

**Knights of Columbus
Arkansas State Council
108th State Convention, Hot Springs, AR
April 29- May 1st 2016**

Proposed Resolutions

Resolution 01: Whereas: The State Council of the Knights of Columbus needs to carry out the work of the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That each subordinate council shall be assessed a Per Capita Tax of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per active member and inactive member less their Honorary Life and Disabled Members as of record on January 1st of that year. With the exception that College Councils be assessed at the rate of 50% of this rate. Said tax will be due and payable at or before the Annual State Convention. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 02: Whereas: "The Arkansas Catholic" is the official publication of our Most Reverend Bishop and the Diocese of Little Rock and,

Whereas: The Arkansas Knights are in full support of "The Arkansas Catholic,"

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus fund "The Arkansas Catholic" an amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) from the Special Fund. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 03: Whereas: The State Chaplain is an important Spiritual Leader of the State Council,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the State Chaplain be given a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) stipend from the Special Fund at the State Convention. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 04: Whereas: There is a special need for our Most Reverend Bishop to attend the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That when our Most Reverend Bishop attends said convention, he will be reimbursed his travel expenses to and from the Supreme Convention from the Special Fund. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 05: Whereas: There is a need for our State Chaplain to attend the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That if the State Chaplain attends said convention, as a non-delegate, he will be reimbursed for his expenses from the Special Fund, an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00). (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 06: Whereas: The State Deputy often has requests for funds for deserving charities,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) be available from the Special Fund to the State Deputy for contributions to deserving charities. Not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) may be distributed to any one such charity during the fraternal year. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 07: Whereas: The Supreme Council has established a matching interest fund program, known as “Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.” (Christopher Fund) whereby contributions from the Arkansas State Council will be matched by the Supreme Council on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to a maximum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per new member in Arkansas, and

Whereas: It is deemed beneficial to the Arkansas State Council to avail itself of such a matching fund program and thereby enter into a cooperative arrangement with the Supreme Council, whereby church-related charities of Arkansas State Council will receive greater benefits, and

Therefore Be It Resolved: To continue in the Supreme Council’s Matching Interest Fund Program that was adopted by Resolution #134 at the 1992 Supreme Convention.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council shall contribute enough monies from our Charity Drive to maintain a minimum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per member in the Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (Christopher Fund). Said monies are to be contributed as soon as practical after the conclusion of the fund-raising event, it being understood that the interest earnings will be credited in the fund as of June 30th and December 31st of each year.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the recipients of our earning from the fund shall be as follows: Subiaco Coury House; Catholic Youth Ministry; Diocese of Little Rock; Respect life, Diocese of Little Rock; Religious Education Ministry, Diocese of Little Rock; Catholic Campus Ministries, Diocese of Little Rock; Carmelite Monastery and the Monastery of Marylake in Little Rock. All seven (7) organizations shall share equally in the fund. The proceeds are payable to the charities as soon as the funds are available, and distributed by the State Deputy in an appropriate presentation. Amounts of the donations will be published following the presentation by the State Deputy and noted in the State treasurer report at the organizational/ mid- year meeting as appropriate. The amounts should be noted in the State Treasurer report at the State Convention.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved: Arkansas Christopher Fund Committee shall consist of the State Deputy, Immediate Past State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, and two (2) at-large members to perform all acts necessary in administering this fund. (Submitted by Council812)

Resolution 08: Whereas: The Arkansas Knights of Columbus hereby express our support for the ABBA House, founded by Mother Teresa and staffed by the Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta; their Mission of providing a home and assistance for unwed, expecting mothers through the hard times before the birth of their child is helping to save the unborn,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council will support the work of the Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta (ABBA House) in Little Rock with a donation of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) from the Special Fund. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 09: Whereas: The Arkansas Fraternal Alliance is a vital part of the Fraternal Activities of the Knights of Columbus, and

Whereas: They provide an important function of overseeing proposed legislation on the state level.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the State Council continues its membership on the local level by paying the annual dues, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars(\$100.00), and that the State Deputy appoint an Insurance representative to said Congress. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 10: Whereas: The Arkansas State Knights whole-heartedly support the work of the Vocation Ministry, Diocese of Little Rock,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council will support the Vocations Ministry with a donation of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from our Special Fund. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 11: Whereas: That each subordinate council is encouraged to establish a “Pennies from Heaven Fund,”

Therefore Be It Resolved: That each subordinate council is encouraged to establish a “Pennies from Heaven Fund” for the benefit of members and others in their local areas, who suffer losses as a result of a disaster, disabling sickness/injury or similar misfortune. Fifty percent (50%) of the annual collection by the council is to be turned into the “State Pennies from Heaven Fund,” in the April prior to the State Convention. Expenditures from the State Fund are to be requested by the Grand Knight in writing through the “Pennies from Heaven” Chairman. Mandatory contribution by the council is not required, but is recommended. Final distribution is at the discretion of the State “Pennies from Heaven” Chairman and the State Deputy. Contributions are to be up to a maximum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per individual/family per occurrence. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 12 A; Whereas: The members of the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas need to be kept aware of all expenditures from the State Council Funds on a timely basis,

Therefore Be It Resolved; That the State deputy cause to have distributed a report of expenditures from the State General, Special, Charities Inc, Campaign for Persons with Intellectual disabilities (CPID) Collections ,and Pennies From Heaven Funds. The General and Special accounts spending’s are to be compared to the amounts budgeted for each of these periods. The first report of the Fraternal Year will be distributed no later than the mid-year meeting and the second report no later than the organizational meeting. A report of the distribution of the “Christopher Fund “will be included. These reports are to be distributed to

those in attendance at the meetings. A copy will be transmitted to each District Deputy and Grand Knight, not in attendance, for those without email addresses a hard copy will be furnished.
(Submitted by State council)

Resolution 13: Whereas: The State Council, through its members, has voted to have a State Budget. The budget should reflect the expected income and proposed expenditures for the next Fraternal Year. The passage of the budget report by the Convention Delegates shall constitute adoption of the budget, appropriation and sums budgeted, and assessments of the Per Capita Tax indicated.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the State Deputy appoints a committee, consisting of the Immediate Past State Deputy, State Secretary (Chairman), State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, and two (2) members at-large to prepare said budget for presentation at the annual State Convention. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 14: Whereas: Those members of our order who have held the office of State Deputy possess experience and valuable knowledge in the operation of the State Council and such experience and knowledge is useful to the officers of the State Council,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Past State Deputies Committee shall consist of members who have held the office of State Deputy within the jurisdiction of Arkansas. Said Past State Deputies must be in good standing and shall serve so long as they retain their eligibility. The Immediate Past State Deputy shall be Chairman of said committee. The committee shall serve as advisors to the State Officers. Specific duties assigned to the committee shall be:

1. Review all the resolutions and motions to be submitted to the State Council dealing with assessments of the expenditures of deposition of money or assets of the State Council. The recommendation for the Past State Deputies Committee shall be made known to the Resolution Committee and the membership before voting.
2. The Committee shall be authorized to perform any other duties as assigned by the State Deputy.

(Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 15: Whereas: The Knights of Columbus State Council programs are carried out through the local councils and the local councils should hold an annual Fund Raising Activity for Mentally Challenged Citizens no later than the second (2nd) weekend of October each year and a report must be submitted to the Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Chairman and the net money must be received by the State Secretary by December 1st to qualify for awards.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the net money sent to the State Secretary will be distributed as follows: Fifteen percent (15%) of the net to be contributed to the "ARC of Arkansas" for the funding of the "Knights of Columbus Summer Camps for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities." The remaining eighty-five percent (85%) of the net will be distributed by the individual councils to organizations that assist Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. All checks are to be made out

to the Designated Charitable Organizations and will be distributed to the councils by the State Treasurer, no later than the Mid-Year State Meeting. (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 16: Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas Knights hereby express deep and sincere thanks and appreciation to our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Officers and Supreme Board of Directors for the “Outstanding Leadership” in the Knights of Columbus and hereby pledge our loyalty and support. (Request that this resolution to be submitted to the 2016 Supreme Convention in Toronto, Canada.) (Submitted by Council 812)

Resolution 17: Whereas: The Knights of Columbus in Arkansas are leaders of the Church and, we champion the cause of vocations and support our Priests with the costs over \$32,000 per year to educate each of our Seminarians. Many of them cannot afford the cost of a proper suit of clothes to provide a professional appearance.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the State Council provides Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) from the Special Fund to the Diocese of Little Rock Vocations Director for the purpose to professionally clothe and prepare our Seminarians for the Priesthood. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 18: Whereas: The Knights of Columbus Retreats held at Subiaco are very important State Council sponsored events for Knights, Spouses and Widows of Knights and are weekends of prayer, reflection and renewed spiritual life, and the administration of the Coury House facilities by the Brothers is a main reason that our retreats are so well attended by Arkansas Knights and their spouses,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That in order to allow administration to continue at the high level necessary, a donation of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from the Special Account be presented to the Coury House Director at each of the two (2) retreats, for a total of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00). (Submitted by Council 7258)

Resolution 19: Whereas: The Knights of Columbus conducts two (2) retreats during the fraternal year at Subiaco, and they are very important State Council sponsored events, weekends of prayer, reflection and renewed spiritual life and, due to the shortage of Priests in the Diocese of Little Rock, it is becoming difficult to secure a Retreat Director due to their added expense of finding a substitute priest to attend to the Parish duties,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That in order to allow Diocesan Priests to serve as Retreat Director without suffering a financial loss, a donation of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) is made for each retreat weekend from the Special Fund and be presented to the Retreat Director at each retreat. A total of (\$700.00) (Submitted by Council 7258)

Resolution 20: Whereas: The Bishops of the Universal Church have in Ecumenical Council termed abortion an “Unspeakable Crime,” and The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock affirms the respect of the lives of the Most Vulnerable, including the Unborn, by participating in the annual March for Life, holding an all-night vigil at the Cathedral and having a pre-march Mass at a large auditorium,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the State Deputy be authorized to grant up to the amount donated from the Special Fund to the Diocese of Little Rock in support for March for Life expenses. Money that is collected transfers into the March for Life fund.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council encourages each local council to also contribute toward the Diocese and March for Life expenses and that they are notified in conjunction with the mailing of Per Capita Tax Statements by the State Secretary. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 21: Whereas: The Arkansas State Council provides an Olympic Town for the State Special Olympic Games and we have established an enjoyable charitable relationship with the mental and/or physically challenged in our state and have many Knights of Columbus volunteers who actively support the Arkansas Annual Special Olympic Games. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has formed a partnership with Special Olympics North America focused on local program development and future growth of both organizations with the primary focus being at the state levels. The partnership includes a commitment to link Special Olympic programs with Knights of Columbus State Councils in providing volunteer support and funding at the local levels. The annual Supreme Council commitment will be distributed to State Special Olympic organizations based on total Knight volunteer hours served, number of Knights in key volunteer roles, number of events in which the Knights of Columbus volunteered and total funds distributed by Knights of Columbus all in support of Special Olympics,

Therefore Be It Resolved: Special Olympics committee to develop a council program to support Special Olympics locally and at the area and State games and to hold fund-raising events for the benefit of Special Olympics.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council request each local council form a Special Olympics program. The awards Arkansas receives from the Supreme Council partnership will be based on Arkansas Knights participation financially and physically. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 22: Whereas: The State Secretary has the responsibility to prepare a directory. He shall prepare a hard copy directory with the addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the following: Supreme Officers, State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, State Program Directors/Chairmen, Council Chaplains, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors, Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Master, Master, Former Masters, Faithful Friars, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Columbian Squires Chief Counselor, Squire, Father Prior and Insurance Representatives. It shall be the obligation of the Financial Secretary and Faithful Comptroller to submit the needed information to the State Secretary.

Therefore Be It Resolved: If the Council Grand Knight or Assembly Faithful Navigator has an email address, a copy will be transmitted and if an email address is not available, the State Secretary will provide two hard copies to that Council or Assembly.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved: That the Immediate Past State Deputy will provide a list of the Past State Deputies requiring a hard copy. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 23: Whereas: It has been customary to reimburse the 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification Team for their travel expenses and the maintenance of equipment and robes used as the team goes to a particular council at the request of the District Deputy,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) contributed by the Host District Councils, will be given to the 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification Team when the team shows upon at an Exemplification Ceremony at the request of the Host District Deputy, whether the ceremony takes place or not. The Host District Deputy is to pay the Degree Team on the day of the exemplification. The State Council will provide the 3rd Degree Medallions at a cost of Five Dollars (\$5.00), to each candidate going through the 3rd Degree Exemplification. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 24: Whereas: Automobile fuel cost is constantly increasing, and the travel reimbursement cost per mile at the Supreme Council has increased,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the travel expense be reimbursed to attendees authorized by the State Deputy to attend State Council meetings at the rate specified by the Supreme Council from the General Fund, and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved: That each member driver from each council attending the State Council Workshops is reimbursed at that rate. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 25: Whereas: The Catholic Youth are the future of our order, it is incumbent on all active Councils in the Arkansas State Council to support, promote and provide financial support for the growth and well-being of all these fine young Catholic individuals.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council encourages each Council to contribute towards the Catholic Youth program, that they be notified in conjunction with the mailing of Per Capita Tax statements by the State Secretary, and that this money be placed in an account to be dispersed to the State Program Director as needed for awards. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 26: Whereas: The Hispanic Community is the fastest growing Catholic Ethnic Group in Arkansas. The Arkansas Knights of Columbus supports the development of the Hispanic Community.

Therefore Be It Resolved: The Arkansas State Council donates One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) from the Special Fund to the Hispanic growth. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 27: Whereas: The Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Council provides an Olympic Town for the State Special Olympic Games and has established an enjoyable charitable relationship with the mental and/or physically handicapped in our State and have many Knights of Columbus volunteers who actively support the Arkansas Annual Special Olympic Games.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council grant up to the amount donated from the Special Olympics Fund towards the operation of Olympic Town to be paid upon justification by the State Deputy and State Special Olympics Director.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council requests each local council to also contribute at least Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) towards this program and that they are notified in conjunction with the mailing of the Per Capita Tax by the State Secretary. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 28: Whereas: That the Arkansas State Council continues to make visible presence at the Supreme Convention by providing activities for those attending the convention.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That a fund not to exceed Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) is made available from the Special Fund for the State Deputy to provide (at his discretion) activities for the Arkansas delegation at the Supreme Convention. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 29: Whereas: That the Arkansas State Council continues to make a visible presence at the State Convention and at the Supreme Convention by providing state pins.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the State Deputy will have designed and made a pin that will represent Knights of Columbus in the State of Arkansas. These pins will be available for delegates at the State Convention and passed out at the Supreme Convention by the Arkansas delegation. Up to Fifteen Hundred Dollars(\$1500.00) will be made available from the Special Fund for this purpose. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 30: Whereas: The Knights of Columbus was formed by Father Michael J. McGivney to care for the widows of its deceased members and the widows of Past State Deputies are held in a position of special request in the Arkansas State Council and the Arkansas State Council wishes to extend its fellowship to them in a distinctive manner.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council will pay the State Convention Registration Fee from the Special Fund for a Past State Deputy's widow who attends the State Convention. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 31: Whereas: The Arkansas Knights of Columbus whole-heartedly support the work of the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock, and funds derived from the Bishop McDonald Charity Golf Classic held in prior years helped support Catholic Charities such as the Catholic Adoption Services, Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry, and the Arkansas Knights of Columbus itself can derive great benefits from working with the Bishop in public view.

