

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 121st 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 142 years ago by our Founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly has dedicated his life in service to our Church and 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, as Deputy Supreme Knight from 2017, and is serving as Supreme Knight since 2021, and

Whereas,

Brother Kelly is a third-generation Knight with family service to our Order since 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,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction pledges its loyalty and appreciation to our Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly for all he has done in the name of our Order, and pray for his continued progress in leading our Order to greater success.

Submitted by: State Officers

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

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RESOLUTION Number 2

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 on March 13, 2013, as Pope Francis, and

Whereas,

On December 13, 2024, Pope Francis celebrated fifty-six 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 healing and good health, and for his continued guidance to the Holy Catholic Church.

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RESOLUTION No. 3

Whereas,

His Excellency Bishop Joseph Kopacz was installed as the eleventh Bishop of the Jackson Diocese on February 6, 2014, and faithfully serves the Diocese following the motto "Let there be Light", and

Whereas,

His Excellency Bishop Louis Kihneman III was installed as the fourth Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese on April 28, 2017, and faithfully serves the Biloxi Diocese following the motto "The Lord is My Shepherd",

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Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction, inspired by the service of Bishops Kopacz and Kihneman, pledge our allegiance and service to our current Bishops.

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RESOLUTION Number 4

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.

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RESOLUTION Number 6

Whereas,

The 2025 State Convention Meeting is being held in Jackson, and Councils 848 Jackson- St. Peter, 7854 Clinton, 8038 Pearl, 828 Jackson- St. Therese, 9543 Madison, 10216 Flowood, 11934 Gluckstadt, and 15131 Jackson- St. Richard 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, effort, and energy expended by these Councils,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

That the sincere appreciation of those in attendance be extended to the host councils for the superior way they discharged their responsibilities.

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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 2025-2026 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

Half to the Bishop Gerow Priest Education Fund to be distributed equally between the Jackson and Biloxi Dioceses at the 2026 Convention,

Half to the Bishop William R. Houck Mississippi Retired Religious Fund to be distributed at the 2026 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.

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RESOLUTION Number 8

Whereas,

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws states 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,

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.

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RESOLUTION Number 9

Whereas, Knights of Columbus members who ride motorcycles have, throughout North America and increasingly abroad, gathered to organize motorcycle-based activities in the charitable and fraternal spirit of the Knights of Columbus and in support of Knights of Columbus programs; and

Whereas, motorcycle-riding members use motorcycle-based activities to further membership growth, retention, and development in the Knights of Columbus; and

Whereas, the activities undertaken by motorcycle-riding Knights of Columbus members include support of the Silver Rose program as well as other programs under the direction of the participating State Councils; and

Whereas, the purpose of these activities is to enjoy camaraderie among other Knights of Columbus who are motorcycle riders; to assist the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Church, the Bishops of each Diocese, charitable organizations, individuals in need, and the community; to promote the principles of the Knights of Columbus; and to encourage faith, fellowship, and service;

Now therefore, be it resolved: that the Mississippi State Council identify opportunities for members who ride motorcycles to participate formally in certain state council activities, with details to be worked out by the State Deputy in accord with the guidelines provided by the Supreme Council.

Be It Further Resolved, that the motorcycle-riding Knights of Columbus members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction shall operate under the name of Knight Riders – Mississippi

Be It Further Resolved, that Knight Riders – Mississippi shall operate as a state program of the Mississippi State Council with oversight by the State Officers. A State Advisor shall be appointed by the State Deputy to coordinate the activities across the state.

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