

REPORT OF THE 2025 RESOLUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Worthy 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 resolution and Bylaws proposed to the Councils for passage.

The report provided to the State Council are recommendations.

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.

- John Bares, State Advocate, Chair
- Jim Ford, DD 1
- Gary Mayers, DD 11
- James King, GK 1484

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
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Appreciation and Gratitude to Fr. Vernon F. Huguley, State Chaplain
- Resolution 7
Loyalty and Unwavering Support for Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

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.

In Article 13 the 7 delegates will consist of the State Offers, Past State Deputy, and One (1) elected at large delegate for the Supreme conventions.

In Article 8 the assessments on the membership of the Council will increase to Ten (\$10.00) dollars per member per fraternal year.

Fraternally,

John Bares, State Advocate, Chair Resolutions and Bylaws Committee
Jim Ford, DD 1
Gary Mayers, DD 11
James King, GK 1484

Respectfully Submitted, April 5, 2025

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 it's 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 it's membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 5, 2025, 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.

APPRECIATION AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR POPE FRANCIS

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: Pope Francis has been a faithful servant of the Church and the 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 5, 2025, in Atmore, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council to express our deepest appreciation to Pope Francis and that we dedicate our unwavering support to him in serving the Church and the needs of the global Christian community.

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 are major focuses of the Knights of Columbus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 5, 2025, 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.

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 5, 2025, 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.

In Solidarity with Archbishop Rodi and Bishop Raica

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, D.D., J.D., J.C.L. serves as Archbishop of the Diocese of Mobile, and

WHEREAS: Most Reverend Steven J. Raica, D.D., J.C.D. serves as Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, and

WHEREAS: They have been strong supporters of the Knights of Columbus, and

WHEREAS: As shepherds of the people of Alabama, they provide spiritual leadership and devotion to the Will of God;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 5, 2025, in Atmore, Alabama pledge our loyalty and support to Archbishop Rodi and Bishop Raica and all the priests and clergy of the Catholic Church in Alabama.

Appreciation and Gratitude to Fr. Vernon F. Huguley, State Chaplain

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: Very Reverend Vernon F. Huguley, State Chaplain of the Alabama State Council of the Knights of Columbus provides spiritual guidance, warm friendship, and wise counsel, and

WHEREAS: Father Huguley has continuously exemplified the principles of our Order and generously shares his knowledge, time, and counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 5, 2025, in Atmore, Alabama hereby express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for all his efforts and pledge to Fr. Huguley our continued loyalty and support.

Loyalty and Unwavering Support for Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

To Whom This May Come:

WHEREAS: Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly is the Chief Executive Officer of the world's largest Catholic family fraternal organization. He became a Knight in 1983, and

WHEREAS: Patrick Kelly was elected as the 14th Supreme Knight of the Order being appointed on March 1, 2021. He served as Deputy Supreme Knight from January 1, 2017 through February 28, 2021. In 2013, was elected to the Order's Board of Directors, and also served as the first Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington D.C., and

WHEREAS: Supreme Knight Kelly retired from the U.S. Navy with the Rank of Captain, after serving for twenty-four years. While in the Navy he served as the commanding Officer of the international law unit of the U.S. Naval War College, and

WHEREAS: Supreme Knight Kelly has served his church and country in additional capacities, including serving as Legislative Counsel to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Department of Justice, and

WHEREAS: Supreme Knight Kelly holds a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a master's in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute at Catholic University. He and his wife Vanessa are the parents of three daughters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 5, 2025, in Atmore, Alabama Council hereby pledge their loyalty and appreciation to our Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly for all he has done for the Order and pray he will continue to lead our Order to new heights with the help of Almighty God.

Bylaws Changes from Committee 2025

Article 13

Section 1. Supreme conventions delegates:

The State of Alabama Members vote on sending 7 delegates to the Supreme Convention; and The State Deputy and the last living Past State Deputy automatically become delegates. The other 5 delegates receiving the highest number of votes in order shall be first elect 3 insurance delegates and 2 associate delegates to the Supreme Convention. If at the time of the Supreme Convention, any such insurance or associate delegate is unable to attend the Supreme Convention, then his alternate shall be selected in the order of his precedence, according to the vote electing them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 5, 2025, in Atmore, Alabama will amend the Bylaws to state; The State Deputy, and State Officers (State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden), and the last living Past State Deputy will become six of the delegates. The 7th delegate and alternates will be elected by the members. The one receiving the highest number of votes in order shall be the elected delegate to attend the Supreme Convention. Alternates will be selected in the order of his precedence, according to the vote taken.

Bylaws Changes from Committee 2025

Article 8

Section 1. Assessments:

The State of Alabama assessments on the membership of the Council as shown by the Supreme Secretary's records; and the amount of eight (\$8.00) dollars per member per fraternal year. One-half of the assessment shall be paid no later than September 1st based on membership as shown by the Supreme Secretary's records of July 1st. and the other one-half shall be paid no later than March 1st based on membership as shown by the Supreme Secretary's records of January 1st.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 5, 2025, in Atmore, Alabama will amend the Bylaws to state; the assessment of the membership of the Council as shown by the Supreme Secretary's records shall be in the amount of Ten (\$10.00) dollars per member per fraternal year.