direct participation of citizens in political choices; and,

**WHEREAS:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds all Americans, that responsible citizenship is a virtue; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus has a long history of encouraging its membership and others to act on their duty of responsible and faithful citizenship;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That we rededicate ourselves to our founding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in all of our interactions with others so that we may conduct ourselves according to Our Lord's commandment that we love our neighbors as ourselves, for he said, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35), and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That we will seek to build upon past efforts and programs designed to educate fellow citizens of their duties of faithful citizenship, and in a non-partisan way to help fellow Knights and other citizens to participate fully in the political process; and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council meeting on April 29, 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to hereby adopt this resolution.

ATTACHMENT 2  
*BYLAWS CHANGES FROM COMMITTEE*

**Article 2**  
Membership

**AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN:** Section 1. Membership:

A. Membership of the State Council shall consist of the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight, actually residing in the State of Alabama, from each subordinate Council in good standing, the state officers, ex-officio, and the last living Past State Deputy, provided, however, that when the last living Past State Deputy is actually residing in another State or jurisdiction, he shall thereby forever forfeit such right, and his nearest predecessor actually residing in the State of Alabama shall be entitled thereto. If there be no Past Grand Knight, the subordinate Council having no Past Grand Knight may elect any one of its knighthood, formerly third degree members in good standing in lieu thereof as a representative of said Council in the State Council. Each subordinate Council shall elect alternates for its representatives in the State Council.

**MODIFIED TO READ:** Section 1. Membership:

A. Membership of the State Council shall consist of the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight, actually residing in the State of Alabama, from each subordinate Council in good standing, the state officers, ex-officio, and the last living Past State Deputy, provided, however, that when the last living Past State Deputy is actually residing in another State or jurisdiction, he shall thereby forever forfeit such right, and his nearest predecessor actually residing in the State of Alabama shall be entitled thereto. If there be no Past Grand Knight, the subordinate Council having no Past Grand Knight may elect any one of its ***Third-Degree members in good standing as delegate***, in lieu thereof as a representative of said Council in the State Council. Each subordinate Council shall elect alternates for its representatives in the State Council.

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:** The committee felt that the previous language (underlined) in Section 1 is ambiguous and could lead to confusion. The committee proposed a minor wording change to clarify which council members may serve as delegate.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends that the new proposed language as shown in the modified version of Section 1 be **Adopted**.

**Article 3**  
Meetings

**ADD A NEW SECTION 2 TO ARTICLE 3:** *Special Called Meetings and Emergency Meetings*  
*The State Deputy after consultation with the State Officers may call for special meetings of the State Council when warranted. A notice of not less than ten (10) days shall be given. A shorter notice may be given if dealing with an emergency situation. The meeting notice shall contain the venue, day, hour, and topic of the meeting. The agenda for the meeting shall be limited to dealing with purpose at hand. Minutes of called meetings or emergency meetings shall be kept and shall become a part of the annual meeting minutes. The special called meetings or emergency meetings may be convened via teleconference or similar means for greater state council participation.*

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:** The committee felt that the language in the new proposed Section 2 language will add the flexibility to permit the State Deputy to call a special meeting or emergency meeting of the state council to conduct business in the event that a situation arises that requires the State Council to take action.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The committee understands that calling a special or emergency meeting will be a very rare occurrence, but recognizes the benefit of this added flexibility for the State Council. The committee recommends the **Adoption** of the proposed new section.

**RENUMBER FROM:**

Section 2. Manner conducted when admitted

Section 3. Quorum

**RENUMBER TO:**

Section 3. Manner conducted when admitted

Section 4. Quorum

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:** Addition of new section will require renumbering to maintain formatting consistency.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends that the stated renumbering be **Adopted**.

**Article 3**  
Meetings  
(Continued)

**AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN:** Section 3. Quorum:

Twenty-five per cent of the total membership of the State Council present and voting at an annual meeting or at a called statewide meeting will constitute the quorum. No quorum is required for a regional meeting.

**MODIFIED TO READ:** Section 4. Quorum:

Twenty-five per cent of the total membership of the State Council present and voting at an annual meeting or at a called state-wide, *called special meeting, or called emergency meeting* will constitute the quorum. No quorum is required for a regional meeting.

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:** The committee felt it was important to extend the minimum quorum requirement as stated in Section 3 to called special and emergency meetings in order to maintain wide participation in the decisions of the State Council.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends **Adoption** of the addition of the noted language to Section 4.

**Article 7**  
Committees

**AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN:** Section 7. Mileage committee:

The Mileage committee shall consist of at least three members and shall be responsible for computing mileage of state officers, delegates, District Deputies, Immediate Past State Deputy, field insurance agents residing in the State of Alabama, State Program Director, State Church Director, State Community Director, State Council Director, State Family Life Director, State Youth Director, State Culture of Life Director, State Membership Director and the State Deputy's administrative assistant on which payment under article 5, sections 1 and 4 are based.

**MODIFIED TO READ:** Section 7. Mileage committee:

The Mileage committee shall consist of at least three members and shall be responsible for computing mileage of state officers, delegates, District Deputies, Immediate Past State Deputy, ~~field insurance agents residing in the State of Alabama~~, State Program Director, State Church Director, State Community Director, State Council Director, State Family Life Director, State Youth Director, State Culture of Life Director, State Membership Director and the State Deputy's administrative assistant on which payment under article 5, sections 1 and 4 are based.

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:** This change is necessitated because it has not be the practice of the State Council to pay mileage for field agents to attend state meetings.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends **Adoption** of the change to strike the noted language from Section 7.

**Article 9**  
Management of Funds

**AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN:** Section 1. Deposit of monies:

(b) On August 1 of every calendar year, any amount in the general fund in excess of the budgeted yearly amount from the previous year shall be deposited into an interest bearing account for disbursement called the Contingency Fund as specified in article 9, sections 4 and 7.

**MODIFIED TO READ:** Section 1. Deposit of monies:

(b) *On or before the first Tuesday in September of each calendar year*, money in the general fund in excess of the budgeted yearly amount from the previous year *shall* be deposited into an interest-bearing account for disbursement called the Contingency Fund *up to the maximum balance established for this fund. If the Contingency Fund is fully funded, these excess funds shall be used to support the Priesthood Scholarship Fund. Details regarding the use of the Contingency Fund are specified in article 9, section 6.*

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:** The committee recognizes the difficulty that the State Council encounters when transitioning from the end of one fraternal year into the immediate start of a new fraternal year with regards to outstanding financial obligations and new expenses arising from the start of the new fraternal year. In addition, the State Council faces the required action imposed by Section 1 to deposit excess general fund monies into the Contingency Fund on August 1<sup>st</sup> that could leave available funds to cover expenditures in a risky state.

The committee also recognizes that the prevailing thought of the State Council is to continue to maintain reserve funds for contingencies there is the desire to continue to grow the Priesthood Scholarship Fund through investment in the Supreme Council's Christopher Fund.

The committee has taken these aspects into account and has modified Section 1b. by proposing language that accomplishes the following:

- Provided an additional 60 days into the new fraternal year to ensure that all expenditures (i.e., billing from previous fraternal year, expenses from the Kick-off meeting, etc.) are accounted for before making a transfer of funds to the Contingency Fund.
- A proposed ceiling on the Contingency Fund (see section 6) is established with excess funds going to support the Priesthood Scholarship Fund.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends **Adoption** of the proposed changes to Section 1.

**Article 9**  
Management of Funds  
(Continued)

**AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN:** Section 4. Emergency projects:

The State Deputy is, without approval of the State Council, authorized to expend one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars from the Contingency fund on emergency projects that in his judgment should receive the support of the State Council. The State Deputy will obtain prior approval by majority vote of the elected state officers for such expenditures and shall notify the subordinate Councils within 30 days.

**MODIFIED:** ~~Section 4. Emergency projects:~~

~~The State Deputy is, without approval of the State Council, authorized to expend one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars from the Contingency fund on emergency projects that in his judgment should receive the support of the State Council. The State Deputy will obtain prior approval by majority vote of the elected state officers for such expenditures and shall notify the subordinate Councils within 30 days.~~

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:** The Committee proposes to strike Section 4, and to incorporate into section 6, to embody a complete and wider ranging section that speaks to the use of emergency and contingency funds. The striking of this section will require renumbering to occur to maintain formatting consistency.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends **Adoption** of the striking of Section 4 and the incorporation of the intent of these sections in section 6.

**RENUMBER FROM:**

Section 5. Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Fund  
Section 6. Priesthood scholarship fund

**TO:**

Section 4. Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Fund  
Section 5. Priesthood scholarship fund.

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:** Deletion of Section 4 requires renumbering to maintain formatting consistency.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends that the stated renumbering be **Adopted**.

**Article 9**  
Management of Funds  
(Continued)

**AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN:** Section 7. Contingency Fund Use to Supplement the General Fund: Funds from the Contingency fund may be used to supplement the general fund when (1) the aggregate supplement amount has not exceeded 4 percent of the annual general fund budget, (2) the use of the contingency funds was approved by a majority of the elected State Officers, (3) the funds are not used for general fund line items regarding promotions and incentives, and (4) the remaining contingency fund balance is above \$5000. The State Deputy shall notify the subordinate Councils within 30 days of the approval to use contingency funds. Use of funds from the contingency account to supplement the general fund above the aggregate 4 percent amount require pre-approval from the State Council at a called state meeting.

**MODIFIED TO READ:** Section 6. Contingency Fund Use to Supplement the General Fund:

*(1) The Contingency Fund shall provide financial resources to cope with significant, adverse, or emergency contingencies as determined by the State Deputy after consultation with the Finance Committee and the State Officers. The funds in the Contingency Fund shall be kept in a fiscally conservative account or instrument of deposit and the balance shall not exceed \$10,000.*

*(2) Monies from this fund shall not be used to support promotions, incentives, and motivational gifts.*

*(3) In the event that a removal of money from the Contingency Fund is necessitated; the following applies:*

- i. For emergency contingencies, up to \$1000: The State Deputy shall have the authority to authorize a one-time disbursement for emergency contingencies only.*
- ii. For General Fund supplement contingencies up to \$5000: The State Deputy shall have approval from the majority of the State Officers for any significant disbursement to supplement the General Fund.*
- iii. For any contingency greater than \$5000: The State Deputy shall have unanimous approval from the State Officers and the Finance Committee, or majority approval of a called special or emergency meeting of the State Council.*

*(4) The State Deputy shall notify the subordinate Councils within 30 days of the approval to use contingency funds.*

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:** The committee felt that a comprehensive rewrite of this section was needed to clarify the intention and use of the Contingency Fund. The proposed rewrite accomplishes the following:

- The Contingency Fund is capped at \$10,000 with excess funds over the capped amount being directed to the Priesthood Scholarship Fund (as modified in Section 1. (b))
- Withdrawal amounts from the Contingency Fund are clearly specified with controls over how the withdrawals are accomplished.
- The proposed wording changes take out the ambiguity present in the original.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The committee recommends **Adoption** of the proposed rewrite of section 7.