

Knights of Columbus Arkansas State Council

Proposed Resolutions

110th State Convention, Bentonville, AR

27 - 29 April 2018

Resolution 1: *WHEREAS* the State Deputy often receives requests for monetary contributions and 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 said charitable organizations whose values and goals 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 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 provide 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 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 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 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 the State Council shall encourage subordinate councils to participate in Bishop McDonald Charity Golf Classic and 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 Council 10208)

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 Council 10208)

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 the 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 the Arkansas Knights of Columbus shall provide 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 Knights of Columbus maintain constant and dedicated solidarity with our Bishop, Priests, and Clergy, in continuous harmony with and in support of the Diocese of Little Rock; and

WHEREAS the State Council has a special relationship with and resolute intention to support the needs of the DOLR in faith-based initiatives in consonance with the Knights' precepts of charity, unity, and fraternity and our continuing emphasis upon building and supporting the Domestic Church; and

WHEREAS Calvary Cemetery covers more than 30 acres of land that was donated to the diocese in 1823--one of the oldest cemeteries in Arkansas (located in Little Rock), and

WHEREAS since 1933, many priests who served the diocese have been buried in what has come to be called the "Priests' Circle" at the cemetery. Many of our currently serving priests will someday be laid to rest at the Calvary Cemetery Priest's Circle, the official cemetery for the Diocese of Little Rock.

- We believe those loyal DOLR priests earned and deserve our respect, diligence and devotion to ensure they rest in peace with quiet dignity, tranquility, and in an appropriate environment honoring their services to Arkansas parishioners.
- We believe our brother Knights should and will experience a continuing bond with their priests and brother Knights and all Knights should wish to ensure the final resting place of for our priests reflects our reverence for them.
- We believe our Seminarians who may make the same lifelong commitment to our Bishop and his successors as all diocesan priests, can and should experience valuable personal spiritual depth in the knowledge that as we and they care for these priests, they too, will be cared for at this, their probable final resting place.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER KNOWN:

- The "Priests Circle" at Calvary Cemetery has been neglected for many years. Those men of God resting in the Priest's Circle devoted their lives to their Catholic faith, and to the Diocese of Little Rock and service to their parishioners. They deserve better.
- Sadly, there are extensive areas of barren dirt and patches of weeds, and virtually no planted grass throughout the neglected "Priest's Circle" area. Simply put, the appearance of the area is a travesty that does no honor to our deceased priests.
- Many older grave markers are virtually unreadable, stained with oak tannins and other weathering damage, built up over many years of neglect.
- Monsignor Bernard Malone faithfully served the DOLR for 67 years until his death in July 2017. As of December his grave, along with another recently deceased (unknown to us) priest, remain unmarked and woefully neglected.

WHEREAS liaison and coordination with DOLR has been initiated, and a strategic plan to enhance the Priest's Circle has been developed and verbally approved by DOLR.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER KNOWN:

- Plans have been developed that currently address cleanup of grave markers, ground's cleanup, soil aeration, grass planting (or sodding), some appropriate evergreen landscape accents, meditation benches, some tree pruning and or removal, and perhaps provide a statue or a Priest's Circle marker and directional signs to this location. The volunteer group will hopefully also include representation from the Diocese, and the State Knights of Columbus organization.

WHEREAS there will be costs attendant to carrying out the strategic plan as developed. Some limited funds have already been raised to defray anticipated expenses. Other exogenous financial support will be needed. The extent of necessary and possible improvements will depend upon funds available and volunteer support from our Knights. A fund-raising goal of \$3,000 seems adequate for current plans. Given funds on hand at this time, we appeal to the State Council to help financially support this Knight's initiative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Arkansas State Council shall support this faith-based and critical initiative by providing a stipend of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) from Special Fund to be used exclusively for the clean-up and landscaping of the Priest's Circle at Calvary Cemetery, Little Rock.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and directed by the State Council, that during the Spring and early summer of 2018, The Sacred Heart of Jesus parish Knights of Columbus Daniel P. Sullivan Council 10208, and Knights of Columbus Father Victor A. Bieberle Assembly 2316 will form and lead a task force to finalize and execute the initial Strategic Plan to rectify the grim situation at the Priest's Circle at Calvary Cemetery in Little Rock. (Submitted by Council 10208)

Resolution 15: *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 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 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 16: *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 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 17: *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 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 18: *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 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 costs thus freeing resources for the service of God's people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Arkansas Knights of Columbus donate eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820) from the State Council Special Fund to assist the St. Scholastica Monastery. (Submitted State Council)

Resolution 19: *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 the Arkansas Knights of Columbus purchase 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 20: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus maintains a constant and dedicated solidarity with our Bishop, Priests and Clergy; and has a resolute intention to support the needs of the DOLR in faith-based initiatives in consonance with the Knights’ precepts of charity, unity, and fraternity; our Order’s primary emphasis is “Building the Domestic Church”; and

WHEREAS Respect Life continues to be one of the core values of our Order; and

WHEREAS attendance at the Mass for Life at the Cathedral has increased so much that there was not enough to accommodate everyone; the 2018 Youth Mass had over 700 in attendance; and

WHEREAS the DoLR desires to combine both Masses (Youth Mass and the Mass for Life) and have it at the Robinson Center Performance Hall, and

WHEREAS there is a great desire to have everyone participate in a Eucharistic Procession for Life prior to Mass for Life in Little Rock, and

WHEREAS most parishes have Eucharistic Adoration, so DoLR believes that there is no reason to continue the Vigil at the Cathedral; therefore the DOLR will ask each parish to host their own Vigil for Life -- this will save on the security expenses at the Cathedral; and

WHEREAS the cost to rent the Robinson Center is three thousand dollars (\$3000.00); and

WHEREAS the money donated by councils each year for the Respect Life fund has exceeded two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and this year will go toward the cost of renting the venue.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Council shall donate up to one thousand dollars (\$1000) from the State Council Fund to the DoLR Respect Life office to be used to rent the Robinson Center for the Mass for Life. (Submitted by Council 15867)

Resolution 21: *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 with the exception of college councils, which shall be assessed at 50% of this rate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that said tax shall be paid before the Annual State Convention.
(Submitted by State Council)

Resolution 22: *WHEREAS* the Arkansas Knights of Columbus subordinate councils submit resolutions to the State Advocate for consolidation and dissemination to the State Officers, Past Grand Knights, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and 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 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 23: *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 2018 Supreme Convention in Baltimore, MD. (Submitted by State Council)

Nomination for State Deputy: *WHEREAS:* Council# 7258 of the Knights of Columbus desires to have one of its own elected to the position of State Deputy, and

WHEREAS: Brother Roy Anderle is currently serving his Second term as State Secretary, and

WHEREAS: Brother Roy Anderle has served as State Treasurer for two (2) years, and

WHEREAS: Brother Roy Anderle has served as the State Church Director for six (6) years, and

WHEREAS: Brother Roy Anderle has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for thirty three (33) years and a 4th Degree member for thirty two years (32) years, and

WHEREAS; Brother Roy Anderle has served as District Deputy of District 10 for two years and as District Deputy for District 4 for two years, and

WHEREAS: Brother Roy Anderle has served his Councils as Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and numerous other Offices and Director Positions, and

WHEREAS: Brother Roy Anderle serves on a First and Fourth Degree Exemplification team, and

WHEREAS: Brother Roy Anderle serves his Parish as an Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, Usher, and has served on the Parish Council,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the name of Brother Roy Anderle be entered into the running for State Deputy for the 2018-2019 Fiscal year. (Submitted by Council 7258)

Nomination for State Secretary: *WHEREAS:* Council 10908 of the Knights of Columbus wishes to have one of its own be elected to the position of State Secretary, and

WHEREAS: Alan Halman has served his Council as Youth Director, Membership Director, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and retention chairman, is a member and a trustee of the 4th degree, and

WHEREAS: Alan serves his parish as Eucharistic Minister, Lector and has served as Parish Council President and is on the Finance Committee and Parish Life Board, and

WHEREAS: Alan has served his community on the Wonderview School Board, as Secretary, Vice President and President, and High School Baseball coach, and

WHEREAS: Alan has served as District Deputy #8 and was State Warden and State Advocate and is currently serving his final term as State Treasurer, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the name of Brother Alan Halman be entered into the running of State Secretary for 2018 -2019. (Submitted by Council 10908)

Nomination for State Treasurer: *WHEREAS:* Council 9396 of the Knights of Columbus wishes to have one of its own be elected to the position of State Treasurer, and

WHEREAS: Lloyd Cambre is currently serving as District Deputy 10 for two (2) years, received the State District Deputy Award for 2016 – 2017, and

WHEREAS: Lloyd has served his Council as Chancellor, Advocate, and Grand Knight for three years, numerous other Officer and Director positions, and

WHEREAS: Lloyd has developed a 2nd/3rd Degree Team for District 10, and is a member of the 4th Degree Team in the Little Rock area, and

WHEREAS: Lloyd serves his Parish as Lector, Usher, and assists with Annual Parish Picnic for Our Lady of Fatima, and

WHEREAS: Lloyd has served his community on the Habitat for Humanity Annual builds, and

WHEREAS: Lloyd is a Sir Knight of Assembly 2316 and currently serves as Scribe, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the name of Lloyd Cambre is entered into the running for the position of State Treasurer for the 2018-2019 fraternal year. (Submitted by Council 9396)

Nomination for State Warden: *WHEREAS,* Council #14619 of the Knights of Columbus desires to have one of its own re- elected to the position of State Warden and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman has served the Arkansas State Council as State Warden for 2 years and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman is a Charter Member of his council serving as Grand Knight for 2 years, as Financial Secretary for 4 years, and as Warden, and serves as Chancellor of the First Degree Team and,

WHEREAS, during his term as Financial Secretary, was awarded Knight of the Year in 2013 by the Arkansas State Jurisdiction and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman is currently serving St. Benedict Assembly 3084 as Faithful Comptroller and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman has served his Parish as an adult education instructor, Safe Environment facilitator, parish council secretary, financial committee member, and as Eucharistic minister at St. Meinrad Parish in Prairie View, AR and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman is actively involved in his community with Midway Rural Fire Association, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the name of Brother Michael Bowman is entered into the running for the position of State Warden. (Submitted by Council 14619)