

REPORT OF THE 2021 RESOLUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Worthy 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 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.

- Pat Jackson, State Advocate, Chair
- Danny Garcia, State Secretary
- Scott Hetrick, FS 13125
- Steve Koach, PSD, FDM, Program Director
- Nicholas Young, GK 4888

RESOLUTIONS

The committee reviewed several resolutions, which are summarized below. They are found in full in Appendix A of this document. The committee recommends adoption of all resolutions.

- Resolution 1
Gratitude To Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for 20 Years of Outstanding Faithful Service
- Resolution 2
Congratulations To Newly Elected Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly
- Resolution 3
Thanking All Local, State, Federal Law Enforcement, And First Responders For Their Service
- Resolution 4
In gratitude to all doctors, nurses, care givers, and support staff
- Resolution 5
In Support Of Our Military
- Resolution 6
Support For Responsible And Faithful Citizenship

BYLAWS

The committee reviewed three changes to the bylaws. All changes were unanimously agreed upon by the committee, and the adoption of these changes is recommended.

In Article 5, Section 1, titles of current State Directors were updated to reflect the current offices. The Council, Youth and Culture of Life Director titles were removed as these offices no longer exist. The word Family was removed from the Life Director's title.

In Article 9, Section 2 a typographical error was corrected. A reference to the Priesthood Scholarship Fund called out Article 9, Section 6. This should have been Article 9, Section 5.

Article 9, Section 6 was rewritten. The verbiage for the Contingency Fund was replaced with verbiage for the Charity Fund. This necessitated an update to Article 9, Section 1b, where the Contingency Fund reference was replaced with the Charity Fund reference.

Fraternally,

Pat Jackson, State Advocate, Chair Resolutions and Bylaws Committee

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Appendix A
Resolutions

Resolution – 1

**GRATITUDE TO PAST SUPREME KNIGHT CARL ANDERSON FOR
TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND FAITHFUL SERVICE**

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson successfully led the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal and service organization in the world, for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus enjoyed growth in its Membership and Insurance in force around the world, and the evolution and implementation of numerous new programs and forward-looking policies during that time; 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 and all those at the Supreme Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 24, 2021 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet, wishes to thank the Past Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain, the Supreme Board of Directors, General and Field Agents, and the Supreme Representative for a job very 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 the Supreme office 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK KELLY

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly was duly elected by the Supreme Board of Directors and assumed his office on March 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS: The Supreme Knight has faithfully served the Church, the Order and community for many years; and

WHEREAS: The Supreme Knight meritoriously served our great Nation in military service in the US Navy for over 24 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 24, 2021 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet hereby conveys our heartfelt congratulations and sincerest good wishes to our new Supreme Knight, and dedicate our unwavering support to him in serving the Church, the Order and the needs of the global Christian community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That we wish to commend these same congratulations and good wishes to our newly elected Deputy Supreme Knight Paul O'Sullivan and Supreme Secretary Patrick Mason.

Resolution - 3

**THANKING ALL LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, 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 response 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 response 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 response 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 response 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 24, 2021 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 response 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 global pandemic has continued to ravish 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 24, 2021 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 continued tireless and heroic efforts in treating those afflicted by this scourge and for working to find a way to prevent it from afflicting others.

Resolution – 5

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 24, 2021 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 - 6

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 24, 2021 in the jurisdiction of Alabama via the internet hereby petitions the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to hereby adopt this resolution.