

## **2026 Missouri State Convention Resolution #7**

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum has been an active and faithful Knight of Columbus member, in Council #2333, since October 1989, and has served for many years as an officer of Council #2333, including Grand Knight from 1996-1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum has been a Fourth Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus since February 1991, and is currently a member of Assembly #3721; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum and his wife Carol have been active members of St. Joseph Parish, Imperial, MO since 1987, and John has served the parish in many capacities, including serving on the Parish Council, as Lector and Eucharist Minister; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum has been an active member of his community by serving on numerous boards and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum has served with distinction on the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus in the following positions: State Advocate 1996-2000, State Family Involvement Chairman 2000-2001, State Family Life Director 2001-2002, State MR Promotions Director 2002-2004, State Secretary 2004-2006, State Membership Director 2006-2008, and State Deputy from 2010-2012; and

**WHEREAS**, During his term as State Deputy, 3546 new members joined the Knights of Columbus in the Missouri jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, During his term as State Deputy, the Missouri State Council established the "Meet Life" Campaign which has raised more than \$3,000,000 and has placed more than 85 ultrasound machines in Pregnancy Resource Centers, and saved thousands of unborn children from abortion; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum was appointed Master of the Missouri District in September 2016 and has established two new Assemblies during his term; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum served as Chairman of the Host Committee for the 135<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus held in St. Louis, MO in August 2017 with great success; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of Supreme Council in 2020, and reelected to the Board in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum during his tenure on the Board of Directors has served on the Audit Committee, and Appeals Committee, and currently serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother John Appelbaum through his commitment and service to the Church, his community, and the Knights of Columbus has exemplified strong leadership skills and served as an example for the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the delegates to its convention wholeheartedly endorse Brother John Appelbaum as a nominee for reelection to the Supreme Board of Directors and solicit for him the strong support of all his Brother Knights across the State of Missouri.

(Submitted by Council #2333 Kimmswick, Missouri)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY STATE ADVOCATE**

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **RECOMMENDED** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOT RECOMMENDED**

**DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:**