

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE OFFICERS OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL AND
OF VARIOUS LOCAL COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE 120TH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL FOR 2024**

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-LIFE activities in a nonviolent manner.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt

State Council Action: PASSED

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~~ the Nativity of Mary or at the monthly Council Meeting closest to September 8th.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Adopt as Amended

State Council Action: PASSED

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: Adopt

State Council Action: PASSED

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 2024 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: Adopt

State Council Action: PASSED

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: Adopt

State Council Action: PASSED

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: Adopt

State Council Action: PASSED

RESOLUTION No. 7 - Submitted by Father J Fred Reidy, SJ Council#1021

WHEREAS: It is important to duly consider any resolution made by any council for consideration at the state convention; and

WHEREAS: any council should be able to advocate for their council's resolutions during the committee meeting where a recommendation will be made to the entire convention as to the disposition of each resolution(s); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that any council that introduces only one resolution for consideration at any future state convention, should automatically have both their delegates or their alternates acting as delegates be part of the committee that is assigned to consider their councils resolution for recommendations to the general convention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that any council that introduces only two resolutions at any future state convention, that has both its delegates or alternates acting as delegates present have one delegate automatically appointed to the committee considering each of their two resolutions, except that if both their resolution are assigned to the same committee, then both delegates or alternates acting as delegates will automatically be appointed to the committee that is considering both their resolutions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the council delegate, or alternate acting as a delegate, may individually decline his appointment to the specified committee considering their councils resolution(s) if he so chooses.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee: Do Not Adopt

State Council Action: ADOPT RECOMMENDATION

RESOLUTION No. 8 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: Hamilton Council # 6130 and Stevensville Council # 13093 of the Montana jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus has worked many hours preparing for the 120th 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 Hamilton Council #6130 and Stevensville Council #13093 of the Montana jurisdiction.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee: Adopt

State Council Action: PASSED