

Knights of Columbus

Padre Francisco Garces

Council No. 9378

BY-LAWS

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This Council shall be known as Padre Francisco Garces Council, No. 9378, Knights of Columbus.

Section 2. The initiation fee shall be \$25.00 except that for applicants under 26 years of age it shall be \$10.00 and for Priests and religious it shall be nil. One-half of the initiation fee should accompany the application but it shall be refunded if the applicant is rejected.

Section 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 \$30.00, except honorary members who shall pay \$10.00, and honorary life members who shall pay nothing. New members shall pay dues for the month of their initiation, and all remaining months in the calendar year (currently \$2.50 per month).

Section 4. The Financial Secretary shall receive annual compensation, payable in quarterly installments at the end of each quarter, an amount equal to ten percent of the moneys collected on account of dues from both insurance and associate members.

Section 5. A Paid Up Life Membership (PULM) program is hereby established for Council 9378. Participation in PULM is voluntary and irrevocable. If a member elects to participate in the PULM, he will pay a sum to be determined by a majority vote of the membership. After completing the payment, the member is relieved of any future assessments based on membership. The Financial Secretary will ensure all per capita type payments are made on behalf of the member to continue his good standing.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The annual election of officers shall take place at a regular meeting held between May 15 and June 15 (inclusive). Not less than two 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 the regular business meeting preceding 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.

Section 2. The election of officers shall be by ballot. A majority of all the 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. 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.

Section 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 singly

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 presiding officer thereof shall announce the result.

Section 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 a vote of the Council. He 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 may be considered vacant.

Section 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

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 office in this Council. No member shall hold more than one office at the same time.

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

Section 3. The appointive officers shall be as follows: Financial Secretary, Lecturer, Chaplain and Organist. The Supreme Knight shall appoint the Financial Secretary. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Board of Trustees shall, in accordance with any rules established by the Bishop of the Diocese, select the Chaplain. The Grand Knight shall select the Lecturer and Organist.

Section 4. 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.

Section 5. Except when notice of applications shall be published as provided by Section 110 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.

Section 6. At the end of each semiannual period the Board of Trustees shall meet and audit the several books of this Council. They 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.

Section 7. 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 therefor. In those cases relating to ipso facto forfeiture for failure to pay council dues, such notice shall not be sent to the Supreme Secretary or to the member until an officer or a member of the Retention Committee shall contact the member and endeavor to have him retain his membership.

Section 8. The Financial Secretary shall maintain the official Council Files. All reports and correspondence shall be maintained and preserved as a part of the records of this Council.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the first and third Thursday each month. The first meeting each month shall be a regular business meeting. All meetings shall commence at 7:30 P.M. Seven members shall constitute a quorum at business meetings.

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

Section 3. The order of business and procedure at regular business meetings of this Council shall conform to Section 125 of the Laws of the Order. [See inside back cover]

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Call to Order | *5. Opening Ode |
| 2. Warden's Report on Membership Card | 6. Special Order of Business |
| 3. Prayer | 7. Prayer |
| 4. Roll Call of Officers | *8. Closing Ode |

* Optional

Section 5. 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 Section 92(b) of the Laws of the Order as the District Deputy deems appropriate.

Section 6. 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 Section 126 of the Laws of the Order.

Section 7. If any meeting shall fall on a legal holiday, 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 for such meeting within the month for which it is scheduled.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. 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 therefrom. 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 that 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

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

(a) Program Director – It is his goal to encourage 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.

(b) Membership Director – It is his goal to have supervision of a comprehensive program of recruitment and retention for his council. He reports directly to the Grand Knight.

(c) Director of Church Activities – It is his goal to promote a program that will enable the membership to respond to the constant calls for the active participation of the laity in the work of the Church. He reports to the Program Director.

(d) Director of Community Activities – It is his responsibility to make the council aware of its life within the community and to develop programs that will be of service to the community. He reports to the Program Director.

(e) Director of Council Activities – It is his goal to 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. He reports to the Program Director.

(f) Director of Youth Activities – It is his goal 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. He will also be responsible for the promotion of the Order's junior organization, the Columbian Squires. He reports to the Program Director.

(g) Director of Family Life Activities – It is his goal to promote activities and programs within the Council that would strengthen and support the family life of its members. He reports to the Program Director.

Section 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

Section 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 therefor and who shall report at each meeting the amounts so received and from what source and shall deliver the same to the council Treasurer and take his receipt therefor.

Section 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 Treasurer, after the issuance of a Warrant authorized by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary.

Section 3. No money in excess of \$100.00 shall be paid or transferred from the Treasury of this Council, except such moneys as the Council is called upon to regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the Laws of the Order, in accordance with an approved budget 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 authorize such expenditure.

Section 4. All bills shall be presented to the Financial Secretary and by him read to the Council. If the bill is not a part of the budget, or authorized per the rules for the Grand Knights Relief Fund (Section 5., below), a vote by two-thirds of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting shall authorize such expenditure.

Section 5. The sum of \$200.00 shall be reserved in the General Fund and shall be known as the Grand Knights Relief Fund. The Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a Relief Committee. They shall investigate the case of any brother who is reported to be in distress or in need of relief and if in their judgment the case is one deserving of assistance, they shall have power to draw from this Relief Fund such reasonable sum of money to afford assistance as the circumstances of

the case may require, provided that in no single case shall more than \$100.00 be paid out without reference to and approval by the Council.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 3. The Memorial Committee shall arrange for the celebration during the month of November of each 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 Chaplain shall celebrate the Mass unless he is unavailable.

ARTICLE IX

Section 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.

Section 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, as amended, adopted by vote of the Council, December 20, 2007.

CYRIL V. ATHERTON, Jr.,
Grand Knight

LLOYD J. BELL,
Recorder

Date of Institution: July 23, 1986