

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 110th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 1

Whereas,

The 2014 Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 110th Annual convention, and

Whereas,

The 2014 Convention Committee was comprised of Councils 848, Jackson, 7854, Clinton, 8038, Pearl, 8285, St. Therese, 9543, Madison, 10216 Brandon/Flowood, 11934, Gluckstadt, and 15131, St Richard of Chichester, 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 councils for the superior manner in which they discharged their responsibility.

Recommendation: In the last paragraph change council to councils, and also change it to they. Approve as amended.

Action: Approved as amended by the State Council.

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 2

Whereas,

Brother **Daniel J. Baker** and his lovely wife, **Donna**, have honored this State Convention with their presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Baker, a **Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus**, and **Past State Deputy** of the Georgia Jurisdiction, and

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that **Brother Baker's** 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 Daniel J Baker** and his wife, Donna, and extends to them a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find it possible to do so.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted by: State Advocate, Philip Jabour

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RESOLUTION Number 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 retired 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: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted by: State Advocate, Philip Jabour

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RESOLUTION Number 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: Adopt

Action: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 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: Adopt

Action: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 6

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,

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 2014/2015 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: Adopt

Action: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted by: State Treasurer, Noel Aucoin

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 110th Annual State Convention
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Resolution Number 7

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, and 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 for those individuals staying in the designated hotel or attending both convention banquets. And they will be paid mileage at the rate of \$0.30 per mile one-way, 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 for those individuals staying in the designated hotel or attending both convention banquets. And they will be paid mileage at the rate of \$0.30 per mile one-way, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That should the hotel cost for the State Council Meeting exceed \$140.00 per night before taxes and fees, the State Council Officers, may approve an additional \$25.00 per diem for two days for all attendees who are entitled to a per diem and who stayed in the approved hotel.

Recommendation: Amend paragraphs three and five as shown above and adopt.

Action: Adopted as amended by the State Council

Submitted by: Noel Aucoin, State Treasurer

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RESOLUTION Number 8

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: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 9

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 109th State Convention held in Vicksburg, 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 2014 - 2015 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: Delete Forty ninth from the first paragraph and Adopt

Action: Adopted as amended by the State Council

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 110th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION Number 10

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thomas F. Chady Annual Golf Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 109th State Convention held in Vicksburg, 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 2014 - 2015 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: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted by: State Advocate, Philip Jabour

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RESOLUTION Number 11

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: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted by: State Advocate, Philip Jabour

Resolution #13
A Resolution to Establish a Fund
To Provide Newly Ordained Priests in our State
with Vestments and a Mass kit

Whereas

It is the duty of the Knights of Columbus to support the Church and her priests in support of their mission

Whereas

Newly ordained priests in our state have to rely on gifts and their own resources to provide their vestments and chalices

Whereas

These can present a financial burden to the newly ordained priest

Be it resolved

The Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus will establish a fund to provide these items for each newly ordained priest in the state, regardless of diocese, if they have not otherwise been provided. It is recommended that each council and assembly in the state make donations to this fund based on the number of transitional deacons to be ordained in each diocese. This fund will be administered in conjunction with the vocation directors from each diocese to insure that each deacon is properly equipped upon his ordination. This in no way prohibits any council or assembly from acting on its own to provide for deacons that they have been supporting through the RSVP program or from their own council/parish/town.

Recommendation: Table for further review

Action: The State Council voted to table for further review

Submitted by Council 898

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 110th Annual State Convention
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RESOLUTION No. 14

Whereas,

Bishop Joseph Kopacz was installed as the 11th Bishop of the Jackson Diocese on February 6, 2014 and is faithfully serving the Catholics in the Jackson Diocese and,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

We thank Bishop Latino for his leadership for 10 years and the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction appreciate his steadfast service and

Be it further Resolved,

That the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction appreciate the service of Bishop Kopacz and Bishop Morin and pledge our allegiance and service to our current Bishops and our Bishops emeritus.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted: State Officers

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RESOLUTION No. 15

Whereas,

His Holy Father, Pope Francis has announced he will Canonize Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II on April 27, 2014 and

Whereas,

The Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus heartily supports their elevation to Sainthood, and

Whereas,

We also pray for the advancement of Father Michael J. McGivney's cause, and

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus extends its support and thanks our Holy Father for our two newest Saints.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted: State Officers

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RESOLUTION No. 16

Whereas,

Bishop Emeritus William R. Houck faithfully served the Diocese of Jackson as Bishop from 1979 until 2003 and

Whereas,

Bishop Houck has been a Priest for over 60 years and the year 2014 will be his 35th year as a Bishop and

Whereas,

Bishop Houck joined the Knights of Columbus in 1948 and has been very supportive of the Knights both as a Priest and a Bishop

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, thanks Bishop Houck for service to the Catholic Church, the Jackson Diocese and the Knights of Columbus. And we wish him many more years of service and offer appreciation for all he has already done.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action: Adopted by the State Council

Submitted by: State Officers



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Resolution

In Support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Whereas, St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatments that are not covered by insurance and no child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay, including the cost of treatment, housing, transportation, and meals.

Whereas, the daily operating costs of \$1.8 million is primarily covered by public contributions averaging only \$31 each and during the last five years eighty-one cents of every dollar received has supported research and patient care.

Whereas, on average, 7,800 active patients visit St. Jude each year, children from every state in the U.S. and around the world and cancer is the #1 KILLER by disease, of children under one year in the U.S. and more than 10,000 children in the U.S. alone are diagnosed with cancer each year.

Whereas, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has developed research and treatments that have helped push overall survival rates for childhood cancers from less than 20 percent when the hospital opened in 1962 to 80 percent today and the survival rate for acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer, has increased from just 4 percent to 94 percent thanks to St. Jude's groundbreaking protocols and clinical care.

Whereas, St. Jude also has one of the largest sickle cell research and treatment centers in the country.

Whereas, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has a long tradition and relationship with the Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Memphis.

Whereas, a similar relationship with the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi would be a public relations bonanza in a largely protestant state and would serve to promote and improve our "Brand", which in turn would help all of our other programs.



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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we reach out to St. Jude to become a member partner and explore ways in which we can help with the mission of ending childhood cancer.

Further Resolved, that we promote prayer, research, public relations, and treatment through fundraising for such a mission.

Further Resolved, that we reaffirm we are pro-life in all things and that children should not have to endure such tragedies in the dawn of life if there is anything the Knights of Columbus can do to help.

Recommendation: Adopt with grammatical corrections

Action: Adopted by the State Council as amended.

Submitted by: Council 6872