**Guidelines Regarding State Organization Names:**

The *Constitution* states: "Each state organization of the Society shall be designated by a geographic area or by a country name. Each chapter shall be named by the state organization."

*Robert's*states:*"If the bylaws authorize certain things specifically, other things of the same class are thereby prohibited"*[RONR (11th ed.), p. 589, ll. 33-34]. This means that if the DKG *Constitution* specifically authorizes a geographic area name, any other name such as a Greek letter name is prohibited. Also, if the *Constitution* specifically authorizes each state organization to name its chapters, the state organization is prohibited from naming other things of the same class, such as its own state organization.

In addition, at the 2018 convention the members amended Article I, Section B of the *Constitution*by striking the Greek letter or combination of Greek letters by which the state organization was designated and inserting the geographic area by which it was to be designated. Since the members voted to strike the Greek letter or combination of Greek letters that designate a state organization's name, the Greek letter(s) must be struck from the designated name.

Therefore, in accordance with the *Constitution*, the name of your state organization is “the \_\_Name of Your State, Geographic Area, or Country\_ State Organization.”

You can, however, add the parenthetical phrase "(formerly known as \_\_Greek letter(s)\_\_ State)," since such a phrase does not suggest that "Greek Letter(s)" is a part of the official name. It merely provides historical information.

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