

## Procedures for Merging Two or More Councils

Under the Order's guidelines, the merging councils must complete the following steps independently in order to merge:

1. Draft a resolution calling for the Merger.
2. Read the resolution at one (1) meeting.
3. Publish the resolution to **each** of the council's members.
4. Vote on, and approve, the resolution at the following meeting.
5. Once the councils approve the merger the District Deputy will then write a request for the merger and sends it to the State Deputy for his Approval. A copy of the resolution form the merging councils with the vote result should be attached.
6. If the State Deputy approves the merger, he will forward the request with all the attachment it to the Regional Growth Director.
7. Once the Regional Growth Director approves the merger, he in turn forwards the request and all the attachments to the supreme secretary for his action.
8. The supreme secretary will present the request to the Board of Directors for their approval or rejection at their next meeting.

A Few Notes:

1. A new name could be adopted for the new council (see APPENDIX D).
2. We recommend keeping the lower council number.
3. All members, liabilities, debt etc. become the responsibility of the new council.

The past grand knights of each council shall retain all rights and privileges that pertain to past grand knights, and the grand knight of the council ceasing to exist by reason of the merger shall be entitled to the title, right and privileges of past grand knights without regard to the length of time served in such office. (SEC 249.2 Laws & Constitution)

# Sample Resolution for a Merger

## RESOLUTION OF MERGER

ST. JOHN NEUMANN COUNCIL 8271 WITH TRINITY COUNCIL 4618

Presented to Trinity Council 4618

April 7, 2011

Whereas the members of St. John Neumann Council 8271 hereafter referred to as 8271 have expressed a desire to merge with Trinity Council 4618, hereafter referred to as 4618, and

Whereas 4618 believes that its pursuit of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism would be enhanced by such merger, and

Whereas such merger could benefit the Parishes of St. Joseph's and Holy Spirit in addition to the existing parishes served by 4618, and

Whereas all members of 8271 in good standing, who desire to transfer to 4618, would automatically transfer to 4618, and

Whereas members of 8271 would be fully entitled to all benefits of membership in 4618, and

Whereas 4618 would retain the name of Trinity Council and the same council number, and

Whereas Council 4618 has considered the implications of such merger at a Special Meeting of 4618 on February 3, 2011 and

Whereas Council 4618 has as voted upon the resolution of said merger in Special Meeting on April 7, 2011,

Be It Resolved that the members of 4618 welcome such merger, and

Be It Resolved 4618 willingly and fully accept the liabilities and assets of 8271.

Be It Resolved that 4618 agrees that the PGK's and the GK of the council ceasing to exist by reason or merger shall be entitled to the title, right of privileges of PGK without regard to length of service in such office as written in sec 249.2 of the constitution/laws of the Order.

Be It Now Resolved that on this date of April 7, *(fill in year)* that 4618 accepts merger with 8271.

Joseph D. Kozelsky  
Grand Knight

David Uerz  
Trustee

Edward Wynne  
Financial Secretary

Donald Bell  
Trustee

David McCoy  
Chancellor

Robert Keown  
Trustee