

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE OFFICERS OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL AND  
OF VARIOUS LOCAL COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE 119TH  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL FOR 2023**

**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 Montana 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 PRO-LIFEactivities 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 Catholic 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 Higher 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, 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, 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 2023 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-Billings 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 6 - Submitted by the State Officers.**

**WHEREAS:** The Montana Knights of Columbus State Deputy volunteered in 2022 to pilot the Supreme Council's COR Meeting initiative; and

**WHEREAS:** The COR Meeting is a faith-based initiative to form and strengthen Knights and the Catholic men of the parish in faith and virtue; and

**WHEREAS:** Each COR Meeting seeks to strengthen relationships with Jesus Christ including the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and with one another through the three key elements of Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity; and

**WHEREAS:** Local Councils are free to volunteer to participate in leading COR Meetings; and

**WHEREAS:** The Montana Knights of Columbus State Council has named a State Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation and created a COR Team who have been trained by the Supreme Council to promote the adoption of the COR Meeting by local councils;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Montana Knights of Columbus State Council; its officers, directors, and district deputies inclusive, will promote and encourage the participation of each local council to adopt the COR Meeting initiative for the benefit of their brother Knights and their councils, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Montana COR Team will collect and provide feedback to the Supreme Council during the pilot phase of the COR Meeting initiative for the benefit of the overall program rollout.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

**RESOLUTION No. 7 - Submitted by: Bishop Eldon B Schuster Council 1493:**

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus promote an active presence in every parish with councils and roundtables and

**WHEREAS:** The State and local councils and roundtables desire to promote the health and well-being of all the priests and religious in our areas: both nationally and regionally and

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus believes in taking a pro-active stand rather than dealing with the latent consequences of an aggressive act and

**WHEREAS:** it is a fundamental principle of the Knights of Columbus to be in solidarity with the Priests and religious, both spiritually and physically

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The State Council of the Knights of Columbus encourage every council and every round-table to confer with its local parish to generate discussions regarding possible responses to be considered and/or put in place in the event of any overt aggressive actions toward ,priest or parish, during a mass or during a communal gathering

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

**RESOLUTION No. 8 - Submitted by the State Officers.**

**WHEREAS:** Lewistown Council #1508 of the Montana jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus has worked many hours preparing for the 119th 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 Lewistown Council #1508 of the Montana jurisdiction.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action: