

2026 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION #11

A Resolution Pertaining to the Annual State Convention Per Diem

WHEREAS, the State Officers are aware of and have evaluated increasing costs of attendance at the Annual State Meeting and in particular increased annual hotel and food costs,

WHEREAS, the State Officers have concluded that increasing the per diem at the Annual State Meeting will be effective in encouraging participation, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the per diem for the Annual State Convention shall be increased to \$100 per day, effective July 1, 2026;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT Article VII, Section 7 of the Bylaws of the Missouri State Council, Knights of Columbus shall be amended as follows:

Section 7. Mileage and Per Diem: Annual State Meeting.

(a) Delegates, State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors and State Chairmen, and Past Deputies residing in the Missouri Jurisdiction and in attendance at the Annual State Meeting shall receive, in lieu of all expenses, the following ~~payment~~compensation:

(1) Mileage at the rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) per mile, one way, from the place or residence to the place of meeting;

(2) Per diem of ~~\$6~~\$100.00 for each day actually spent in attendance at the Annual State Meeting.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT a new Section 9 shall be added to Article VII of the Bylaws of the Missouri State Council, Knights of Columbus (and other sections renumbered) as follows:

Section 9. Limitation on Mileage and Per Diem. It is the intent of these By-Laws that no individual shall receive from the State Council a total reimbursement greater than the mileage and per diem amounts set forth in these By-Laws, even if said individual attends a meeting as a representative of more than one office, role, or responsibility (ie. a District Deputy who also attends as a Council Delegate); nor receive a per diem from the State Council if a per diem for the same period was paid to the individual by Columbian Charities.

~~_____ (a) For avoidance of doubt, any reimbursement paid to an individual by any Columbian Charities, or the Supreme Council shall reduce the amount of the mileage and per diem set forth herein paid to said individual, but not below zero.~~

~~_____ (b) Mileage and per diem payments are payable ~~payable~~ directly to subordinate units (local Councils) and not to individual Delegates.~~

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT that the increased per diem shall sunset on June 30, 2029.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY STATE ADVOCATE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

_____ RECOMMENDED _____ NOT RECOMMENDED

DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION: