

Resolutions for the State Convention

As the State Deputy and his fellow officers prepare for their annual meeting each spring, they will have to consider the various resolutions proposed by the councils in their jurisdiction. Most of the resolutions that are submitted at state conventions recognize notable achievements by members and clergy in that jurisdiction, pertain to issues of State Council governance, or address other matters relating to the jurisdiction. State Councils may also adopt resolutions that are intended to be submitted to the Supreme Council at its annual meeting in August.

1. The Purpose of the Resolutions Process

The resolutions process is intended to enhance the fraternal character of the Order, to improve its governance and administration, and to serve its evangelical mission.

2. Local Councils May Submit Resolutions to the State Council

Section 56(a) of the Laws provides, in pertinent part, that “State Councils are hereby authorized and directed, at the annual meeting thereof, to take into consideration all matters whatever relating to the well-being and good order and laws of the society in the state, or throughout the Order, and pass votes and resolutions thereto . . . in all matters not in conflict with the Constitution, laws, rules and regulations of the Supreme Council, or the Board of Directors”. Thus, pursuant to Section 56(a), each local council in a jurisdiction may, on its own initiative, draft, discuss, and adopt resolutions to be considered by the delegates at the next State Council meeting. All local council resolutions must be submitted in the time and manner specified by the State Council by-laws. Ordinarily, these resolutions will be sent to the State Secretary.

3. The Format of the Resolutions

A resolution is composed of two parts. The first part consists of one or more paragraphs setting forth the relevant facts and the rationale for the action that the delegates are being asked to take. Each paragraph in the first part begins with the word “Whereas”. The second part consists of one or more paragraphs describing with specificity an action to be taken. The first paragraph of the second part of the resolution begins with the words “Therefore be it resolved;” any subsequent paragraphs begin with the words “Further resolved”.

4. The State Council Resolutions Committee Each State Council is authorized by its by-laws to establish a Resolutions Committee (hereinafter, “the Committee”). The by-laws ordinarily designate the State Advocate to be Chairman of the Committee. Upon receipt of local council resolutions, the State Secretary shall promptly forward them to the Chairman of the Committee, who in turn will distribute them to the Committee members. In addition to resolutions submitted by local councils, the State Executive Committee may draft and submit resolutions to be considered by the Resolutions Committee and the delegates. The Committee shall meet at or before the State Council meeting to review the resolutions and to prepare a recommendation as to the disposition of each resolution. The Chairman of the Committee, working with the State Secretary, must ensure that copies of all proposed resolutions are presented to the delegates before or upon registration for the State Council meeting. Resolutions that are not submitted in advance and reviewed by the Committee may not be presented to the delegates.

If you are submitting a resolution, please have it to Rod Birkle by April 14, 2024.

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