

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE OFFICERS OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL AND OF VARIOUS LOCAL COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE 118TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL FOR 2022

RESOLUTION No. 1– Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus are in support of PRO-LIFE activities in Montana; and,

WHEREAS: The TOMB OF THE UNBORN is one of these programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that each State council be encouraged to support PRO-LIFE programs in their communities by providing manpower, conducting fund raisers, supporting Pro-Life Centers, having Masses said for the unborn, providing appropriate maintenance of the TOMB OF THE UNBORN memorials, and promoting other activities for PRO-LIFE in a nonviolent manner.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

Resolution No. 2 – Submitted by State Officers

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus is a family and Christian-based organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of all human life around the world and we profess solidarity with our Bishops and Priests; and

WHEREAS: We Knights realize that Bishops of both the Diocese of Helena and the Diocese of Great Falls/Billings need continuous prayers for financial and pastoral issues in both Dioceses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Montana State Knights of Columbus, and its members, stand firm with the Bishops and support them with prayer to the Blessed Mother; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Montana State Knights of Columbus advocates for all Councils in Montana and all Catholics in Montana to pray the Rosary for the intentions of the Bishop of the Diocese of Helena and the Bishop of Great Falls- Billings on September 8th, a Marian Feast Day or at the monthly Council Meeting closest to September 8th.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 3 – Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus State Council appreciates the many years of work and guidance provided by our State Chaplain;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That a contribution of \$500.00 be made to our State Chaplain, Reverend Leo McDowell, in appreciation for his many outstanding services to the Montana State Council.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 4 – Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus desires to support Catholic education in Montana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That, depending upon funds being available, \$2,000.00 is hereby appropriated to be distributed as follows: one \$1,000.00 scholarship to be used at the University of Providence Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana and one \$1,000.00 scholarship to be used at Carroll College in Helena, Montana. Scholarships shall be awarded to practical Catholic students who are residents of Montana and who are attending or have been accepted to attend the University of Providence Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana or Carroll College, Helena, Montana. No division of these scholarships shall be made. These scholarships are for one year, to be granted in the fall of 2022 in the name of the Montana Knights of Columbus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the funds for these scholarships shall be sent to the financial aid officers at the respective colleges who shall select the recipients and award the scholarships in accordance with the provisions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the names of the individual recipients be forwarded to the State Secretary of the Montana State Council by the financial aid offices at the respective colleges for recognition at the next state convention.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 5 – Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus desires to support programs of the Bishops of each of the Dioceses of Great Falls and Helena;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Montana Knights of Columbus State Council hereby encourages and recommends that the Directors of Montana Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. allocate and distribute available funds in the name of the Knights of Columbus, equally between the Bishops of both Dioceses to support programs in his respective Diocese.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 6 – Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus Charter was last revised in 2010, and

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus Charter regulates the per diem payment allowed for expenses incurred by delegates and guests of the annual State Convention and other such meeting occurrences, and

WHEREAS: The per diem expense to the State Council Budget has never covered all expenses by delegates and guests to the State Convention or other meeting occurrences, and

WHEREAS: The per diem is now set at \$50.00 a day and \$0.23 a mile, both ways, and that current hotel and travel expenses far exceed those reimbursement levels,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: This resolution hereby changes the said per diem in the State Council Charter by amending Article 5 Section 6 from \$50.00 per day and \$.23 a mile and replacing it with \$75.00 per day and \$.30 per mile.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action

RESOLUTION No. 7 – Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The State Council has managed all financial aspects of the organization in a professional manner, and

WHEREAS: All transactions of the State Council financial records are audited annually without error, and

WHEREAS: Modern financial transactions are increasingly done via electronic means, and,

WHEREAS: Supreme has authorized State and local councils to possess credit/debit cards to process payments, and,

WHEREAS: Supreme now requires a credit/debit card payment for supplies and materials, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this resolution modify the State Charter to include the use, the monitoring of and the auditing of credit/ debit card transactions instead of traditional check payments where necessary, and

FURTHER RESOLVED: insert the words “or by credit/Debit card, after approval by the State Deputy to the State Secretary, who will issue the payment and use the voucher process to notify the State Treasurer of the approved transaction.” in Article 6 section 3 after the last word “Deputy” and

FURTHER RESOLVED: insert after the sentence inserted above “The State Treasurer will then match the said voucher with the appropriate bank reconciliation statement listing said credit or debit card payment”

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 8 – Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: Allen Cormany, our Immediate Past State Deputy, would like to further serve all Brother Knights by becoming a Knights of Columbus Supreme Board Director, and

WHEREAS: The Montana Jurisdiction has not had a Supreme Director for decades, and recent directors from Wyoming and Idaho have retired, a director from Montana would continue the close representation in the northern Rockies, and

