

**CHARTER  
CONSTITUTION  
LAWS**



**Knights of Columbus**

**WITH AMENDMENTS TO AND  
INCLUDING THE YEAR**

**2016**

Supreme Secretary of such forfeiture and shall immediately send notice in writing to the member; but failure to send such notice shall not affect such forfeiture. Provided, however, that 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 conservation committee shall contact the member and endeavor to have him retain his membership.

### **Summary Suspension by Board of Directors and Supreme Knight**

SEC. 165. Whenever it shall appear that a member has violated any of the provisions of the laws, the Board of Directors, or the Supreme Knight, subject to the approval of the Board, may summarily suspend such member from office or membership without citation or notice and such suspension shall include all persons and councils until such suspension is annulled.

### **Summary Suspension by State Deputies, Etc.**

SEC. 166. Whenever it shall appear that a member or officer of a subordinate council has violated any of the provisions of the laws, a State or District Deputy, subject to the approval of the State Deputy, or a Territorial Deputy, may summarily suspend such member or officer from office or membership and such suspensions shall conclude all persons and councils until such suspension is annulled, provided that such suspension may be annulled at any time by the Board of Directors or the Supreme Knight. When such suspension is ordered the party ordering the suspension shall immediately notify the Supreme Secretary.

### **Charges Must Follow Summary Suspension**

SEC. 167. Where any suspension is summarily ordered under the provisions of this Chapter, the party ordering the suspension shall cause charges to be preferred against the party thus suspended within ten days from the date of such suspension or such suspension shall be null and void.

### **Ipsa Facto Forfeiture — Members**

SEC. 168. Any member of this Order shall, ipso facto, forfeit his membership in the Order —

#### **Failure to Remain a Practical Catholic**

1. Who shall fail to remain a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See.

#### **Failure to Pay Contributions or Assessments**

2. Who fails to pay any per capita or special assessment levied by the Supreme Council or Board of Directors within thirty days from the date of mailing or transmitting the notice for such assessment by the Financial Secretary of his council.

#### **Failure to Pay Dues**

3. Who shall fail to pay his dues to his council within three months after the same are levied and payable (other than assessments levied by the Supreme Council, Board of Directors or for death benefit assessments or contributions); or —

#### **Conviction of a Felony**

6. Who is convicted of a felony by a court of competent authority.