

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 111th Annual State Convention  
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION Number 1**

***Whereas,***

The 2015 Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 111th Annual convention, and

***Whereas,***

The 2015 Convention Committee was Council 1244, Biloxi, 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 its responsibility.

***Recommendation: Adopt***

***Action: Adopted***

Submitted by: State Officers

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**RESOLUTION Number 2**

***Whereas,***

Brother **Tommy Harger** and his lovely wife, **Patricia**, have honored this State Convention with their presence, and

***Whereas,***

Brother **Harger**, a **Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus**, and **Past State Deputy** of the Virginia Jurisdiction, and

***Whereas,***

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

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved***

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Brother **Tommy C. Harger** and his wife, Patricia, 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***

Submitted by: State Officers

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**RESOLUTION Number 3**

***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,

***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***

Submitted by: State Advocate, State Officers

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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***

Submitted by: State Officers

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**RESOLUTION Number 5**

***Whereas,***

Bishop Roger Morin was installed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese April 27, 2009 and faithfully serves the Diocese following the motto "Walk Humbly and Act Justly", and

***Whereas,***

Bishop Joseph Kopacz was installed as the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Jackson Diocese February 6, 2014 and faithfully serves the Diocese following the motto "Let there be Light",

***Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,***

That the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction inspired by the service of Bishops Morin and Kopacz, pledge our allegiance and service to our current Bishops and our Bishops Emeriti Joseph Latino, William Houck, and Joseph Howze.

***Recommendation: Adopt***

***Action: Adopted***

Submitted: State Officers

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**RESOLUTION Number 6**

***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***

Submitted by: State Officers

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**RESOLUTION Number 7**

***Whereas,***

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 110<sup>th</sup> State Convention held in Jackson, 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 2015 - 2016 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: Adopted***

Submitted by: State Officers

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**RESOLUTION Number 8**

***Whereas,***

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thomas F. Chady Annual Golf Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 110th State Convention held in Jackson, 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 2015 - 2016 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***

***Submitted by:*** State Officers



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**Resolution Number 9**

**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(s) 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(s) 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(s) 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(s).

**Recommendation:** Adopt with revisions

***Action: Adopted***

Submitted by: Philip Jabour, State Treasurer

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**RESOLUTION No. 11**

***Whereas,***

The Semi-annual Council Audit of the accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer is one of the most important processes performed by the council audit committee, which consists of the grand knight and the board of trustees, and

***Whereas,***

The council is required to file an annual 990 tax report by a specific date based on its fiscal year, to remain eligible under Supreme's income tax exemption umbrella, and

***Whereas,***

The process to reinstate a council's non-profit status is both complicated and expensive, and

***Whereas,***

The audit committee uses Form 1295 to report the results of each audit to the council, district deputy, state deputy and Supreme Council, and

***Whereas,***

The compliance with this mandatory audit insures the financial integrity of all council accounts, and the continued bonding for the financial secretary and treasurer, and

***Whereas,***

One of the more common council requests received by state advocates pertains to the Council EIN so that it can file its IRS Form 990,

***Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,***

That the Council Audit Committee require proof that the IRS Form 990 has been filed and include this fact in its Audit Committee report to the council, and

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That the Form 1295 be modified to require the council EIN and date the IRS Form 990 was submitted.

***Be I Further Resolved,***

That these same revisions be made to the Annual Assembly Audit Form 1315.

***Recommendation: Adopt***

***Action: Adopted***

Submitted: Mississippi State Council