Therefore Be It Resolved: The Arkansas State Council support and co-sponsor the Bishop McDonald Charity Golf Classic with a donation of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) from the Special Fund and also with the support from the State and Local Councils. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 32: Whereas: The Diocese of Little Rock is striving to keep the Catholic Community in Arkansas advised of Catholic activities and news in Arkansas on a timely basis, through Diocesan website www.dolr.org , either directly by the Diocesan Office or through other catholic organizations. The Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Council enjoys a remarkable relationship with the Bishop and the Diocesan office staff.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council donates Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) from the Special Fund to the Diocese of Little Rock website www.dolr.org to keep the Arkansas public informed of Catholic activities and news in Arkansas. (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 33: Whereas: Pope Francis called for Consecrated Life through education, prayer and activities. To adhere to the Pope's call a committee was formed to set visions and goals to promote the vocations; it also directed the formation of a broader Commission to implement and track the activities to meet these goals. This Committee also created a vision statement, "Wake up Arkansas to the Joy of Consecrated Life," and

Whereas: The Committee on Consecrated Life was charged with planning and implementing activities that will help increase the visibility of the Religious and promote religious vocations to the youth, young adults and the parishioners in the Diocese, and

Whereas: Some activities will allow Religious to give witness to their lives and help them connect with people in parishes, CCD, CYM, on campuses and in schools. One such activity will allow young Religious and discerners to share a meal and dialogue with the Bishop on a regional basis. These activities include: youth field trips, visits with a consecrated person, videos of religious life, posters of Seminarians/consecrated persons in initial formation, weekly articles on the Diocesan website/Arkansas Catholic, engaging Directors of catechesis, young and young adult ministry in the Diocese, engage universities, partnering with Sierra Club and local Knights of Columbus councils, promoting and executing Traveling Chalice program, engaging local media, advertising on billboards/local newspapers, integrating vocations into existing events, and producing religious community YouTube videos for our schools/parishes/public writ-large, and

Therefore Be It Resolved: That in order to fiscally assist the Commission, the Arkansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus will donate Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). (Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 34: Whereas: The Knights of Columbus wish to promote the growth of our Seminarians in the Diocese of Little rock, and

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus worldwide support and defend the Clergy at all levels from the Pope to our local Parish Priests, and

Whereas: We are the Body and soul of our Holy Church, and

Whereas: It is our DUTY as leaders of the Church to promote, recruit and support the addition of Men-of Faith as Seminarians to the roles of Holy Orders, and

Whereas: These men who are devoting their lives to the Priesthood for US need our continued financial help, and

Whereas: Our future Priests are on Our team and they need a uniform for ease of recognition throughout the state of Arkansas and at school.

Therefore Be it Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus budget Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) for a shirt designed as a gift for them to wear at informal events at school, church and when traveling. Funded by Special Fund 2.07.

(Submitted by Council 11604)

Resolution 35: Whereas: The Benedictine Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith respond to the needs of the people of God in a spirit of hospitality, simplicity, and reverence for one another and all creation and,

Whereas: Because of changes in their population and demographics they are in the process of having to make changes to their Monastery.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Arkansas State Council donate \$500 from the Special Fund to help St. Scholastica Monastery meet their needs. (Submitted by Council 11604)

Resolution 36: Whereas: The registration fee is used to pay for the registration of the Knight, spouse or guest; two breakfasts for all attendees; one lunch for Knights, ladies lunch, youth program, lunch and dinner; Saturday banquet; and taxes associated with these events, and:

Whereas: the cost of food and taxes continues to rise;

Therefore be it Resolved; That the State Convention registration fee be raised to \$95.00 and the State Council By-Laws shall be changed to reflect this change.

(Submitted by Council 996)

Revised and final copy,
Respectfully submitted by:

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