

Mississippi Jurisdiction

2013

Resolution Package

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109th Annual State Meeting

Vicksburg MS

April 25, 26 & 27

2013

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas,

The 2013 Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 109th Annual convention, and

Whereas,

The 2013 Convention Committee was comprised of Council 898, Vicksburg, and

Whereas,

The officers, members, and their wives have arranged to host such an outstanding convention,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

That the sincere appreciation of those in attendance be extended to the host council for the superior manner in which it discharged their responsibility.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

(Submitted by State Officers)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas,

Brother **Dannie Harris** and his lovely wife, **Sheila**, have honored this State Convention with their presence, and

Whereas,

Brother **Harris** is a Supreme Representative of the Knights of Columbus, and Past State Deputy of the **Kentucky** Jurisdiction, and

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that Brother **Harris'** address at the Convention Banquet will be extremely informative and well received by all,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Brother **Dannie Harris** and his wife, **Sheila**, and extends to them a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find it possible to do so.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Issued: State Advocate

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 3

Whereas,

Our Former Holy Father, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, dedicated eight years of his life as head of the Catholic Church and through prayerful consultation with God, has decided to retire as Pontiff, and

Whereas,

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has been an inspiration to us all and has led the Catholic Church with exemplary spiritual guidance, humility and compassion,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus sends its heartfelt praise and gratitude for his leadership and selfless sacrifice to the Church.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted by: State Advocate

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 4

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order and considered as the strong right arm of the Catholic Church, and

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council provides superb guidance and service to its more than 14,000 Councils and 1.8 million members,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus sincerely appreciates the efforts of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, his fellow Supreme Officers, Board of Directors, and Supreme Office Staff, and expresses its gratitude for their leadership and inspiration in furthering the cause of Columbianism, and

Be it Further Resolved,

That we pledge our loyalty and appreciation to our Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for all he has done in the name of our Order, and pray for his continued progress in leading our Order to greater successes.

Recommendation: Adopted

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

(Submitted by State Officers)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 5

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting the men and women in the armed forces of the United States, and

Whereas,

Many active members of the Knights of Columbus are or have been members of these armed forces, and

Whereas,

Members of the armed forces place their lives at risk to ensure the safety and freedom of the residents of the United States,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus expresses its sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women serving and those who served in the armed forces of the United States, and

Be it Further Resolved,

That the members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus continue to pray for the safety of the men and women serving in said armed forces.

Recommendation: Adopted

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 6

Whereas,

the Knights of Columbus members in Mississippi desire to reduce the number of abortions in Mississippi, and

Whereas,

ultrasound machines have been shown to reduce abortions because reports indicate that up to 90% of women considering an abortion choose to have their baby after seeing an ultrasound image of their child, and

Whereas,

in 2009 the Knight of Columbus Supreme Council established an Ultrasound Program which provides 50% of the cost of the purchase of Ultrasound machines, and

Whereas,

the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has encouraged all state and local councils to participate in the Ultrasound Program and as of November 2012, state and local councils in at least 44 jurisdictions have qualified for matching funds from the Supreme Council for the purchase of over 290 Ultrasound machines at a cost of over \$8,500,000, and

Whereas,

a few councils in the Mississippi jurisdiction have started fundraising to place an ultrasound machine in a local pregnancy care center, and

Whereas,

the cost of 2D Ultrasound machines ranges from \$20,000-\$40,000 and the cost of 3D Ultrasound machines ranges from \$40,000-\$60,000, several state councils have either coordinated fundraising among councils or established a statewide program to collect and pool funds for the purchase of Ultrasound machines, and

Whereas,

the Mississippi State Council desires to assist local councils in funding the placement of Ultrasound machines in pregnancy counseling centers in Mississippi and believes that a coordinated statewide program which pools funds raised by local councils can meet the financial costs of purchasing these machines through participation in the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Ultrasound Program

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus hereby establishes a Mississippi State Council Ultrasound Fund Program to receive donations from local councils, local pregnancy cares, individuals, companies and charitable organizations solely for the purpose of purchasing Ultrasound machines for pregnancy care centers in Mississippi which meet all the qualifying criteria established by Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Ultrasound Program, and

Be it Further Resolved,

that the officers of the Mississippi State Council will establish state guidelines, and procedures necessary administer the Mississippi State Council Ultrasound Fund Program so that it meets all qualifying criteria established by Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Ultrasound Program.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted: by the Mississippi State Council Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 7

Whereas,

The Mississippi Legislature created a specialty car tag promoting the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, with proceeds from the sales of such car tags going to the treasury of the State Council, and

Whereas,

The use of the proceeds from the sales of such car tags should be decided by resolution at the State Convention, and

Whereas,

The distribution was updated at the 108th State Convention assigning 50% to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund, 25% to Pro-Life efforts in the Biloxi Diocese and 25% to Pro-Life efforts in the Jackson Diocese, and

Whereas,

The Mississippi Jurisdiction wishes to specify the pro-life portion of this revenue to fund Ultrasound equipment in Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

That the proceeds received by the State Council from the sale of the Knights of Columbus specialty car tags during the 2013/2014 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

50% to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund
50% to the Mississippi Pro-Life Ultrasound Fund

Be It Further Resolved,

That each member of the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction is encouraged to support the above listed causes and to promote the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a Knights of Columbus specialty car tag.

Recommendation: Adopted

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted: Jim McCraw, State Treasurer

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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Resolution No. 8

Whereas,

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws state that the expenses of the State Officers, Delegates, District Deputies, and past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council Meeting for the ensuing annual meeting, and

Whereas,

Expenses for the State Membership Director, State Program Director and the six State Program Chairmen and those members deemed appropriate by the State Officers are determined by resolution at each State Council meeting for the ensuing annual meeting

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

That pursuant to Article IV, of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, per diem expenses for the Delegates, State Officers, District Deputies to the State Council Meeting are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$0.30 per mile one-way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid a per diem of \$75.00 per day for two days and no allowance for mileage, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That, per diem expenses for the State Membership Director, State Program Director, the six Service Program Directors and those members deemed appropriate by the State Officers to the State Council Meeting are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per day for two days, plus mileage at \$0.30 per mile one-way, to be based on mileage figures furnished by the Mississippi State Highway Department.

Recommendation: Adopted

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted by: Jim McCraw, State Treasurer

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 9

Whereas,

the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus elected Bishop William E. Lori as the new supreme chaplain of our Order in April 2005, to succeed Bishop Thomas V. Daily,

Whereas,

Bishop William E. Lori has been a Knight of Columbus for more than twenty five years, serving the Catholic Church in many trusted positions and our Order's spiritual advisor for 1.8 million members and their families,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

The Knights of Columbus have been blessed to be in Bishop Lori's spiritual care, and have been witnesses to his untiring defense of religious freedom, and pray for his continued blessing upon our Order.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 10

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Forty-Eighth Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 108th State Convention held in Long Beach, and

Whereas,

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction participated in the tournament, and

Whereas,

It is the express desire by vote of the participants to hold this activity again during the 2013 - 2014 fraternal year,

Now, Therefore be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council sponsors, at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament for its membership, said tournament to carry the official sanction of the United States Bowling Congress. The time, date, and place of the tournament will be set at the discretion of the host council, with all business for the tournament to be resolved at a meeting held during the tournament. The chairman of the bowling tournament will give a report at the State convention, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council presents, at no expense to itself and as provided by the bowling association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

(Submitted by State Officers)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thomas F. Chady Annual Golf Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 108th State Convention held in Long Beach, and

Whereas,

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction participated in the tournament, and

Whereas,

It is the express desire by vote of the participants to hold this activity again during the 2013 - 2014 fraternal year,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense to itself, the official Annual Thomas F. Chady Memorial State Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament for its membership. The tournament should be held at an opportune time each year; the place of the tournament will be set at the discretion of the host council, with all business for the tournament to be resolved at a meeting held during the tournament. The chairman of the golf tournament will give a report at the ensuing State Convention, and,

