

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE OFFICERS OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL AND
OF VARIOUS LOCAL COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE 122nd
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL FOR 2026**

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:

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, the Nativity of Mary 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 2026 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.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

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RESOLUTION No. 7 - SUBMITTED BY BILLINGS COUNSEL #9976

WHEREAS: Mileage reimbursement needs to be accurate with reproducible results, and

WHEREAS: Time is of the essence and a digital tool for mileage calculation will save both time and effort, and

WHEREAS: Google Maps is accepted as an accurate, efficient and reproducible resource used by many companies, both large and small, and

WHEREAS: The use of an analog map with delegates adding mileage markers is both time consuming and has the potential for error,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Mileage Committee at the Montana State Knights of Columbus Convention shall use Google Maps, or other acceptable digital resource.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 8 – SUBMITTED BY WHITEHALL COUNCIL #8375

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus, through its Faith in Action “Faith” programs, encourages councils to promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary to strengthen the spiritual life of their members and communities; and

WHEREAS: The Rosary Team is a lay apostolate dedicated to bringing the Holy Rosary and the comfort of spiritual companionship to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, many of whom experience loneliness, illness, or separation from family; and

WHEREAS: This mission naturally complements the Knights of Columbus’ principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, and reflects the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, who called us to care for the widowed, the orphaned, and the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS: Councils that assist or participate with The Rosary Team provide a visible witness of faith, extend the reach of Marian devotion, and bring hope and comfort to those in need of prayer and companionship;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Council 8375 of the Knights of Columbus encourages its members to support and participate in ministries such as The Rosary Team that foster Marian devotion and serve the elderly and vulnerable in our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be submitted to the Montana State Council for consideration, and that the State Council encourage councils statewide to engage in similar collaborative spiritual works consistent with the Faith in Action framework.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 9 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Flathead Valley Councils of the Montana jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus has worked many hours preparing for the 122nd 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 the Flathead Valley Councils of the Montana jurisdiction.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action: