

Item Title: Columbian Club Bylaws Ammendment - Definition of "Member in Good Standing"

Description: Proposal to ammend the Columbian Club Bylaws, Article I, by adding the following text. "For the avoidance of doubt, a member in good standing is defined as a Knights of Columbus Council 6336 member of any degree who is not delinquent on their annual dues payment to the extent that a Letter of Intent to Suspend notice has been sent to the member by the Financial Secretary of the Council."

Summary of Vote:

Rob Russell = Agree

Steve Mechkowski = No Response

Fred Russell = Agree

Pat Harrity = Agree

Emilio Caprio = No Response

Rich Rendeiro = No Response

Paul Tice = Agree

Lou Hornberg = Agree

Mike Campanelli = No Response

Joseph Saieva = Agree

Vinny Pannullo = Agree

7 Votes = Agree

Status: Approved

Email Thread:

Fred Russell:

My Vote: Agree

My Justification: I have often heard and agree with the statement that "all members of the Council are members of the Columbian Club." Based on that, when I read the bylaws Article 1 and it states, "the membership of this association shall be limited to present members in good standing of St James Council, No 6336" I interpret that to mean all members not just 3rd degree members. And then regarding the Board Members of the Columbian Club, 8 of the board members (as defined in Article 2 of the bylaws) are then elected from this membership (not from a subset of the membership meeting a 3rd degree requirement). So - based on this I do not believe that a Board Member of the Columbian Club needs to be a 3rd Degree Member.

Having said that, I do believe it is important that our members continue to seek advancement in their degrees and we should incite them to do so to the best of our ability. However, I don't believe that we can use the Columbian Club Board position as a leverage to achieve that goal.

If this item is approved by our board, we need to take the next steps (as defined in Article XIX):

- 1) The above ammendment would need to be approved by our State Advocate.
- 2) Once approved by the State Advocate, we would need to send a letter to our entire membership describing this new ammendment and inform them of an upcoming vote (at least 5 days prior to the meeting).
- 3) At the meeting for the vote, we would need a 2/3 vote to approve the ammendment.

Thanks,
Fred

From: "LOUHORN5@aol.com" <LOUHORN5@aol.com>
To: frusselljr@yahoo.com
Sent: Fri, February 5, 2010 8:14:07 PM
Subject: Re: Columbian Club Vote Request: Definition of "Member in Good Standing"

I'M IN AGREENCE WITH FRED. IT SHOULDN'T MATTER YOUR DEGREE TO SIT ON THE COLUMBIAN CLUB.. I SPOKE WITH SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND IT ALL COMES DOWN TO DUES.. IF YOUR UP TO DATE WITH THE MONEY THEN YOUR A MEMBER IN "GOOD STANDING"...
*** THE OTHER ISSUES I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO THEM AT THIS POINT.. AND ALSO FRED YOU HAVE TO GIVE PEOPLE TIME TO VIEW THESE EMAILS.. YOUR REALLY FIRING THEM OUT... JUST A REMINDER...

THANK YOU
BROTHER HORNBERGER

From: Vince Pannullo <vin@distinct.us>
To: Fred Russell Jr. <frusselljr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon, February 8, 2010 8:25:55 AM
Subject: Re: Columbian Club Vote Request: Definition of "Member in Good Standing"

I agree...

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Sent: Mon, February 8, 2010 11:39:13 AM

Subject: Re: Re: Columbian Club Vote Request: Definition of "Member in Good Standing"

Agree- Pat H.

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Subject: Re: Columbian Club Vote Request: Definition of "Member in Good Standing"

I agree

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I AGREE..

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Subject: RE: Columbian Club Vote Request: Definition of "Member in Good Standing"

I agree.

Paul Tice