

REPORT OF THE 2020 RESOLUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Members of the State Council,

As required by the State Bylaws, a Resolutions and Bylaws committee was appointed by the State Deputy to review the resolutions passed by councils as well as the proposed bylaw modifications.

This report provides to the State Council our recommendations on these matters.

Committee

A special word of appreciation and thanks is given the following men who through their patience, experience, and good humor provided invaluable assistance, guidance and direction in the review of the resolutions and the formulation of the changes to the State Bylaws.

- Jack Hahn, State Advocate, Chair
- Pierre Vilain, DD#9
- Bill King, DD#16
- Nicholas Young, GK 4888

RESOLUTIONS

The committee reviewed several resolutions submitted. These are found as Appendix A to this document.

The committee recommends the following action be taken on the submitted resolutions as shown in Appendix A.

- The committee recommends **Adoption** of resolution 1,
Gratitude To The Supreme Council
- The committee recommends **Adoption** of resolution 2,
Appreciation And Unwavering Support For Pope Francis
- The committee recommends **Adoption** of resolution 3,
Thanking All Local, State, Federal Law Enforcement, And First Responders For Their Service

The committee recommends **Adoption** of resolution 4,
In gratitude to all doctors, nurses, care givers, and support staff

The committee recommends **Adoption** of resolution 5,
In gratitude to all transportation, food, and coronavirus essential personnel

- The committee recommends **Adoption** of resolution 6,
In Support Of Our Military
- The committee recommends **Adoption** of resolution 7,
Support For Responsible And Faithful Citizenship

Fraternally,

Jack Hahn, State Advocate, Chair Resolutions and Bylaws Committee
Pierre Vilain, DD#9
Bill King, DD #16
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Appendix A
Resolutions

Resolution – 1

GRATITUDE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal and service organization in the world; and,

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus is enjoying growth in its Membership and Insurance in force; and,

WHEREAS: The State of Alabama could not be a Leader in the Knights of Columbus without the guidance, leadership, and assistance from the Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Board of Directors, General and Field Agents, and the Supreme Representative; and,

WHEREAS: The dedication of all those working at the Supreme Council is displayed everyday through assistance to our State Council and its membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 23, 2020 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet, wishes to thank the Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain, the Supreme Board of Directors, General and Field Agents, and the Supreme Representative for a job well done, and asks the Supreme Knight to relay our gratitude to all those who work tirelessly for the success of the Alabama State Council, and all of the councils of the Order, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That we wish to commend all those at Supreme who have worked tirelessly to lead and to serve the Order through this period of pandemic. We ask the Supreme Knight to relay our extreme gratitude to all.

Resolution - 2

**APPRECIATION AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR
POPE FRANCIS**

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: Pope Francis has been a faithful servant of the Church and global Christian community throughout his lifetime; and,

WHEREAS: Pope Francis has faithfully and dutifully served the Church and needs of the global Christian community since his election as Supreme Pontiff in March 2013; and,

WHEREAS: Pope Francis known for his humility, his emphasis on God's mercy, his concern for the poor, and his commitment to interfaith dialogue, and has ardently worked to maintain that the Church should be more open and welcoming; and,

WHEREAS: Pope Francis maintains the traditional views of the Church and has been a major supporter of the cause of the Culture of Life; and,

WHEREAS: Pope Francis served the Church in the role of Cardinal from his native country, Argentina; and,

WHEREAS: Pope Francis has been a champion for world peace; and,

WHEREAS: Pope Francis has traveled extensively around the world spreading the gospel of Christ, and

WHEREAS: Pope Francis has lead our entire planet in prayer and blessing via his Urbi et Orbi for the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 23, 2020 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet hereby petitions the Supreme Council to express our deepest appreciation to Pope Francis and dedicate our unwavering support to him in serving the Church and the needs of the global Christian community.

Resolution - 3

THANKING ALL LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL LAW ENFORMENENT, AND FIRST

RESPONDERS FOR THEIR SERVICE

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: The men and women of our local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies, regularly put their lives on the line on a daily basis to protect and to serve all; and,

WHEREAS: The members of our local, state, and federal first responder agencies are working hard each and every day to ensure that our lives and property are safe; and,

WHEREAS: Many of the men and women who proudly serve in local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies are Catholic Christians; and,

WHEREAS: Many of these men and women are Knights or family and friends of Knights; and,

WHEREAS: Supporting local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies is a major focus of the Knights of Columbus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 23, 2020 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet, hereby petitions the Supreme Council to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies, and pledge our unwavering support to them and offer our continuous prayers for their safety.

Resolution – 4

IN GRATITUDE TO ALL DOCTORS, NURSES, CARE GIVERS, AND SUPPORT STAFF

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: The current pandemic is ravishing human life; and,

WHEREAS: Doctors, nurses, care givers, and support staff engaged in the preservation of life for all those afflicted by the coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS: Despite great risks and hardships being faced by those seeking to preserve life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 23, 2020 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet hereby petition the Supreme Council to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all doctors, nurses, care givers, and support staff for their tireless and heroic efforts in curing those afflicted by the scourge and for working to find a way to prevent it from afflicting others.

Resolution - 5

IN GRATITUDE TO ALL TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, AND ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: The United States has been placed in a “shelter in place” directive in many locations; and,

WHEREAS: This has placed a heavy burden on our unemployment and social structure; and,

WHEREAS: Essential goods, medicines, and food are needed on a continual basis; and,

WHEREAS: The selfless acts of those who transport and supply these essential materials are helping to maintain our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 23, 2020 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet hereby petition the Supreme Council to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all involved in the production, transport, distribution, and other essential services for their selfless acts in seeing to the well-being of all.

Resolution – 6

IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has supported our Military since the beginning of our Beloved Order; and,

WHEREAS: The Supreme Council has worked diligently to provide aid and support the men and women who both currently serve and have served our country; and,

WHEREAS: The Supreme Council has programs to aid our wounded warriors as they return home to their families; and,

WHEREAS: The Supreme Council holds a special place in the hearts and minds of all Brother Knights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 23, 2020 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet hereby asks the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to thank these brave men and women for their service to the United States of America.

Resolution - 7

SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE AND FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus shares the Church's conviction that our obligation to shape the moral character of society is a requirement of our Catholic faith; and,

WHEREAS: All Christians have a responsibility to seek the justice of God's kingdom, restoring the temporal order and directing it to God through Christ; and,

WHEREAS: The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that it is morally necessary to exercise the right to vote, to defend one's country, and to offer prayers for all who exercise authority; and,

WHEREAS: The Church affirms that democracy is the best expression of the direct participation of citizens in political choices; and,

WHEREAS: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds all Americans, that responsible citizenship is a virtue; and,

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus has a long history of encouraging its membership and others to act on their duty of responsible and faithful citizenship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That we rededicate ourselves to our founding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in all of our interactions with others so that we may conduct ourselves according to Our Lord's commandment that we love our neighbors as ourselves, for he said, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35), and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That we will seek to build upon past efforts and programs designed to educate fellow citizens of their duties of faithful citizenship, and in a non-partisan way to help fellow Knights and other citizens to participate fully in the political process; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 23, 2020 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet hereby petitions the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to hereby adopt this resolution.