

2025 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori, S.T.D., Deputy Supreme Knight, Arthur L. Peters, Supreme Treasurer, Ronald F. Schwarz, Supreme Secretary and Advocate John A. Marrella, Past Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Warden Andrzej Anasiak, Supreme Master Michael McCusker and the Assistant Supreme Officers, the Members of the Supreme Board of Directors, including Missouri's own Supreme Director John Appelbaum, and the Supreme Council Staff have faithfully and consistently demonstrated the finest and the highest standards of leadership, service and dedication to our Order of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Worthy Supreme Director Stephen Kehoe representing the Supreme Council, has honored the Missouri State Council by attending this Convention.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supreme Officers, Supreme Board of Directors, and the Supreme Office Staff be commended and congratulated for their leadership and dedication to the ideals of our Honored Order.

(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:

2025 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, Dick Kobylski has faithfully served two one-year terms as State Treasurer;

WHEREAS, Pat Kennedy has faithfully served a one-year term as State Warden;
and

WHEREAS, Joe Stoverink has faithfully served a one-year term as Delegate at Large to Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus of the State of Missouri expresses its appreciation to State Treasurer, Dick Kobylski, State Warden Pat Kennedy, and Columbian Charities of Missouri, Inc. Delegate At Large Joe Stoverink for JOBS WELL DONE.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:
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DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2025 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, The Shepherds of the Roman Catholic Church and the Clergy in the State of Missouri have counseled us, prayed with us, led us and worked with us; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the State Council and all of its subordinate councils have been assisted by the generous cooperation of the Clergy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Council hereby expresses its gratitude and respect for:

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis
Most Reverend James Vann Johnston, Jr., Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph
Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City;
Most Reverend Edward M. Rice, Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau
Most Reverend Abdallah Elias Zaidan, M.L., Eparch of Our Lady of Lebanon;
Most Reverend Mark S. Rivotuso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis;
His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Archbishop Emeritus of St. Louis;
His Eminence, Justin Francis Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop Emeritus of St. Louis;
Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop Emeritus of St. Louis
Most Reverend Robert W. Finn, Bishop-Emeritus of Kansas City-St. Joseph;
Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop-Emeritus of Jefferson City
Most Reverend John J. Leibrecht, Bishop-Emeritus of Springfield-Cape Girardeau;
Most Reverend Robert J. Hermann, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Saint Louis;
Reverend Father Gregory Oligschlaeger, State Chaplain; and the
Former State Chaplains and all the Clergy and Religious of our State.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Brother Knights in the State of Missouri join regularly in prayer petitioning our Lord for increased vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

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DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2025 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS, Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus;

WHEREAS, Blessed Michael J. McGivney's extensive record of good deeds and selflessness are an inspiration to countless thousands of Catholics;

WHEREAS, Blessed Michael J. McGivney was a modern-day man of the post-industrial revolution and subjected to the rigors of the modern world;

WHEREAS, The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild has been established as a medium for promoting his cause for sainthood; and

WHEREAS, one miracle was attributed to the intercession of Michael J. McGivney and he was Beatified on October 31, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus encourages its members to pray for a second miracle to be attributed to Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus requests that the Supreme Council petition the Holy See for Canonization of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

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DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2025 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus stands in defense of the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death;

WHEREAS, the horrors of abortion continue in the United States despite the overturning of the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade;

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have developed and initiated several pro-life initiatives including the Meet Life Program; and,

WHEREAS, groups from within and outside Missouri are working to overturn the passage of Amendment 3 that guaranteed a constitutional right to abortion in the State of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Council specifically reaffirms its continued dedication, support, and prayers to support and defend the sanctity of all human life from conception to a natural death.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Council encourages all Knights of Columbus in the state of Missouri to practice their rights and responsibilities to vote in local, state and national elections.

(Submitted by the State Directors through the State Deputy)

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DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2025 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION #6

WHEREAS, yearly, the Knights of Columbus holds an International Supreme Convention;

WHEREAS, Brother Knights travel from throughout the United States as well as other countries around the world to attend that Supreme Convention; and

WHEREAS, the 143rd Supreme Convention will be held in Washington, D.C., in the United States of America, on August 5 - 7, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council specifically continues its prayers and support to the Washington, D.C. Council for blessings, safe travel of Brother Knights, and the success of the 2025 Supreme Convention being held in Washington, D.C., in the United States of America.

(Submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy)

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DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2025 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION # 7

WHEREAS the By-Laws of the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus, guide and counsel the State Officers and committees in conducting the various state meetings and the financial affairs of the State Council in continuing pursuit of The Knights of Columbus' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism;

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 3(b) of the By-Laws of the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus states that the Religious Information Bureau Committee shall be comprised of the State Officers and Past State Deputies and the R.I.B. Director;

WHEREAS, these By-Laws require periodic update to reflect changes in practice;

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Council no longer has a separate R.I.B. Director;
and,

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee known as the Religious Information Bureau Committee will benefit from representation by the State Faith Director.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Faith Director shall permanently replace the R.I.B. Director as a member of the Religious Information Bureau Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bylaws of the Missouri State Knights of Columbus be amended accordingly.

