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**1. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the New Mexico State Council (hereinafter NMSC) Directives is to establish policy and set procedures in all areas not governed by Supreme Council Rules, Regulations, and Laws or NMSC by-laws. This directive shall be redefined as needed, through a “Letter of Change from the State Council-in-Assembly at the Annual State Convention only.

**2. SCOPE:**

a. This directive shall govern all matters relating to the standards of the Dress Code at all the NMSC Meetings, Church Activities, Official Gatherings, State Banquets, and Degree Exemplifications.

b. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are considered the “The Right Arm of the Catholic Church,” and must therefore set examples not only for our State Meetings, Church Activities, Special and/or Social Events, but also throughout our Council and Community. Properly dressed members are always respected, and looked upon as leaders and make a positive impression with the Council, Community, and future Brother Knights.

**3. DELINEATION OF RESPONSIBILITY:**

The incumbents of the following NMSC officer positions shall have responsibility as indicated.

a. **State Deputy:** The State Deputy is the governing authority on all matters pertaining to the Knights of Columbus activities in the State of New Mexico, and shall be advised of all occasions of violation of violation of this directive.

b. **Other NMSC Officers:** Every NMSC Officers (past and present) in the State of New Mexico is responsible for not only adhering to this directive, but citing Knights of Columbus members who they consider are in violation of this directive.

c. **District Deputies, Program Directors and Committee Chairman:** Incumbents of these positions are also charged with the responsibility of ensuring adherence to this directive.

d. **Subordinate Council Grand Knights and Officers:** All officers must also ensure compliance to this directive to insure that the directive is universally accepted and applied to all members.

e. **All Members of the Knights of Columbus in the State of New Mexico:** Every member of the Knights of Columbus should adhere to this directive and insure his Brother Knights are in compliance. Membership should insure they are dressed accordingly in all activities and functions where the Order and its' members will be seen and labeled by their appearance and behavior. Membership should show the pride they hold as being a member of the Knights of Columbus by dressing for each occasion and letting his deportment and behavior be the standard by which the Order is measured.

#### **4. STANDARD DRESS TO OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS:**

The dress for the various NMSC functions requires various standards. The following shall be adhered to by all incumbents of the Order:

a. State Officers Attending:

(1) NMSC business meetings, special meetings, church activities, and banquets where the membership is present: all state officers are required to wear a business suit or sport coat with dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes.

(2) Installation of Officers and at the annual banquet: the State Officers are required to wear a white dinner jacket and black pants, white dress shirt with bow tie and black shoes. At the Mid-Year Meeting the State Officers are required to wear their Black Tuxedo at the formal banquet.

(3) NMSC State Officers Executive Meeting and all others attending this meeting will be required to wear business casual. This type of wear consists of dress slacks, dress shirt, sport shirt or golf shirt with dress shoes.

b. District Deputies, State Program Directors and Committee Chairmen Attending:

NMSC business meetings, Church activities, New Mexico State socials and/or functions/meetings in their respective district will be required to wear a business suit or sports coat with dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes.

c. Grand Knights, Council Officers, and Membership Attending:

(1) State Meetings, Banquets or Church Activities, are required to wear business suit or sport coat, dress shirt, tie and dress shoes.

(2) Membership and candidates attending exemplification, council meetings and council functions may dress in required proper attire or dress that is acceptable to the occasions. (Appropriate western wear is acceptable for this type of occasion.)

**5. UNACCEPTABLE DRESS:**

The dress that is unacceptable at any official NMSC function is simply what is not acceptable at most social gatherings. Examples are shorts, cut-offs, faded or bleached jeans, tee shirts, tank tops, flip flops, tennis shoes baseball caps or fishing hats, or any type of outlandish or outrageous attire designed to grab attention. Wearing of these types of attire is considered dressing down and will not be tolerated at any official NMSC function by any officer or member.

**6. ENFORCEMENT:**

a. The State Deputy and its Officers will strictly enforce the Dress Code. It is the duty and responsibility of the District Deputies, State Program Director's and Chairman's and Grand Knights to adhere to the Code of Dress as adopted.

b. The Dress Code will be enforced at all State Meetings, State Functions, and Major Degree Exemplifications. The NMSC will adhere to the Dress Code and every member is asked to abide by the code. We as members of the Knights of Columbus must take pride in ourselves and our Catholic Organization, lets demonstrate to the membership that we are proud leaders.

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