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**TENNESSEE CHAPTER
OF THE
SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR**

Bylaws

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1 – The name of this chapter shall be the Tennessee Chapter of the Society of King Charles the Martyr, American Branch, hereinafter referred to as the “Chapter” and “SKCM.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1 – The purpose of this chapter shall be to advance the objectives of the SKCM as defined in its Articles of Incorporation, as follows:

- ❖ To pray for the Anglican Communion.
- ❖ To promote a wide observance of 30 January, the anniversary of the martyrdom of King Charles I in 1649.
- ❖ To win general recognition of the great debt the Anglican Communion owes Charles Stuart for his faithfulness unto death in defense of the Church and her apostolic ministry.
- ❖ To work for the reinstatement of the Feast of Saint Charles the Martyr in the Kalendar of the Book of Common Prayer throughout the Anglican Communion.
- ❖ To encourage efforts to build and equip churches and erect shrines dedicated to Saint Charles.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

Section 1 – The membership shall be limited to members of the SKCM.

Section 2 – Any person eligible for membership shall become a member by completion of the official application form, payment of annual dues to the SKCM and Chapter, if applicable, and a majority vote of the members, present and voting, at any Chapter meeting.

Section 3 – Annual Chapter dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), payable in advance on or before December 31 of each year. Members joining after June 30 shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the current annual Chapter dues.

Section 4 – On February 1, the Treasurer shall notify each member whose dues are unpaid and if dues are unpaid by March 1, the member shall be dropped from membership.

Section 5 – Membership classifications are as follows:

5.1 – Charter Member: Charter membership is conferred on those individuals who were present at the organizational meeting at which the bylaws were originally adopted, joined the

1 SKCM by that date, and signed the membership roll. Charter membership is a one-time event.
2 Charter members may vote, hold office, and serve on committees.

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4 5.2 – Regular Member: Regular membership is conferred on those individuals who have
5 an interest in the objectives of the SKCM and join the chapter after the charter date. Regular
6 members may vote, hold office, and serve on committees.

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8 5.3 – Honorary Member: Honorary membership is conferred on those individuals who
9 are not otherwise members of the SKCM but who have rendered outstanding service to the
10 SKCM or shown exceptional devotion to Saint Charles, and are deemed worthy of this
11 distinction. Nominations for honorary membership shall be submitted in writing to the Executive
12 Board and approved by the Executive Board or the membership. Honorary members do not have
13 voting privileges, cannot hold office, cannot serve on any committees, and are exempt from dues.

14 15 16 **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

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18 Section 1 – The elected officers of this Chapter shall be a President, a Vice-President, a
19 Secretary, and a Treasurer. Appointed officers shall be a Historian and a Chaplain, appointed by
20 the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

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22 Section 2 – These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the
23 adopted parliamentary authority.

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25 Section 3 – The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) members. The first
26 member appointed shall serve as its chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate
27 one candidate for each elected office to be filled at the Annual Meeting in January. The
28 Nominating Committee shall issue its report at least thirty (30) days before the date of the
29 Annual Meeting, by first class postal mail, facsimile, or electronic mail (email) to each member
30 entitled to vote at the meeting.

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32 Section 4 – The elected officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. Officers shall
33 take office at the end of the annual meeting at which elected and shall serve for two years or until
34 their successors are elected. The result of the election shall be reported to the SKCM.

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36 4.1 – No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall serve
37 more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, except the Secretary and the
38 Treasurer.

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40 4.2 – Six (6) months or longer shall constitute a term of office when determining
41 eligibility for re-election.

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43 Section 5 – Vacancies in office shall be filled by the Executive Board.

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45 Section 6 – All officers shall present all records pertaining to the office to their successors within
46 ten (10) days after leaving office.

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ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1 – Regular meetings shall be held at least quarterly and scheduled by the Executive Board, at such time and place as designated by the Executive Board and set forth in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2 – The regular meeting in January shall be the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purpose of celebrating the Feast of Saint Charles (January 30) with a Mass or Eucharist, followed by a business meeting to elect officers, receive reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise. It shall be the custom of the Chapter to share a meal together on the day of the Annual Meeting at which the Feast of Saint Charles shall be celebrated.

Section 3 – Special meetings may be called by the President or the Executive Board, and shall be called upon the written request of three (3) members. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call of the meeting.

Section 4 – Notice of Meetings. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the regular, annual, and any special meetings, shall be delivered no fewer than fifteen (15) days before the date of the meeting, by first class postal mail, facsimile, or electronic mail (email), by or at the direction of the President or the Executive Board, to each member entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 5 – One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 6 – The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 – The members of the Executive Board shall be the elected officers and the immediate past president.

Section 2 – The duty of the Executive Board shall include, but is not limited to, transacting necessary business between Chapter meetings and such other business as may be transferred to it by the membership.

Section 3 – Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President and upon the written request of three members of the Board.

Section 4 – A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

1 **ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES**

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3 Section 1 - There shall be the following Standing Committees: Bylaws and Rules; Membership;
4 Program; and Public Relations, each of which shall have the customary areas of activities.

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6 Section 2 - Standing committee chairmen and members shall be appointed by the President with
7 the approval of the Executive Board.

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9 Section 3 - Special Committees may be appointed by the President, the Executive Board, or the
10 membership as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Chapter.

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12 Section 4 - The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating
13 Committee.

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16 **ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION**

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18 Section 1 - This Chapter may disband or dissolve by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership
19 provided that a Special Meeting shall be called for that purpose and thirty (30) days written
20 notice shall be given to all Chapter members and the SKCM.

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22 Section 2 - If dissolution is approved, the report of the vote, the Chapter minutes book, and, after
23 payment of all indebtedness, any remaining funds shall be sent to SKCM within ten (10) days
24 following the Special Meeting.

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27 **ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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29 Section 1 – The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised,
30 shall govern this Chapter in all cases in which they do not conflict with these Bylaws and any
31 standing or special rules the chapter may adopt.

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34 **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT**

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36 Section 1 – These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds (2/3)
37 vote of the members present and voting provided that at least fifteen (15) days' written notice has
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