

Knights of Columbus

Arkansas State Council

112th State Convention, Little Rock, AR
24 - 26 April 2020

Worthy State Deputy and Worthy State Officers,

Worthy State Convention Delegates,

The Past State Deputies (represented by IPSD Philip Savage) made their recommendation:

Changes to Bylaws 1 and 2 - **Adopt**

Resolutions 1 thru 20 - **Adopt**

Resolution 21 - **No Action**

Resolution 22 - **Adopt**

I am pleased to report that all members of the Resolutions Committee have voted and therefore have satisfactorily completed their duties.

Their voting resulted in a recommendation of:

Changes to Bylaws 1 and 2 - **Adopt**

Resolutions 1 thru 20 - **Adopt**

Resolution 21 - **No Action**

Resolution 22 - **Adopt**

Thanks and God bless,

Timothy R. Malloy, State Advocate

Bylaws 1: Proposed change to the bylaws;

Article IX

Recurring Business

SECTION 5: Catholic Diocese of Little Rock's March for Life;

SECTION 8: Catholic Youth Programs; and

SECTION 9: DOLR Catholic Schools of Arkansas Scholarship Fund.

The State Council wishes to rescind these Sections as they pose an additional burden on our subordinate Councils, who are already contributing to these endeavors at their Parishes, and which negatively impact State efforts in Section 3; Special Olympic Program, and Section 6; Pennies from Heaven Fund. The State Council believes that the worthy causes in Section 5 and Section 9 should be Resolutions going forward. The State Council notes that Section 8 is a line item in our General Budget; refer to line 3.29. All affected Sections to be moved up and renumbered consecutively.

(Submitted by State Council)

Bylaws 2: Proposed change to the bylaws;

Article IX

Recurring Business

SECTION 10: Subordinate Councils that would like to host the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity shall notify their District Deputy of their intent. The subordinate Council Grand Knight shall coordinate the date, time, location (preferably in a church setting), and any additional logistics with their District Deputy. The Exemplification Team should consist of subordinate Council members, however, any Knight that has been trained in the new exemplification is welcome and encouraged to participate. The District Deputy shall notify the State Officers and his Brother District Deputies of the planned exemplification to allow other members the ability to be exemplified. The hosting subordinate Council may charge the candidates a fee to cover the cost of the exemplification kits.

(Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 1: *WHEREAS* the State Deputy often receives requests for monetary contributions/donations from various charitable organizations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that fifteen hundred dollars (**\$1500**) from the State Council's Special Fund be made available to the State Deputy for contributions to charitable organizations whose goals and values are in concert with those of our Order and our Catholic faith; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Deputy will donate no more than three hundred dollars (**\$300**) to any charity during the fraternal year. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 2: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus desires our Most Reverend Bishop's presence at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention; and

WHEREAS his presence at said convention provides him better insight into the mission and programs of the Knights of Columbus; thus helping garner and bolster his support for the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our Most Reverend Bishop be reimbursed up to fifteen hundred dollars (**\$1500**) from the State Council Special Fund when he attends the Supreme Convention. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 3: *WHEREAS* the State Chaplain is the Spiritual Leader of the Arkansas Knights of Columbus and his presence, spiritual guidance, and leadership are needed at the State Convention.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a one hundred dollar (**\$100**) stipend from the State Council Special Fund be provided to the State Chaplain when he attends the State Convention. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 4: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus desires our State Chaplain's presence at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention; and

WHEREAS his attendance at said convention provides him better insight into the Knights of Columbus' mission, goals, and programs; thus helping bolster his understanding and appreciation of the Knights of Columbus.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Chaplain be reimbursed up to two thousand dollars (**\$2000**) from the State Council Special Fund when he attends the Supreme Convention as a non-delegate. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 5: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus supports and endorses the works and endeavors of all the Catholic organizations affiliated with the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock;

WHEREAS the monies raised from the Bishop McDonald Charity Golf Classic helps support many of these Catholic organizations affiliated with the DOLR, such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Adoption Services, Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry; and

WHEREAS these Catholic organizations benefit directly from the participation of the Arkansas Knights of Columbus in the Bishop McDonald Charity Golf Classic.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas State Council shall donate two thousand five hundred dollars (**\$2500**) to the Bishop McDonald Charity Golf Classic from the State Council Special Fund; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council shall encourage subordinate councils to participate in Bishop McDonald Charity Golf Classic and to also make a monetary donation from their council to the Bishop McDonald Charity. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 6: *WHEREAS* the “Arkansas Catholic” is the official news source of the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock and publication of our Most Reverend Bishop; and

WHEREAS the Arkansas Knights of Columbus supports our Bishop and endorses the “Arkansas Catholic.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus donate five hundred dollars (**\$500**) from the State Council Special Fund to the “Arkansas Catholic.” (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 7: *WHEREAS* the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock keeps the Catholic community in Arkansas advised of Catholic-related activities and news via its Catholic Diocesan website www.dolr.org;

WHEREAS one of the primary roles of the Arkansas Knights of Columbus is to support its Catholic priests, parishes and communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS the Arkansas Knights honor and value their remarkable and personal relationship with our Bishop and his Diocesan Staff.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus donate five hundred dollars (**\$500**) from the State Council Special Fund to the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock for the upkeep and maintenance of its Diocesan website. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 8: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus values the works and goals of our Diocese of Little Rock’s (DOLR) Vocation Ministry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus shall donate five hundred dollars (**\$500**) from the State Council Special Fund to the DOLR Vocations Ministry. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 9: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus supports the works of the ABBA House, which has been staffed by the Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Missionaries of Charity since 1983; and

WHEREAS the ABBA House provides a home and assistance to pregnant women who lack resources to care for themselves, their children, and their unborn babies; and

WHEREAS the humanitarian assistance provided by the Missionaries of Charity at the ABBA House in Little Rock save the lives of many unborn babies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas State Council shall support the works of the Missionaries of Charity Sisters at the ABBA House, Little Rock, AR with a donation of two thousand five hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) from the State Council Special Fund. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 10: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus desires to support and promote the growth of our Seminarians in the Diocese of Little Rock;

WHEREAS it is our duty as leaders in the Church to promote, recruit and support the men of faith to the Seminary; and

WHEREAS as future Priests and future members of our team, our Seminarians could benefit at times from wearing an article of clothing that would proudly distinguish them as Seminarians from our Diocese and in some cases members of our Order.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus donate one thousand five hundred dollars (**\$1,500**) from the State Council Special Fund for the purchase of a polo-shirt embroidered with a KofC and Little Rock Diocesan logo; and

FURTHER RESOLVED the shirts be presented to the Seminarians as a gift for them to wear at informal events, schools and around our Diocese and also when traveling in our state. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 11: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Council conducts retreats of prayer, reflection and renewed spiritual life at the Subiaco Monastery twice a year, which are very important to our Brother Knights, their spouses and widows of Knights; and

WHEREAS the accommodations and administration of the Coury House provide a compelling reason why the retreats are so well-attended by our Brother Knights, their spouses, and widows of Knights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus donate five hundred dollars (**\$500**) from the State Council Special Fund, per retreat to the Director of the Coury House (**a total of \$1000**) to address maintenance and upkeep costs at the Coury House. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 12: *Whereas* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Council conduct two retreats during the fraternal year at the Subiaco Monastery;

WHEREAS the retreats are very important State Council sponsored events -- weekends of prayer, reflection, and the renewal of spiritual well-being: and

WHEREAS due to the shortage of Priests in our Diocese it is difficult to secure a Retreat Director due to the Priest's added expense of having to pay for a substitute Priest to attend to his duties in his home parish.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to facilitate a Diocesan Priest to serve as a Retreat Director at the Subiaco Monastery that a donation of three hundred fifty dollars (**\$350**) from the Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Council Special Fund be provided to the Director of each retreat. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 13: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Council desires to forge new relationships with Brother Knights and their families from other jurisdictions at the Supreme Convention;

WHEREAS it is important for the Arkansas delegation and their families to participate in KofC after-hour functions and activities for families at the Supreme Convention; and

WHEREAS said functions and activities allow for the exchange of ideas and information among delegates and their families; ideas that may expand or increase the effectiveness of our jurisdiction's programs, activities and fundraising efforts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus shall provide up to two thousand (**\$2000**) from the Special Fund for the State Deputy to purchase and/or pay, at his discretion, for said functions and activities for the Arkansas Delegation at the Supreme Convention. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 14: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas State Council desires to showcase our state at the State Convention and Supreme Convention by providing pins that proudly illustrate the Arkansas Knights of Columbus.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Deputy shall have a pin designed and produced that shall proudly illustrate, portray and represent the Arkansas Knights of Columbus; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that said pins shall be made available for the Delegates at the State and Supreme Conventions; said pins shall be given to the delegates from other jurisdictions at the Supreme Convention by the Arkansas Delegation; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus provide up to fifteen hundred dollars (**\$1500**) from the State Council Special Fund to the State Deputy for the design and purchase of said pins. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 15: *WHEREAS* the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas supports the DOLR's Vocations Program and holds our Seminarians in high regard; and

WHEREAS the cost to educate a Seminarians is approximately thirty two thousand (\$32,000) per year; and

WHEREAS the \$32,000 does not include unplanned costs, expenses and extraordinary needs that our Seminarians may encounter throughout the calendar year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus provide three thousand dollars (**\$3000**) from the State Council Special Fund to the Vocations Director to assist our Seminarians with any unplanned costs, expenses and extraordinary needs. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 16: *WHEREAS* the Hispanic Community continues to be the fastest growing Catholic ethnic group in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS the Arkansas Knights of Columbus supports the development of the Hispanic Community and desires to recruit Hispanics into our Order.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus provide one thousand dollars (**\$1000**) from the State Council Special Fund to the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock to assist with their Hispanic Growth program. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 17: *WHEREAS* the Benedictine Sisters of the St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith respond to the needs of the people of God in a spirit of hospitality, simplicity and reverence; and

WHEREAS because of the changes in their population, demographics, and the age of their Monastery they are having to redo their Monastery and repurpose their land; said changes will substantially lower maintenance cost thus freeing resources for the service of God's people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus donate up to fifteen hundred dollars (**\$1500**) but no less than five hundred dollars (**\$500**) from the State Council Special Fund to assist St. Scholastica Monastery. (Submitted by Council 11604)

Resolution 18: *WHEREAS* the "Arkansas Catholic" is the official news source of the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock, and

WHEREAS the Arkansas Knights of Columbus desires to support the "Arkansas Catholic" while promoting concurrently the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Knights of Columbus purchase up to three thousand dollars (**\$3000**) in advertisements from the "Arkansas Catholic," that promote the Arkansas Knights of Columbus; said funds will come from the State Council's Special Fund. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 19: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Council is charged with conducting many functions and programs of the Knights of Columbus throughout Arkansas that require monetary funds, and

WHEREAS the number of dues paying members has significantly decreased over the past two years due to an increase of our Honorary Life Members, and

WHEREAS many councils in our jurisdiction have placed five or more members on their council's "Intent to Suspend List" this fraternal year, and

WHEREAS our jurisdiction has not met its projected membership growth goal of two percent (2%) over the past two years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each subordinate council shall be assessed a Per Capita Tax of eleven dollars (\$11.00) total per active member and inactive member less their Honorary Life and Disabled Members as of record on January 1st except for college councils, which shall be assessed at 50% of this rate, and that said tax shall be paid before the Annual State Convention. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 20: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus subordinate councils submit resolutions to the State Advocate for consolidation and dissemination to the State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and State Program Chairmen for review and discussion with their council members prior to the State Convention;

WHEREAS said resolutions must be provided to these Officers, at a minimum of 30 days, prior to the Annual State Convention;

WHEREAS the method for producing and disseminating (via U.S. mail) copies of the Resolutions to said Officers is quite expensive;

WHEREAS the monies spent on said expenses could be better reallocated to support a charitable cause or organization and;

WHEREAS most of said Officers have access to email or the internet.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Advocate will disseminate future resolutions via email to said Officers; the resolutions also will be posted on the Arkansas Knights of Columbus website; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that District Deputies will ensure each Grand Knight in his district has secured a copy of the resolutions for review and discussion at their next council meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that it is also the duty and responsibility of all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, who do not have access to email, to request a copy of the Resolutions from their District Deputy; other Officers who do not have internet access shall notify the State Advocate, who in turn will ensure a paper copy is provided to them. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 21: *WHEREAS*, from the founding of the Knights on Bikes by Sir Knight Raymond Medina in April 2005, this organization encompasses the pride of being a member of the Knights of Columbus with enjoyment of being a motorcyclist; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas Knights on Bikes, founded by Sir Knight Michael “Mickey” Huber and Sir Knight Jack Otten, uses the enjoyment of being a motorcyclist to evangelize the Catholic Faith and the tenants of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Knights on Bikes membership is open to any Knights of Columbus member in good standing who also rides a motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Knights on Bikes was established in 2009 with the objectives of: being of service to the Bishop and Priests of the Catholic Church; serving as another vehicle for the Knights of Columbus to foster Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; helping Catholic men grow in their faith as well as reaching out to the needy; staying true to the vision of Knights of Columbus founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney; supporting the Knights of Columbus activities in Arkansas; promoting motorcycle safety; and evangelizing and giving witness to our faith within the motorcycle community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 112th Annual Arkansas State Convention, Meeting April 24-25, 2020 in Little Rock, Arkansas, recognize the services and contribution of the Arkansas Knights on Bikes and extend profound gratitude to all members of the Knights on Bikes for their loyal and dedicated service to our beloved order, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Secretary be directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Grand Knight of Fr. Abbot Raphael DeSalvo Council 14619 for presentation to the Arkansas Knights on Bikes. (Submitted by Council 14619)

Resolution 22: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus hereby express their sincere thanks and appreciation to our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the Supreme Officers, and the Supreme Board of Directors for their “Outstanding Leadership” and hereby pledge our loyalty and support.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas State Council shall submit this resolution to the Supreme Council at the 2020, 138th Supreme Convention, in Washington, D.C. (Submitted by State Council)