

**WASHINGTON  
STATE  
COUNCIL**



**RESOLUTIONS**

**117<sup>TH</sup>**

**STATE CONVENTION**

**Yakima, WA**

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## **Resolution No. 1 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, The culture of life is a Church–wide crusade against the culture of death; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington State Knights of Columbus actively supports and promotes the March for Life in Olympia, by joining with other citizens in our solidarity for life; and

**WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus promotes the dignity of all human life by developing Pro-life poster and essay contests for school children; and

**WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus promotes the dignity of the unborn by actively promoting and participating in the Supreme Council Ultrasound Program with local fundraising efforts to purchase needed ultrasound equipment for Pregnancy Crisis Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus supports the concept of conscience clauses for pharmacists, medical professionals, health care providers and hospitals to not be required to participate in immoral activities to be antithetical to their faith; and

**WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus is actively supporting the Catholic Church in defending the culture of life and all assaults upon human life through abortion, assisted suicide, inappropriate disposition of embryos from in-vitro fertilization and embryonic stem cell research; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That we, the members of the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 117th State Convention, assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16 and 17, 2020, stand firm with our Holy Father, Bishops and Clergy in their efforts toward the protection of all human life; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That we are firmly committed to protect against all assaults on life by our prayers for the leaders of our Church, state and country.

## **Resolution No. 2 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, As portrayed in the biography, “*Parish Priest*”, Father Michael J. McGivney began his priestly ministry on Christmas Day, 1877, as Curate of St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Michael J. McGivney’s priestly ministry in New Haven began with tension and defensiveness among the poor and working-class families he served; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Michael J. McGivney began, in 1881, to explore the idea of a Catholic fraternal society to strengthen religious faith and provide for the needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the father; and

**WHEREAS**, Filled with energy and intensity, Father Michael J. McGivney called twenty-four men together to organize the Knights of Columbus, which has fortified Catholics in their Faith, strengthened their self-esteem and provided greater financial security for the past 138 years; and

**WHEREAS**, In thirteen brief years as a priest, Father Michael J. McGivney’s piety and compassion won the love of those he served, and brought him the loyalty and affection of many who knew him as the Founder of the Knights of Columbus; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That we, the members of the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 117<sup>th</sup> State Convention assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16 and 17, 2020, pledge our hearts, prayers and support toward the efforts being made for The Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be raised to the Honors of the Altar.

### **Resolution No. 3 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born on December 17, 1936, to Italian immigrant parents, Mario Jose Bergoglio and Regina Maria Sivori, of Flores, Buenos Aries, Argentina; and

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was educated at Facultades de Filosofía y Teología de San Miguel, University of Buenos Aires; and

**WHEREAS**, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was ordained a Catholic priest in 1969, and from 1973 to 1979 was Argentina's Provincial Superior of the Society of Jesus.; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. Jorge Mario Bergoglio became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998; and, after being appointed to five administrative positions in the Roman Curia, he became one of the most influential men in the Vatican; and

**WHEREAS**, Most Rev. Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aries was named Cardinal-Priest of San Roberto Bellarmino Church by Pope Saint John Paul II; and

**WHEREAS**, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, on March 13, 2013, was elected as the 266th Pope, Bishop of Rome, head of the Catholic Church, absolute Sovereign of the Vatican City State, and is now and forever known as Pope Francis, the first pope from the Americas, inspiring all the faithful of the America's and the World; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 117<sup>th</sup> State Convention assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16 and 17, 2020, do extend to our Spiritual Father on earth, Pope Francis, our love, loyalty and obedience; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we stand in solidarity with Pope Francis and pledge to him our support as he continues to carry out the mission of the Holy Catholic Church throughout the world; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That we all pray that the power of The Holy Spirit be upon Pope Francis as he leads the Catholic Church in doing God's will; and that this recommendation be forwarded to the Supreme Council for their further consideration.

## **Resolution No. 4 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Lay Organization founded by a priest, the Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael Joseph McGivney; and

**WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus holds our Holy Father, Bishops and Priests in the highest regard; and

**WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus has always been a strong defender of the seminary, formation of priests and the priesthood; and

**WHEREAS**, As faithful members of the Catholic laity, we have the duty, strong responsibility and moral obligation to support our Priests, Bishops and Holy Father; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council, Knights of Columbus, at the 117<sup>th</sup> State Convention assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16, and 17, 2020, do hereby express our extreme gratitude, appreciation and support for our truly wonderful, gifted and devoted Holy Father, Bishops and Priests, who continue to labor for us; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we offer our warmest expression of love, admiration and thankfulness to the Bishops of Washington - Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle; Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson, Bishop of Yakima; Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly, Bishop of Spokane; Most Rev. Eusebio L. Elizondo, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle; Most Rev. Daniel Mueggenborg, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle; Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle, Emeritus; Most Rev. Carlos A. Sevilla, Bishop of Yakima, Emeritus; and, Most Rev. William S. Skylstad, Bishop of Spokane, Emeritus, for their spiritual leadership, guidance and personal commitment as chaplains to the Knights of Columbus, and shepherds and leaders of the Church at large; and, be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That we reaffirm our Catholic and Fraternal commitment to our Holy Father, Bishops and Priests, and commit ourselves to building up Christ's body and the Church so the world will know new hope.

## **Resolution No. 5 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Joseph Brunett was born on January 17, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan to Raymond Henry and Cecelia Una Mary Brunett, who met at a Knights of Columbus dance; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Joseph Burnett entered the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 1946 and graduated as the valedictorian; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Joseph Brunett was ordained as a priest on July 13, 1958, and served as an honor guard for the body of Pope Pius XII after his death later that year; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Joseph Brunett was appointed Bishop of Helena, MT, in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Joseph Brunett was named the 8<sup>th</sup> Bishop and 4<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Seattle and installed on December 18<sup>th</sup> of 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Joseph Brunett was a life-long member of the Knights of Columbus and twice served as State Chaplain of the Washington State Jurisdiction, from 1999 – 2005 and 2009 - 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Joseph Brunett retired in 2010 upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 75; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander Joseph Brunett ended his earthly pilgrimage and was called home by our loving Lord on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council, Knights of Columbus, at the 117<sup>th</sup> State Convention assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16, and 17, 2020, do hereby express our sorrow for the loss of our brother Knight and friend; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we offer our gratitude and appreciation for the spiritual leadership, guidance and personal commitment shown by Alexander Joseph Brunett in his life of service to our Church and the Knights of Columbus; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

## **Resolution No. 6 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the son of the late Louise Anderson and the late Carl Anderson of the State of Washington, is the thirteenth Supreme Knight of the Order; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl A. Anderson has faithfully served as our Supreme Knight for more than nineteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, In solidarity with our Holy Father, our Bishops and Priests, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson continues to guide the Knights of Columbus with great wisdom, reverence and loyalty to the Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson reminds all Knights that the Order, several times in its history, has been called upon by Church and government leaders to become involved to help shape world history; and

**WHEREAS**, It is our heritage, legacy and reputation as Knights to be men of the Church both when it is easy and when it is difficult; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 117<sup>th</sup> State Convention assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16 and 17, 2020, stand as men of the Church in solidarity with Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and our Church leaders; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That we extend our sincere appreciation and prayers to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson for his leadership, and untiring support and devotion to our Church, the Order and our Brother Knights and their families.

## **Resolution No. 7 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, A distinguished group of Brother Knights have been active members of the Knights of Columbus for fifty years; and

**WHEREAS**, They are living their lives as true Knights of Columbus as Father McGivney has called us all to be; and

**WHEREAS**, They have given many years of continued devotion, service and untiring efforts in support of the Knights of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, We recognize, in particular, all members who are celebrating their Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary as Knights of Columbus this year; and

**WHEREAS**, They have all been an inspiration, a shining example and a source of guidance to their councils; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 117<sup>th</sup> State Convention assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16 and 17, 2020, extend our great thanks, warm wishes and hearty congratulations to all Brother Knights who have served their communities and councils for fifty years; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That your councils recognize you, our Brother Knights, within your own councils with a Fifty Years pin; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That we all pray for your continued health, happiness and good work. Those to be so honored are:

Council	Member No.	Name
676	1309600	PHILLIP S NOLLETTE
676	1324010	REV JOSEPH STANICHAR
676	1345584	JOSEPH C DRISCOLL
763	1365132	THOMAS GAFFNEY
766	1343640	RONALD J WARZINSKI
829	1318989	CHARLES D PILKEY
829	1340423	HENRY G THERRIEN
894	1330937	LOUIS A ROBERT
1460	1344786	DOUGLAS R MCGREEVY
1488	1311689	REV FELIX P LORGE
1545	1330772	GERALD R MORO
1550	1339014	GERALD M BALSLEY
1620	1340002	ELDON HUTFLES
1620	1349156	REGIS ROTTINGHAUS
1643	1334174	JOHN L WILFONG
1758	1321505	NATHAN G JACKINS
1758	1339015	REV GREGORY SCHNEIDER
2103	1333091	MICHAEL L SCHONS
2303	1322579	DAVID W JOHN
2303	1322580	RICHARD M VAN HORN
2303	1324586	LEE J GAMACHE
2763	1307720	THOMAS M RENAUD
2763	1341301	RICHARD R MORGAN
3598	1320563	BERNARD J CARNINO SR
4196	1330980	DONALD R MUTCH

Council	Member No.	Name
4367	1329062	RALPH B MEDRANO
4367	1331790	MARION F AGBISIT SR
4367	1331791	JOSE AGBISIT
4385	1331098	A PAUL GUICHON
4385	1336275	JOHN R GASSER
4782	1330812	DUANE F BURCKHARD
4782	1341870	FRED E HEINDEL
5177	1341044	JOHN D LAUSH
5495	1339514	ENEZ G GAMES
5495	1348924	DONALD G DORRES
5816	1339878	PAUL D MANSON
7356	1337096	GEORGE A PLANCICH
7907	1313456	CPT PAUL D JOHNSON
8297	1385312	REV HILARY R BRIXIUS
8768	1343769	ARNOLD J KORYNTA
9238	1323943	JAMES A ROCHELLE
11478	1331787	RUDOLPH A DABALOS DC
11789	0270470	ROBERT F FARMER
11906	1331785	GLEN A UHLENKOTT
13238	1358307	NORMAN LABRECQUE
13462	1366604	DAVID A WHITE
14268	1334314	JAKE DEVON FARLAINO
14268	1341884	ROBERT D KIRBY
14926	1330940	J RICHARD GOLOB

**Resolution No. 8 (Submitted by Washington State Council)**

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Council #2103 has been an active council in the Knights of Columbus for 100 years having been chartered February 29, 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Council #2103, in the tradition of Charity, Unity and Fraternalism, has been a sanctuary in the Washington State jurisdiction for true Knights of Columbus as The Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney, called us to be; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Council #2103 and members have provided many years of continued devotion, service and untiring efforts in support of the Knights of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, We recognize, in particular, the council officers, members and their families as they celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Knights of Columbus Council this year; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 117th State Convention assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16, and 17, 2020, extend our great thanks, warm wishes and hearty congratulations to St. Joseph Council #2103 on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year; and, be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, signed and attested by the Knights of Columbus Washington State Council Officers, be presented to St. Joseph Council #2103.

Patrick L. Kelley, State Deputy

Kim L. Washburn, State Secretary

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Gregory S. Mahoney, State Treasurer

Thomas C. Williams, State Advocate

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Scott E. Hulse, State Warden

Robert J. Baemmert, Immediate Past State Deputy

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**Resolution No. 9 (Submitted by Washington State Council)**

**WHEREAS**, Msgr. Boulet Council #2126 has been an active council in the Knights of Columbus for 100 years having been chartered April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, Msgr. Boulet Council #2126, in the tradition of Charity, Unity and Fraternalism, has been a sanctuary in the Washington State jurisdiction for true Knights of Columbus as The Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney, called us to be; and

**WHEREAS**, Msgr. Boulet Council #2126 Officers and members have provided many years of continued devotion, service and untiring efforts in support of the Knights of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, We recognize, in particular, the council officers, members and their families as they celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Knights of Columbus Council this year; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 117th State Convention assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16, and 17, 2020, extend our great thanks, warm wishes and hearty congratulations to Msgr. Boulet Council #2126 on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year; and, be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, signed and attested by the Knights of Columbus Washington State Council Officers, be presented to Msgr. Boulet Council #2126.

Patrick L. Kelley, State Deputy

Kim L. Washburn, State Secretary

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Gregory S. Mahoney, State Treasurer

Thomas C. Williams, State Advocate

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Scott E. Hulse, State Warden

Robert J. Baemmert, Immediate Past State Deputy

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## **Resolution No. 10 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 3, of the Washington State Council Bylaws (including all amendments through May 2019), provides for the defraying of expenses and support of the State Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 3, of the Washington State Council Bylaws, as currently written states the Council per capita assessment as \$9.00; and

**WHEREAS**, The per capita assessment has not changed for sixteen years due to the diligence and cost-saving measures employed by the State Council; and

**WHEREAS**, The value of the existing per capita assessment has eroded due to inflation over the past sixteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed amendments to said Article are intended to protect the financial integrity of the State Council and allow it to meet its expenses and obligations; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That Article VII, Section 3, be stricken from the Bylaws as currently written:

**“SECTION 3.** For the purpose of defraying expenses and obligations of the State Council there shall be levied against and collected from all subordinate councils, annually, a per capita assessment, based on the number of members of the respective councils as of the last day of December of the current year, as shown by the records of the Supreme Secretary. The State Secretary shall obtain from the Supreme Secretary and present to the State Council meeting a certificate showing the number of members of each council as of said date. The amount of the per capita assessment shall be \$9.00 and shall not be modified unless by affirmative vote of two thirds majority of voting delegates in attendance at the State Council Meeting.”; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Article VII, Section 3, be rewritten as follows:

**“SECTION 3.** For the purpose of defraying expenses and obligations of the State Council there shall be levied against and collected from all subordinate councils, annually, a per capita assessment, based on the number of members of the respective councils as of the last day of December of the current year, as shown by the records of the Supreme Secretary. The State Secretary shall obtain from the Supreme Secretary and present to the State Council meeting a certificate showing the number of members of each council as of said date. The amount of the per capita assessment shall be \$11.00 and shall not be modified unless by affirmative vote of two thirds majority of voting delegates in attendance at the State Council Meeting.”; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Article VII, Section 3, paragraph a. remains unchanged; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 117th State Convention assembled in Yakima, Washington, on May 15, 16 and 17, 2020, amends Article VII, Section 3, of the Washington State Council Bylaws (including all amendments through May 2019) as contained herein to provide clarity and efficiency in the resolution process during State Council Annual Meetings.

## **Resolution No. 11 (Submitted by St. Aloysius Council 15143)**

**WHEREAS** it relates to the well-being and good of the order in reference to all members, and previous members, transferring across jurisdictional lines, and from council to council; and

**WHEREAS** this resolution mandates that “a new era for the Knights of Columbus” combined exemplification consisting of First, Second, and Third degrees be performed to become full members of the Order; and

**WHEREAS** the simpler and more streamlined ceremony stays true to our unchanging traditions of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity; and

**WHEREAS** the presenters can now develop a richer understanding of the combined essential elements of each degree, and provide this experience to family, friend, and the parish community; and

**WHEREAS** under the new scripted ceremony which is conducted in the church or appropriate location and then beginning with the presiding officer having the chaplain start with a prayer. The presiding officer then continues by reading a short history regarding early Christian knights with lives of virtue defending their faith dedicated to these principals; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that following the Chaplains prayer, the national flag be honored. In the United States, this would begin with “the pledge of allegiance’ to be recited which includes the phrase “One Nation Under God” which was signed and adopted in 1954. This pledge was added because the Knights of Columbus soldiered on to get it added to our pledge of allegiance in the form of a resolution submitted to Congress; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED** that it be adopted and added to the new ceremony for the good of the order.

## **Resolution No. 12 (Submitted by Spokane Council 683, Spokane)**

**WHEREAS** Washington State Council By-Laws, Article VII Finances, Section 5. Reads:

Section 5. Allowances for State Council Meeting attendance:

State Officers, the last Past State Deputy, District Deputies, authorized chairmen of State Council Committees, and delegates or their alternates in attendance at the State Council meeting shall be allowed mileage at the rate of ten cents (\$.10) per mile each way between their council's location and place of the State Meeting and a per diem of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for three days attendance at the meeting of the State Council.

Mileage and Per Diem to be figured and approved by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The above figures of mileage and per diem shall not be increased unless by a two-thirds majority of the State Council members present and voting, and if enacted shall not be in effect until the next following year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mileage and Per Diem sums currently authorized to be paid at the rate of ten cents (\$0.10) per mile and twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day have been in force for many, many, many years and are outdated and insignificant when considering the cost of fuel and lodging at today's rates and anticipated in the coming years; and

**WHEREAS**, a mileage and per diem increase of more than 500% for lodging and fuel increases would cause undue hardship on councils to pay the funds to meet the necessary cost increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the collection of funds from subordinate councils under Per Capita assessments for the purpose of refunding those same funds to subordinate councils for their respective attendance at State Council meetings is a redundant, outmoded, and unnecessary burden to be performed by the State Council, and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of delegates attending the State Council meeting are partially or fully reimbursed by their respective councils, and be it

**RESOLVED**, all councils should reimburse a minimum of one delegate for travel, lodging and meal costs to the annual State Council meetings; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the collection of subordinate council funds for the purpose of returning said funds be discontinued and Article VII Finances, Section 5. Allowances for State Council Meeting attendance becoming null and void and without replacement, and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, the annual assessment of Per Capita funding be reduced to \$7.00 per member for the administrative and operational funding of Washington State Council.

## **Resolution No. 13 (Submitted by Spokane Council 683, Spokane)**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Council established an “Exemplification Fund” for the purpose of funding 3rd Degree Exemplification Teams across the state jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS**, the exemplification fee was set at \$7.00 per new member, exempting priests, to be paid to the Fund, and

**WHEREAS**, the funding mechanism worked well over the many years of existence in funding the 3rd Degree Exemplification team travel expenses, and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Council new member exemplification was changed by the Supreme Council Board of Directors in 2019 eliminating the need for the 3rd Degree Exemplification Team, and

**WHEREAS**, the State Deputy of Washington State declared the Exemplification Fund be terminated on March 1, 2020, and be it

**RESOLVED**, the “Exemplification Fund Account” of the Washington State Council be fully dissolved by vote of the delegates at the annual meeting to be held in Yakima, WA on May 16-17, 2020, and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, the outstanding fund balance will be transferred to the Columbus Charities Fund, Inc. as a “restricted” permanent endowment.

## **Resolution No. 14 (Submitted by St. John Bosco Council 11762)**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Council “Convention Resolutions Planning Guide” was revised on 22 January 2019 (1/22/2019) and,

**WHEREAS**, the original State Council of Washington guidance for the brothers appointed to the resolutions committee conduct concerning submission, review and approval/disapproval of the state guidance in effect were originally written by PSD Charles McLean and approved for state council guidance only, and

**WHEREAS**, the main function of the resolutions committee was to meet, review resolution, listen to arguments for or against in the committee chamber which would result in one of four recommendations to the resolution being presented to the delegates attending the state convention, authorized to vote on resolutions, and

**WHEREAS**, the four recommendations that were called for in the original guidance, were: Approval, Disapproval, No Action and Table. The committee under the original guidance from 1993 as written for state guidance only as originally proposed and were in accordance with the Supreme Guidelines which could also recommend in the committee guidance meeting, a recommendation to change or rewrite the resolution as supreme states some resolutions are noteworthy but need a rewrite or wordsmith action to make it more readable and understandable for possible consideration by the delegates and consideration by supreme if the resolution warrants being forward to supreme for such consideration, and

**WHEREAS** the state guidance basically did away with the portion of the guidance committee meeting under Convention Resolutions Planning Guideline Section Open Meeting Agenda with the council (s) wishes for consideration with a stated disapproval or no action instead of a reworking of the wordage recommendation that could be approved by the floor. Timewise this is and was the primary charge given to the resolution committee to consider a rewrite of the past and the action to take away this portion of the guidance committee discourages resolutions that need to be addressed by the councils, and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with the Supreme Guidance, Office of the Supreme Advocate, <https://www.kofc.org/apps/en/apps/supremeadvocate/continue/council...>, revised October 2014, dated 14 April 2015 (4/14/2015) which reads: paragraph 5. Recommendations

The committee shall present all the resolutions to the State Council Delegates together with its recommendations. As to each resolution, the Committee should offer one of the following recommendations:

- a) Adopt;
- b) Reject;
- c) No Action;
- d) Refer to Executive Committee.

A recommendation of “No Action” does not indicate that the resolution is without merit. It indicates only that, in the opinion of the Committee: (a) the proposed resolutions should not be expressed by the State Council or the Order at this time; (b) the resolution itself requires no specific action; or (c) that the resolution proposes something that is already in effect in the State Council or in the Order.

In addition, the Committee may offer a substitute resolution, which modifies or refines the rationale and/or proposed action of one or more submitted resolutions. The substitute resolution may articulate a more precise or comprehensive statement of the issue or may summarize the substance of multiple resolutions pertaining to the same issue. Where multiple resolutions pertaining to the same issue have been submitted,

the Committee may recommend adopting the one resolution that best expresses the proposal under consideration, and taking no action on all the others.

The recommendations of the Committee should be promulgated in the report submitted by the Chairman of the Committee during the State Council meeting.

The Executive Committee should promptly consider resolutions that have been referred to it. The Executive Committee may, in its discretion, act upon these resolutions or defer action pending further study,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Washington State Council Guidance Convention Resolutions Planning Guide, OPEN MEETING AGENDA should be changed to add after the statement “Questions area asked by the Resolutions Committee members” to explain the guidance that the committee members have in regard to action for each and every resolution to submit to the EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA in its entirety and the outline of the Supreme Council for action In the committee meeting room prior to its introduction on the floor to the delegates gathered at future state convention be changed to read,

Recommendations

The Committee shall present all the resolutions to the State Council together with its recommendations.

As to each resolution, the Committee should offer one of the following recommendations:

- a) Adopt;
- b) Reject;
- c) No Action; or
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The recommendations of the Committee should be promulgated in the report submitted by the Chairman of the Committee during the State Council meeting.

The Executive Committee should promptly consider resolutions that have been referred to it. The Executive Committee may, in its discretion, act upon these resolutions or defer action pending further study. Reference: <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>, and therefore be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, ARTICLE III MEETINGS, Section 5 Washington State By-Laws and Rules, dated May 2019, last sentence paragraph 1, sentence be changed to read from: “to protect the integrity of the resolution process, resolutions may not be amended at the State Councils Annual Meeting”, to read “to protect the integrity of the resolutions process, resolutions may be amended at the State Councils Annual Meeting|”, in accordance with Supreme Advocate Guidance on Resolution, dated 4/14/2015.