

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 116th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 1

Whereas,

The 2020 State Convention Meeting, due to the onset of the COVID-19 Virus, is being held via an online meeting and the delegates are not gathered at a single location, and

Whereas,

The members of Council 7120 Southaven and Assembly 2195 Southaven have spent the past year planning to host the delegates of the 2020 State Convention in Tunica, MS, and will not due to the virus, and

Whereas,

The State Officers, and membership across the Mississippi Jurisdiction truly appreciate all the time, efforts, and energy expensed by Council 7120 and Assembly 2195,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

That the 2021 State Convention will now be hosted by Southaven, assuring that the work already undertaken will not be lost, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That Starkville will host the 2022 State Convention, with Meridian hosting the 2023 State Convention, each moving out one year, their previously approved host year, as voted on in the previous State Conventions, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That as the next three upcoming conventions will be assigned, the selection of the 2024 convention host will take place during the 2021 State Convention

Recommendation: Adopt

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 2

Whereas,

Supreme Representative Ronald Schwartz has honored this State Convention with his presence, and

Whereas,

Brother Schwartz serves and provides great guidance to our Order as Supreme Treasurer, and

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that Supreme Treasurer Schwartz's address during the State Convention Call was extremely informative and well received by all,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Supreme Treasurer Schwartz and extends to Brother Schwartz and his wife Janette a cordial invitation to come to our Jurisdiction whenever they may find it possible to do so.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 3

Whereas,

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina was elected by the conclave of Cardinals as 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, and

Whereas,

On December 13, 2019, Pope Francis celebrated fifty-one years in the Priesthood,

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:

Submitted by: 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 16,000 Councils and over 2 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:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION No. 5

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

Bishop Louis Kihneman III was installed as the 4th Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese April 28, 2017 and faithfully serves the Biloxi Diocese, following the motto "**The Lord is My Shepherd**".

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction inspired by the service of Bishops His Excellencies Kopacz and Kihneman, pledge our allegiance and service to our current Bishops and our Bishop Emeritus Joseph Latino, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction will forever be grateful for the privilege to guided by Bishops Emiriti Joseph Howze who passed to The Lord on January 9, 2019 and Roger Morin who passed to The Lord on October 31, 2019.

Recommendation: Adopt as Amended

Action:

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:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 7

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Annual Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 115th State Convention held in Jackson, and

Whereas,

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction have participated in the tournament in the past, and

Whereas,

It is the express desire of the Mississippi Jurisdiction to hold this activity again during the 2020 - 2021 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, and

Be It Further Resolved,

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, with the chairman of the bowling tournament giving 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:

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 for many years, lastly at the 114th State Convention held in Biloxi, and

Whereas,

Although authorized by resolution, the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thomas F. Chady Annual Golf Tournament, has not been held for several years, and

Whereas,

At the 115th State Convention held in Jackson, the Resolution Committee sent the resolution to authorize the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thomas F. Chady Annual Golf Tournament to the State Officers to review, and

Whereas,

The State officers concluded that it does not honor Past State Deputy Thomas F. Chady to continually authorize but not hold a State Jurisdiction sponsored golf tournament in his name

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council Annual Thomas F. Chady Memorial State Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament will no longer be sponsored by the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That if Past State Deputy Thomas F. Chady's home council, Council 898 Vicksburg, wishes to do so, they may hold a golf tournament in his honor anytime in the future

Be It Further Resolved,

That the State Officers of the Mississippi Jurisdiction are truly grateful for all the hard work and service Past State Deputy Tom Chady gave to the success of our jurisdiction.

Recommendation: Adopt as Amended

Action:

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 four 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 they will be paid mileage at the rate of \$0.30 per mile one-way, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That, per diem expenses for the State Membership Director, State Program Director, the four (4) 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: Adopt as Amemded

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 10

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 2020-2021 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

25% to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund

25% to the Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund to be distributed equally between the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses at the 2021 Convention.

50% to the Bishop William R Houck Mississippi Retired Religious 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:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 11

Whereas,

The current Mississippi State Council Per Capita Tax is Set at \$8.00 per Member and \$2.70 per Honorary Member annually, and

Whereas,

Article VI, Section 4 of the Mississippi State Council Bylaws states Per Capita Tax: The per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be the amount per member per year approved at the last State Council meeting on which a Per Capita Tax Resolution was adopted, payable one-half on August 1 each year based upon the membership figures of July 1 and the other one-half payable on February 1 each year based upon the membership figures of January 1 in accord with Section 118(c) and (d) of the Supreme Council Bylaws. However, the per capita tax may be changed by two thirds (2/3) vote of the State Council Meeting or as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, and

Whereas,

The COVID-19 Virus has placed undue hardship on the Councils and their membership across the State of Mississippi,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

That the July 1, 2020 assessment of the Mississippi State Council Per Capita Tax of \$4.00 per Member and \$1.35 per Honorary Member are waived for all councils in the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Jurisdiction, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That this resolution applies only to the July 1, 2020 Per Capita assessment, and beginning with the January 1, 2021 Per Capita assessment, all future Per Capita assessments will return to the previously determined rates, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That State Council General Liability Insurance billing will be assessed on July 1, 2020 as normal, for those councils who have elected to participate in the program.

Recommendation: ***Adopt as Amended***

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 12

Whereas,

Local Councils send their delegates to the state convention for the purpose of choosing future leaders and expressing the council's wishes in choosing the direction the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi go, and

Whereas,

Many councils provide financial assistance to send their delegates to convention specifically to represent their views and needs of their council members, and

Whereas,

The information on items to be voted upon at convention is not being provided in an ample time for council members to read, discuss and direct their delegates on how to vote representing their wishes on these important matters,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the policy of submitting resolutions to the convention be amended to require all resolutions, except for the occasional most critical last minute resolutions, be made available to all council delegates, no later than the March 31st, allowing adequate time for councils to address the issues and advise their delegates how they request the delegates vote for the next election.

Be It Further Resolved,

That this may be done by posting a list of declared candidates for positions and resolutions to be voted upon too either the state web site, e-mailing to each delegate or some other officially written communication directed to the declared delegates by the specified deadline.

Be It Further Resolved,

This procedure be addressed for adoption to the State Bylaws at next year's convention,

Recommendation: No Action- Sent to the State Officers for further consideration

Action:

Submitted by: Jim Rigby – Grand Knight Council 9409

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RESOLUTION Number 13

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus have a long history of supporting those who serve others in need and the men and women who serve as First Responders and Health Care Workers in this time of the COVID-19 Virus are going beyond the call of duty, and

Whereas,

Many active members of the Knights of Columbus are or have been First Responders and Health Care Workers, and

Whereas,

First Responders and Health Care Workers place their lives at risk to ensure the safety and care 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 as First Responders and Health Care Workers 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 as First Responders and Health Care Workers.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers