

LAWS AND RULES FOR STATE CIRCLE

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

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ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. Pursuant to the laws of the Knights of Columbus the Supreme Board of Directors enacts and prescribes the following laws and rules for the institution and procedure of State units of Columbian Squires to be known as State Circles.

Section 2. The purpose of the State Circle shall be to promote and develop the Columbian Squires program; to encourage cooperation and fellowship, friendly rivalry and competition among Circles and members; and to unite more closely all Circles and members for the mutual welfare and advancement of youth.

ARTICLE II

Institution of State Circles

Section 1. When four or more Circles in good standing with an aggregate membership of one hundred exist in any state jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus the Supreme Board of Directors may direct the institution of a State Circle of Columbian Squires in accordance with the rules hereinafter set forth and as the Supreme Board of Director may hereafter prescribe.

Section 2. Thereupon the State Chairman of Columbian Squires, with the consent of the State Deputy, shall appoint the Chief Squire and Deputy Chief Squire of all Circles in good standing in the jurisdiction to meet at a time and place by him designated for the purpose of organizing a State Circle. They shall be accompanied by a Counsellor as is hereafter provided.

Section 3. At the time and place designated the delegates so appointed shall convene and after first selecting a temporary chairman and secretary shall proceed to elect the state officers as are hereinafter provided, who shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified. They shall fix the time for the next annual meeting, as is hereinafter provided, and may enact by-laws for the organization, and conduct such other business as provided by the laws, rules and regulations of the Supreme Board.

Section 4. The State Notary and the State Chairman shall forthwith notify the State Deputy, who in turn will notify the Supreme Knight, and shall give to him all information as may be prescribed in the official form provided for such notice. Thereupon a charter will be issued to the State Circle by the Supreme Board.

ARTICLE III

Annual Meeting of State Circle

Section 1. The State Circle, after its organization, shall consist of the state officers and four delegates from each Circle in good standing. The delegates from a Circle shall be the Chief Squire and Deputy Chief Squire ex officio and two members who have been elected by a majority vote, and by written ballot at the regular business meeting of the Circle held in the month preceding the scheduled meeting of the State Circle. These two delegates and four alternates to be elected prior to each meeting of the State Circle. An alternate for each delegate shall be elected who will serve in the event the delegate is unable to do so.

Section 2. The State Circle shall hold an annual meeting. The time and place shall be fixed by the State Circle for the succeeding year, and upon its failure to do so, the State Officers shall select such time and place of meeting. The State Notary shall at least 30 days in advance notify in writing all Circles of the time and place of all meetings of the State Circle. Other meetings of the State Circle shall be called by the State Chief Squire with the approval of the State Chairman as deemed necessary.

Section 3. No duly elected and qualified delegate or alternate will be seated at the State Convention unless:

- a. The Circle Notary has forwarded to the State Notary the names of all delegates and alternates (credentials) at least 10 days prior to the State Convention.
- b. The Circle is in good standing with the Supreme Council and is so certified.
- c. The Circle is in good standing with the State Circle.
- d. The Circle's delegates are accompanied by at least one counsellor or adult leader.

Circles not meeting these requirements will not be seated at the annual convention.

A majority of these delegates so certified will constitute a quorum. This majority is based upon total number of delegates from Circles meeting above requirements plus six state officers whether present or not.

Section 4. Each Circle seated at the State Convention shall be entitled to cast 4 votes regardless of