WHEREAS: Allen was born in Havre Montana to Wayne and Dorothy Cormany, has a sister Arlee, attended Mass at St. Jude's Parish, was educated at St. Jude's School and Havre High School, graduated with an engineering degree from Northern Montana College, was employed by engineering firms, the Montana Department of Highways and the City of Helena, retired after working 31 years for state and local governments, served on several community boards and committees, is a member of the Cathedral of St. Helena Parish where he is a greeter and a Eucharistic Minister, and

WHEREAS: Allen became a Knight in 2002, a member of Helena Council 844, served as Grand Knight, Recording Secretary, Warden, chairman of many committees, member of the Fourth Degree, State Membership Director in 2008 obtaining the Jurisdiction's first Circle of Honor, District Deputy for District 12, State Treasurer, State Secretary, and State Deputy where he received Circle of Honor for two years, currently serving as President of Montana Charities Inc, Knights of Columbus representative for the Montana Catholic Conference and Catholic Social Services of Montana, State College Council coordinator, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the name of our Immediate Past State Deputy, Allen Cormany, is submitted as a potential candidate for consideration by Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Board of Directors.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 9 - Submitted by Msgr. Thomas Hennessy Council #1518, Miles City, Montana

WHEREAS: It is incumbent upon the State Deputy and the Montana Delegation to meet certain social obligations and expectations at the Supreme Convention,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That \$1,000.00 of allowable expenses be granted to the State Deputy to help defray the expense of those obligations for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in the year 2021.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 10– Submitted by: Helena Assembly #589

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus requires all Knights to be Catholics in good standing with the church by attending weekly Mass and holy days of obligation growing their faith and their family's faith in God.

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus lead by example to inspire Catholics to attend Mass.

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus are concerned that our church attendance is diminishing and our children have been falling away from church for years.

WHEREAS: Our Blessed Mother Mary especially loves children and wants to help us fill our vacant pews with our children who are the future of our church.

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus has a special devotion to Our Blessed Mother Mary who always leads us to her son, Jesus Christ.

WHEREAS: Our Lady of the Rockies is readily recognizable as Our Blessed Mother Mary offering loving help with open arms to the faithful.

WHEREAS: An apparition of Mary, many wonderous miracles, healings, and Catholic conversions have occurred at Our Lady of the Rockies!

WHEREAS: Controversy and secularization has clouded over Our Lady of the Rockies from being proclaimed Our Blessed Mother Mary ...coincidentally during these difficult times when church attendance has diminished throughout Montana.

WHEREAS: It is the duty of the Knights of Columbus to protect our Church and stand up in unified prayer for Our Blessed Mother Mary who, in like image built as Our Lady of the Rockies, looks down praying for our many Catholic children of God.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That all Montana Knights are called to pray with a Catholic presence at Our Lady of the Rockies, all Montana Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies inspired by this resolution with guidance from Montana State Council are called to participate in the annual Catholic pilgrimages for prayer to Our Lady of the Rockies. (For 2022, Catholic pilgrimages are scheduled June 29 and August 10.) , said Knights being called to lead and promote: our Catholic faith, our Catholic devotion, and our Catholic prayer to Mary for her intercession for our Catholic Church to flourish and through the faith of crowds of Catholic pilgrims, Knights are needed to lead the processions of pilgrims building overwhelming recognition for Our Lady of the Rockies as a Marian Site bringing a resurgence of faith-filled Catholics back to Jesus, back to his church, and into the ranks of the Knights of Columbus.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 11 – Submitted by Blessed Trinity, Spirit of Christ Mission and Christ the King Parish of Missoula Council # 13022

WHEREAS: Completed during 1891 in Helena, MT, Temple Emanu-El located in Helena, MT was the only Jewish synagogue between St. Paul, Minnesota, and Portland, Oregon. The building was sold to the state of Montana in the 1930s after the Jewish community became too small to maintain operation. Helena Catholic Diocese bought the synagogue building from the state in 1981 and has used it as administrative offices.

WHEREAS: The Helena Jewish community must travel for Jewish services including almost 100 miles to a synagogue in Bozeman for some Shabbat services.

WHEREAS: The Montana Jewish Project signed an agreement with the Catholic Diocese of Helena in November 2021 to acquire Temple Emanu-El it for a Jewish Community Center that can host religious celebrations, cultural, and educational events.

WHEREAS: Knights of Columbus desire that the Helena Jewish community acquires Temple Emanu-El for worship and community events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Knights of Columbus will assist The Montana Jewish Project with fundraising to meet the purchase and associated cost of \$1.5 million. Fundraising will begin with direct asking of our community in support of the Jewish Community.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 12 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: Anaconda Council # 882 of the Montana jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus have worked many hours preparing for the 117th Annual convention of the Montana Knights of Columbus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Montana State Council show their appreciation and extend their congratulations to Anaconda Council # 882 of the Montana jurisdiction.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action: