

# **2023 Resolutions (Amended)**

**119<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Mississippi Jurisdiction**



**Knights of Columbus**

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of  
the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION Number 1**

***Whereas,***

On March 1, 2021 Patrick Kelly began his work as the Orders Fourteenth Supreme Knight to continue the mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity established 140 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 service as Supreme Knight and pledges its support, its loyalty and its prayers.

***Recommendation: Approve as Amended***

***Action: Amend***

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION Number 2**

***Whereas,***

**Supreme Representative David Tebo** has honored this State Convention with his presence, and

***Whereas,***

Brother Tebo is a former State Deputy of Florida and now serves as the Territorial Director for the Southeastern United States, and

***Whereas,***

Brother Tebo provides great guidance to our Order, and was extremely informative in addressing us at our convention banquet, and

***Whereas,***

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that brother Tebo has provided assistance before and during the 2023 State Convention that was extremely valuable and well received by all.

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

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Supreme Representative David Tebo and his wife Tina Marie and extends a cordial invitation to come back to our Jurisdiction whenever he may find it possible to do so.

***Recommendation: Approve as Amended***

***Action: Amend***

Submitted by: State Officers

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**RESOLUTION Number 3**

***Whereas,***

The 2023 State Convention Meeting is being held in Meridian and the delegates are gathered at a single location, and

***Whereas,***

The members of Council 802 in Meridian, led by Chairman William Nix, have spent the past few years planning to host this convention, and

***Whereas,***

The State Officers, and membership across the Mississippi Jurisdiction truly appreciate all the time, efforts, and energy expended by Council 802.

***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 it's responsibility.

***Recommendation: Approve as Amended***

***Action: Amend***

Submitted by: State Officers

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**RESOLUTION No. 4**

***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**", and

***Whereas,***

Bishop Louis Kihneman III was installed as the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

***Recommendation: Approve as Amended***

***Action: Amend***

Submitted: 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: Approve***

***Action: Approve***

Submitted by: State Officers

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**RESOLUTION Number 6**

***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, 2022, Pope Francis celebrated fifty-four 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: Approve***

***Action: Approve***

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th Annual State Convention of  
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**Resolution Number 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 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 2023-2024 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 2023 Convention.

50% to the Bishop William R Houck Mississippi Retired Religious Fund to be distributed equally between the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses at the 2023 Convention.

***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: Approve as Amended***

***Action: Amend***

Submitted by: State Officers



**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 119th Annual State Convention of  
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**RESOLUTION Number 8**

***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 who 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: Approve as Amended***

***Action: Amend***

Submitted by: State Officers

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 118th Annual State Convention of  
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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, Section 5 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 \$90.00 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 \$0.50 per mile one way, and

***Be It Further Resolved,***

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid a per diem of \$90.00 per day for two days and they will be paid mileage at the rate of \$0.50 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 \$90.00 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 \$0.50 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: Approve***

***Action: Approve***

Submitted by: State Officers