

## **REPORT OF THE 2023 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 provided invaluable assistance, guidance and direction in the review of the resolutions and the formulation of the changes to the State Bylaws.

Brian Lagasse, State Advocate, Chair  
Tony Coyle, DD 11  
Terry Carmony, GK 17040  
Pat Nash, GK 17519

### **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 the supreme council*
- Resolution 2  
*Appreciation and unwavering support for Pope Francis*
- Resolution 3  
*Thanking All Local, State, Federal Law Enforcement, And First Responders For Their Service*
- Resolution 4  
*In Support Of Our Military*
- Resolution 5  
*Amendment to the Laws of the Supreme Council - Section 122(b)*

## BYLAWS

The committee reviewed 2 changes to the bylaws. All changes were unanimously agreed upon by the committee, and the adoption of these changes is recommended.

1. In Article 7, Section 8 the following paragraph be added:

*For determining the number of members for awards based on the size of the Council, the "Inactive" members as classified by Supreme shall be excluded from the count.*

2. Article 8, Section 4 to be amended as follows:

*Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Fund:*

*Once subordinate councils have completed their ID drive, **twenty per cent of the net proceeds, after all expenses have been deducted, are to be sent to the State Treasurer and marked for Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Fund. This should be done within thirty days after completion of the drive. The remaining** ~~Eighty~~ **percent of these funds will be are** available for Council disbursement **at the Council's discretion** to local projects that benefit citizens with intellectual disabilities. The ~~remaining~~ **twenty percent will be retained by the Alabama State Council, Knights of Columbus, for distribution to other projects that benefit citizens with intellectual disabilities.***

Fraternally,  
Brian Lagasse, State Advocate, Chair Resolutions and Bylaws Committee  
Tony Coyle, DD 11  
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Respectfully Submitted, April 13, 2023

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 every day 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 22, 2023 in Atmore, Alabama, 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.

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;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 22, 2023 in Atmore, Alabama 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 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 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 22, 2023 in Atmore, Alabama 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 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 22, 2023 in Atmore, Alabama 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 – 5

**AMENDMENT TO THE LAWS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Laws of the Knights of Columbus establish a structure of governance for the Supreme Council and all subordinate councils; and,

**WHEREAS:** From time to time it is prudent to amend one or more sections; and,

**WHEREAS:** Certain rules and procedures have been developed and, in some cases implemented, to address new issues and to ensure excellence in fraternal governance; and,

**WHEREAS:** Based on the increased costs of materials and services, staying at \$500 postpones some of the works by the council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 22, 2023 in Atmore, Alabama hereby asks the Supreme Council that in order to harmonize the Laws of the Knights of Columbus with certain new rules and procedures to amend the following sections of the Laws as follows:

**Council Funds**

SEC. 122.

(b) No money in excess of ~~\$500.00~~ **\$800.00** shall be paid or transferred from the treasury, of any council (except such moneys as the council is called upon to regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the laws of the Order, or for purposes approved by the Supreme Council, or Board of Directors) unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a monthly council meeting held subsequent to a monthly council meeting at which notice in writing of a resolution of intention to pay or transfer such money and the purposes and amount to be paid or transferred shall have been given and regularly read. Provided, however, that any council may, by bylaw, properly approved, provide and maintain a fund for rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families and families of deceased members. Said by-laws to state the manner in which, and by whom, the said fund is to be expended.