

**WASHINGTON  
STATE  
COUNCIL**



**RESOLUTIONS**

**118<sup>TH</sup>**

**STATE CONVENTION**

**Virtual Format**

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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 Ultra-Sound Program with local fundraising efforts to purchase needed ultra-sound 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 118th State Convention, assembled virtually on May 15, 2021, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Michael J. McGivney was beatified on October 31, 2020, was dedicated to evangelization, doing everything possible to provide for the needs of the needy, and served as an example for us to witness ever more to the Gospel of charity, be it

**RESOLVED**, That we, the members of the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 118th State Convention, assembled virtually on May 15, 2021, pledge our hearts, prayers and support toward the efforts being made for Blessed 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 118th State Convention, assembled virtually on May 15, 2021, 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 118th State Convention, assembled virtually on May 15, 2021, 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**, former Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the son of the late Louise Anderson and the late Carl Anderson of the State of Washington, was the thirteenth Supreme Knight of the Order; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, former Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson reminded 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

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 118th State Convention, assembled virtually on May 15, 2021, stand as men of the Church in solidarity with former Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and our Church leaders on the occasion of his retirement; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, we extend our sincere appreciation and prayers to former 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. 6 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, Supreme Patrick E. Kelly has been elected as the fourteenth Supreme Knight of the Order on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick E. Kelly has faithfully served as our Supreme Deputy Knight since 2017, and previously served in the United States Navy for twenty-four years; and

**WHEREAS**, In solidarity with our Holy Father, our Bishops and Priests, Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly promises to guide the Knights of Columbus with great wisdom, reverence and loyalty to the Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Supreme Patrick E. Kelly has led by his example advancing the Knights mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; 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, especially during this time of pandemic; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 118th State Convention, assembled virtually on May 15, 2021, stand as men of the Church in solidarity with Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly and our Church leaders; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, That we extend our sincere appreciation and prayers to Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, his wife Vanessa and their three daughters, 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 118th State Convention, assembled virtually on May 15, 2021, 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:

<b>Council</b>	<b>Member No.</b>	<b>Name</b>
676	1387884	STEVEN M POULEY
683	1412763	MIKE R BRICKNER
683	1387144	REV MSGR WILLIAM S SKYLSTAD
763	1407299	LAWRENCE D BROCKETT
763	1407257	STANLEY P JOZEFczyk
766	1391336	BOB SOREY
766	1385329	MICHAEL D VENNERI
809	1126240	REV FATHER LOUIS V LE DOUX
1327	1401575	JAMES B AMANN
1401	1414109	ROLAND E DITTENTHOLER
1488	1391330	DANIEL R FULFS
1488	1385320	ROBERT J LOTHSPeICH
1488	1385317	BRIAN G MC TIGUE
1699	1386605	MICHAEL T GAMACHE
2103	1390427	HARRY J BURNS
2260	1387615	GERALD P HORNER
2999	1416192	ROBERT D GREEN
3307	1395116	WILLIAM E DAVIS
3361	1375419	REV G BARRY ASHWELL
3455	1406257	PATRICK O KELLY
4385	1385225	JULIAN J NUXOLL
5816	1375418	FRANZ K HIMMEL
6097	1219086	LOUIS E DE LUCA
6706	1404459	THOMAS R ALONZO
8437	1960504	ALBERT L PERRI
9605	1375420	JAMES P HIGGINS
10653	1411708	LARRY J CLEVELAND
10653	1431518	MARK H GEHLEN
13238	1376450	PATRICK J FEIST
13560	1407297	NICK C POLIFRONI

**Resolution No. 8 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, Chewelah Council #2155 has been an active council in the Knights of Columbus for 100 years having been chartered July 11, 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, Chewelah Council #2155, 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**, Chewelah Council #2155 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 118th State Convention, assembled virtually on May 15, 2021, extend our great thanks, warm wishes and hearty congratulations to Chewelah Council #2155 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 Chewelah Council #2155.

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 the Washington State Officers)**

**WHEREAS**, James G. Caldwell Council #2260 has been an active council in the Knights of Columbus for 100 years having been chartered May 1, 1921; and

**WHEREAS**, James G. Caldwell Council #2260, 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**, James G. Caldwell Council #2260 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 118th State Convention, assembled virtually on May 15, 2021, extend our great thanks, warm wishes and hearty congratulations to James G. Caldwell Council #2260 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 James G. Caldwell Council #2260.

Patrick L. Kelley, State Deputy

Kim L. Washburn, State Secretary

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**Resolution No. 10 (Submitted by Fr. Theodore J. Sullivan Council 11217)**

**WHEREAS**, THE Keep Christ in Christmas program was developed to promote the true spirit of Christmas in home, schools, parishes and communities, and to evangelize society; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale of Keep Christ in Christmas cards is one important aspect of this promotion and evangelization; and

**WHEREAS**, the source of the printed cards themselves can be a sign of consistency with, or in opposition to, the core principles of the Order's promotion and evangelization; and

**WHEREAS**, the current official supplier of Keep Christ in Christmas is in the People's Republic of China; and

**WHEREAS**, commerce with suppliers in the People's Republic of China supports a nation that is vigorously opposed to the Catholic Church through its arrest of the Catholic priests and nuns and repression of the practice of the Catholic faith; and

**WHEREAS**, printers are available in the United States and other nations who are not opposed to the principles of the Order and the message of the Gospel; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Supreme Council undertake to select suppliers of Keep Christ in Christmas card which do not support a nation in opposition to the Catholic Church and the gospel of our Lord.

## **Resolution No. 11 (Submitted by St. John Bosco Council 11762, Lakewood WA**

**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 state resolution 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

**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 iaw (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 forwarded to supreme for such consideration, 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, and

**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, as stated above, beginning with “The committees shall present....” and ending with “defer action pending further study.”, which should be recorded and added in the Washington State Rules and By-Laws.