

2021 Resolutions

117th Annual State Convention Mississippi Jurisdiction



Knights of Columbus

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 117th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 1

Whereas,

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

Whereas,

Our Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson has announced his retirement on February 28, 2021 after more than 20 years of outstanding service to our Order, and

Whereas,

Brother Anderson leaves a legacy of Christian witness and service to the Church, Knights of Columbus and countless communities throughout the world of unprecedented levels of charitable giving, and

Whereas,

This includes more than 700 million hours of service and \$1.55 billion donated to charity over the last 10 years, 57,000 people receiving the gift of mobility through a new wheelchair, \$18 million donated to Christian Refugee Relief Fund, 900 Ultrasound machines donated to pregnancy resource centers across the U.S. and Canada since 2009, 400,000 new coats donated to children of the U.S. and Canada since 2009 through Coats for Kids Program just to name a few of our many accomplishments under his leadership, and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus sincerely appreciates the efforts of **Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson**, and expresses its gratitude for his 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 good health and good fortune in all future endeavors.

Recommendation:

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 2

Whereas,

On March 1, 2021 Patrick Kelly will begin work as the Orders Fourteenth Supreme Knight to continue the mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity established 139 years ago by our Founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly has dedicated his life in service to our Church, our Country and has served our Order since joining in 1983 at Marquette University, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly has served as a U.S. Navy Captain, a Diplomat, State Deputy of the District of Columbia 2012-2013 and as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2017, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly is a third generation Knight with family service to our Order dating to 1915, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly has a degree in Economics and Law from Marquette University and a Masters in Theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America and is more than qualified to take the Helm of the Knights of Columbus.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction congratulates Patrick Kelly on his election as Supreme Knight and pledges its support, its loyalty and its prayers.

Recommendation:

Action:

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RESOLUTION Number 3

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:

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RESOLUTION Number 4

Whereas,

The 2021 State Convention Meeting, due to the continuation 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 two years planning to host the delegates of the 2021 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 2022 State Convention will now be hosted by Southaven, assuring that the work already undertaken will not be lost, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That Meridian will host the 2023 State Convention, being their previously approved host year, as voted on in the previous State Convention, and

Be It Further Resolved,

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

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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.

Recommendation:

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:

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,

Although authorized by resolution, the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Annual Bowling Tournament has not been well attended in recent years, and

Whereas,

It is the recommendation of the State Officers of the Mississippi Jurisdiction that a resolution to hold the Bowling Tournament is no longer needed, in that a State Tournament has not been supported, and

Whereas,

The Mississippi State Council has not provided any expense or support to said Tournament.

Now Therefore be it Resolved

That any council of the MS Jurisdiction that would like to host a Bowling Tournament is encouraged to do so at their own expense.

Recommendation:

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Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 8

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, 2020, Pope Francis celebrated fifty-two 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:

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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:

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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 is 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 2021-2022 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

50% to the Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund to be distributed equally between the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses at the 2022 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.

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RESOLUTION Number 11

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:

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers