

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE COUNCIL
2022 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS**

I. RECURRENT RESOLUTIONS

A. FEALTY, COMMENDATION, & SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS. WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council (“State Council”) wishes to annually resolve for fealty, commendation, and support; now, therefore:

1. RESOLVED, we pledge faith and loyalty to our Holy Father, His Holiness, Pope Francis; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for the Roman Pontiff Emeritus, His Holiness, Benedict XVI, and offer thanks to God for having provided such a great and holy man to lead the faithful.
2. RESOLVED, we express our gratitude and appreciation to Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, for their outstanding vision, leadership, and successful direction of the Order during the past year; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we express our sincere appreciation and support to each Supreme Officer, Supreme Director, and staff for untiring efforts on our behalf during the past Year.
3. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha, for his assistance and encouragement during the past year, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend Elden Francis Curtiss, Archbishop Emeritus of Omaha, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
4. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend James Conley, Bishop of Lincoln, for his assistance and encouragement during the past year, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend Fabian Bruskevitz, Bishop Emeritus of Lincoln, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
5. RESOLVED, we extend our gratitude to His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island, for his assistance and encouragement, and we pledge to him our continuing loyalty and support; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, we pray for The Most Reverend William Dendinger, Bishop Emeritus of Grand Island, and extend our gratitude for his many years of assistance and encouragement.
6. RESOLVED, we express our gratitude to all state, district, and local officers and the councils which they lead for the numerous contributions and excellent work during the past year.

7. RESOLVED, we express our sincere appreciation to the city officials and people of Kearney, Nebraska, for assisting with the preparation and conducting of the 117th Annual Nebraska State Convention, and for the hospitality and splendid efforts in making the State Convention a success.
8. RESOLVED, the State Council is honored to host a representative of the Supreme Council as our State Dinner guest and speaker; we extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation.
9. RESOLVED, the State Council continues to support all priests in their tasks with time, energy, and resources, and also with prayers, friendship, kindness, and support for each of them and the office they hold as Jesus' representatives in our parishes.

B. POSITION RESOLUTIONS. WHEREAS, the State Council wishes to annually state its position on a variety of topics of particular interest to the State Council and Organization; now, therefore:

1. RESOLVED, we pray for the souls of our deceased Popes and offer thanks to God, the Father of all creation, for providing such great and holy men to lead the faithful.
2. RESOLVED, we pray for the souls of our departed Brother Knights, may they rest in peace.
3. RESOLVED, we recommend to the Supreme Council that the Board of Directors and Supreme Officers continue to pursue the cause of sainthood of Blessed Michael J. McGivney.
4. RESOLVED, we pledge to continue to seek the reversal of court decisions legalizing abortion and the re-establishment of full legal protection for the unborn; and FURTHER RESOLVED, pending this result, we pledge to continue support of laws and public policies limiting the performance of abortion as much as possible; and FURTHER RESOLVED, we pledge to continue the activities of the Order at all levels to inform, educate, and motivate our own members, the public at large, and public officials regarding the dignity and sanctity of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death, and the evils of abortion and other offenses against innocent life.
5. RESOLVED, we pledge to support the lawful challenge of all Government legislation, regulation, and policy that requires the furnishing of reproductive services without exception.
6. RESOLVED, we pledge continued support for traditional marriage between one man and one woman; and FURTHER RESOLVED, we pledge to continue the activities of the Knights of Columbus at all levels to oppose laws and public policies legalizing or supporting "homosexual marriage", "same-sex marriage", and/or similar unions.

7. RESOLVED, that we encourage parents to foster a Christian atmosphere in their homes that allows them to openly discuss decency in media and entertainment and their concerns about misuse of the Internet with their children;
FURTHER RESOLVED, that we condemn pornography and graphic sexual content in entertainment and the media and call on Internet providers and the media and entertainment industry to maintain high standards of decency that will protect children and promote healthy family life;
FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend and thank those in the media, entertainment, and retail industries who produce family-friendly media and entertainment products and pledge to patronize them in our choices as consumers; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support groups that fight pornography and graphic sexual content in media and entertainment, and that we pledge ourselves to use television, film, and the Internet to promote family values and a healthy understanding of human sexuality.
8. RESOLVED, that we express our strong support for Catholic schools everywhere and encourage legislation and policies that would establish parental choice in education through tax credits, vouchers, and scholarships which would ensure that all parents have the financial means to send their children to Catholic schools.
9. RESOLVED, the State Council again encourages all subordinate councils to pray for vocations at every council meeting in the Nebraska jurisdiction.
10. RESOLVED, the State Council encourages subordinate councils to support the Newman Centers and Catholic parishes of college youth in Nebraska to provide continuing Catholic education and social support to our youth in college.

C. AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS. WHEREAS, the State Council wishes to annually authorize certain actions and requirements; now, therefore:

1. RESOLVED, the State Council shall host the annual workshop forum during the 2023 State Convention and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof.
2. RESOLVED, the State Council shall host an annual Chaplains' Seminar during the 2023 State Convention and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof.
3. RESOLVED, the State Council shall prepare, publish, and distribute a State Directory for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year and pay the actual expenses thereof.
4. RESOLVED, the State Council shall publish the Knights Courier quarterly for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year and pay the fair and reasonable expenses thereof; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, each issue of the Knights Courier published during the 2022-2023 Columbian Year shall be delivered to each member of each subordinate council as reflected by the membership records maintained at the office of the Supreme Council by electronic transmission (email), U.S. Postal Service, hand-delivery, or other reasonably reliable means as determined and directed by the State Council Executive Committee

("Executive Committee") and that the fair and reasonable expenses thereof be paid by the State Council.

5. RESOLVED, the State Council shall continue to levy an annual assessment on the subordinate councils of at least eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$8.75) per capita, payable pursuant to The First Revised and Restated Bylaws of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and all such prior assessments made and collected are approved.
6. RESOLVED, the State Council per diem and mileage rate referenced in The First Revised and Restated Bylaws of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus shall be as follows: Per diem at Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and, Mileage at Forty Five Cents (\$0.45) per mile one way; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, all such prior assessments made and collected are approved.
7. RESOLVED, for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year the Executive Committee shall be and is authorized to pay expenses and obligations of the State Council and select and disburse State Council funds to organizations the Executive Committee deems worthy of support as determined at any regular or special meeting of the Committee pursuant to the Bylaws, and that all such proper payments and disbursements made during the past year are approved.
8. RESOLVED, the State Council shall prepare, publish, and distribute a Report of Charitable Disbursements in a form and at a time as determined and directed by the Executive Committee.

II. NEW PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

A. STATE COUNCIL PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Knights of Columbus Nebraska State Council Bylaws, the Council levies an annual assessment on the subordinate councils (last year being Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$8.75) per capita) payable in two installments; and

WHEREAS, the per capita rate has not increased for a period of eleven (11) years; and

WHEREAS, the Council has experienced and has carried a multitude of rising costs during that same time period; and

WHEREAS on February 17, 2022, the Officers of the Council voted unanimously to increase the annual assessment rate, per capita, to Nine Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$9.75) for 2022-2023, and to Ten Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$10.75) for 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, the new Affiliate Membership Program Initiative reduced the number of Knights in Nebraska by 2100 members,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Council is authorized to increase the annual assessment and levy on the subordinate councils to Nine Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$9.75) per capita for the 2022-2023 Columbian Year, and is further authorized to increase the annual assessment and levy on the subordinate councils to Ten Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$10.75) per capita for the 2023-2024 Columbian Year, payable pursuant to the First Revised and Restated Bylaws of the Nebraska State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

B. SUBORDINATE COUNCILS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

None.