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council present at no expense to itself and as provided by the appropriate golf association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament. A traveling plaque to recognize the annual first place team and their home council which will then be displayed at the Vicksburg Council after the official presentation at the State Convention, and

Be It Further Resolved,

This State Golf Tournament is not to be confused with nor take the place of the annual golf tournament held in conjunction with State Conventions, and,

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

(Submitted by: Noel Aucoin, State Advocate)

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 12

Whereas, Individual Councils, of the Knights of Columbus, are required to keep updated by-laws and

Whereas, The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus is requiring that these by-laws are maintained in an electronic format on the Supreme Website and

Whereas, State Deputies and State Advocates are often called upon to render decisions based on the updated Council by-laws and

Whereas, Currently only the Grand Knight and Council Advocate have access to the updated electronic version of the Council by-laws on the Supreme website

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus recommend that State Deputies and State Advocates be given electronic access to the Council by-laws under their jurisdiction

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted: State Advocate, Noel Aucoin

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 13

Whereas,

the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is proposing a Second Responders Task Force, and

Whereas,

the Supreme Council has chosen the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus to pilot the program, and

Whereas,

the state of Mississippi has established the Mississippi Voluntary Organizations in Disaster (Mississippi VOAD) to help organize and consolidate relief efforts, and

Whereas,

membership in Mississippi VOAD could prove to be extremely beneficial to the Knights of Columbus Second Responders Task Force, and

Whereas,

the fee to join the Mississippi VOAD is \$50.00 per year.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

that the Mississippi State Council will pay the \$50.00, yearly fee, to join Mississippi VOAD and supply representatives to attend the regularly scheduled informational meetings.

Be it Further Resolved,

that individual councils will not be assessed any additional Per Capita Tax in order to cover the yearly fee.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted: Noel Aucoin, State Advocate.

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 14

Whereas,

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina has dedicated forty-four years to the Priesthood and

Whereas,

The conclave of Cardinals, upon the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, gathered and elected Cardinal Bergoglio, Supreme Pontiff, the first Pope ever selected from the Americas and

Whereas,

Cardinal Bergoglio assumed leadership of the Holy Catholic Church, March 13, 2013 as Pope Francis, another first

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus affirms its loyalty and allegiance to the Vicar of Christ, Pope Francis, and passionately prays for his continued good health and continued guidance to the Holy Catholic Church.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted by: State Advocate

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 109th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 15

Whereas,

Knights of Columbus Councils, Assemblies and Ladies Auxiliaries in Mississippi perform many charitable activities that benefit Mississippi communities, and the Knights of Columbus members in Mississippi desire to increase community support and involvement in our activities, and

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council believes that many people in Mississippi --- especially those who are not Catholic --- are unaware of the scope and impact Knights of Columbus activities have on Mississippi communities, and

Whereas,

Publicity of Knights of Columbus activities should foster a greater community appreciation of the charitable works the Knights perform, and Publicity of Knights of Columbus activities may lead to an increase in Catholic men seeking to join our Order, and

Whereas,

The Knight of Columbus Supreme Council, the Mississippi State Council and local councils all collect and report data on the charitable works Knights do in Mississippi, and

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council believes it would be beneficial to more widely publicize and distribute the data we collect on an annual and historical basis to the people of Mississippi regarding the charitable works Knights perform in Mississippi

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council will compile an annual statewide report of activities by July 30 each year which will contain the following information for previous Supreme Year (July 1 – June 30): the number of Mississippi Councils, the total number of members, the total amount of monetary donations, the total amount of volunteer hours, the number of programs performed by Councils reported in each of the six Supreme program areas; the annual amount and the since inception amount of funds donated to the state programs for Seminarian Education, Culture of Life, and People with Intellectual Disabilities, and

Be it Further Resolved,

The State Secretary of the Mississippi State Council will compile this report for posting on the Mississippi State Council website and for distribution to the Supreme Council, to all Mississippi Councils, Assemblies and Ladies Auxiliaries and to various state media outlets as the Mississippi State Council Officers deem appropriate.

Recommendation: No Action – requires further evaluation & definition

Action: Recommendation approved by State Council

Submitted: Officers of the Mississippi State Council