(Submitted by the State Directors through the State Deputy)

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

 RECOMMENDED **NOT RECOMMENDED**

DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2025 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION # 8

WHEREAS The By-Laws of the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus, guide and counsel the State Officers and committees in conducting the various state meetings and the financial affairs of the State Council in continuing pursuit of The Knights of Columbus' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; and,

WHEREAS, these By-Laws require periodic update to reflect changes in practice and technology, eliminate lost documents, and to reduce costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT,

Article VII, Section 5. and **Section 6.** of the By-Laws of the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus be amended to reflect the change allowing for the acceptance of electronic payments as follows:

Section 5. To Whom and How Money Paid. All money owing to the State Council by subordinate Councils and members, shall be paid to the State Secretary by draft, check, ~~or~~ money order, electronic funds transfer, credit card, or other commercially accepted forms of electronic payment of immediately available funds (referred to herein as an "electronic transfer") payable only to Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus. Immediately upon receipt of any payment the State Secretary shall make an entry thereof on his records, issue a receipt thereof and forward the payment to the State Treasurer; except that in the case of an electronic transfer, such receipts shall be directly deposited in a bank or other insured financial institution to the account of the State Treasurer as such. Where an electronic transfer occurs, the Secretary shall notify the State Treasurer in writing of said receipt in lieu of the above entries.

Section 6. How Money Shall be Paid. All funds of the State Council shall either be deposited by the State Treasurer or directly deposited by electronic transfer in a bank or other insured financial institution to the account of the State Treasurer as such. The State Treasurer shall pay out funds on warrants drawn on him by the State Secretary and countersigned by the State Deputy. Upon receiving any such warrant, the State Treasurer shall issue his check or an electronic transfer in payment of the item or items authorized by such warrant to be paid, or at the option of the State Treasurer, the warrants may

be in the form of a voucher check against the bank account of the State Treasurer.

(This Resolution is submitted by the State Officers through the State Deputy.)

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: _____ RECOMMENDED _____ NOT RECOMMENDED

DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2024 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION # 9

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have a historic relationship with the United States Military;

WHEREAS, a member of the Knight of Columbus has fought in every military conflict and war since its founding in 1882;

WHEREAS, in World War I the Knights of Columbus provided Hospitality Huts where "Everybody Welcome, Everything Free" was the slogan;

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus membership has a large contingency of military veterans;

WHEREAS, eleven members of the Knights of Columbus have received the United State Medal of Honor; and,

WHEREAS, our military members are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to secure the religious freedoms we celebrate every day.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Missouri State Council waive the State Per Capita for all Military Councils in the State of Missouri for all assessment periods beginning after the date of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bylaws of the Missouri State Knights of Columbus be amended accordingly.

(Submitted by Maryville Council #1339)

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DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2024 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION # 10

WHEREAS, Father Augustus Tolton (1854–1897) was the first publicly recognized Black Catholic priest in the United States, overcoming great racial and societal barriers to answer his call to the priesthood;

WHEREAS, born into slavery in Brush Creek, Ralls County, Missouri, he and his family escaped to freedom, ultimately finding refuge in Quincy, Illinois, where he later pursued his religious vocation;

WHEREAS, despite being denied entry into American seminaries due to racial discrimination, he persevered in his faith and was sent to Rome for priestly formation, where he was ordained in 1886;

WHEREAS, Father Tolton dedicated his ministry to serving marginalized communities, particularly Black Catholics, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to faith, inclusion, and service;

WHEREAS, he founded St. Monica's Parish in Chicago, providing a spiritual home for Black Catholics and fostering unity in the Church;

WHEREAS, his legacy of faith, perseverance, and commitment to social justice continues to inspire Catholics and people of all backgrounds;

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church has recognized Father Augustus Tolton as a Servant of God and later as Venerable, an important step toward sainthood;

WHEREAS, the cause for his canonization advances as his virtuous life and potential miracles attributed to his intercession are under review; and

WHEREAS, the canonization of Father Augustus Tolton would serve as a powerful testament to the universality of the Catholic Church and its commitment to recognizing the holiness of individuals from diverse backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we strongly support the canonization of Father Augustus Tolton, recognizing his extraordinary faith, perseverance, and contributions to the Church and society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage the faithful to pray for his intercession and for the successful advancement of his cause toward sainthood.

(Submitted by Council 07231 – Columbia (Newman Center). Co-sponsored by councils 00995 Moberly, 01270 Martinsburg, 01529 Columbia (Lourdes), 02044 Montgomery City, 02241 Shelbina, 02526 St. Patrick, 03375 Kirksville, 03760 Mexico, 04454 Fulton, 07841 Centralia, 14414 Columbia (Sacred Heart))

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DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2024 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION # 11

WHEREAS, the role of the District Deputy Supreme Knight (“District Deputy”) is of critical importance to the success of the order, representing the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy Supreme Knight to their local councils and members;

WHEREAS, the Organizational meeting and Mid-Year meeting of District Deputies provide a critical time for District Deputies to collaborate and become energized for the mission and vision of the Order, allowing them to spread that vision to their councils;

WHEREAS, District Deputies dedicate significant time and personal resources in the carrying out of their duties, often at the detriment of their families and at personal expense;

WHEREAS, while District Deputies receive expense reimbursement from the Supreme Council, many expenses, such as printing, postage, and travel outside of the district are not reimbursable;

WHEREAS, expenses that are eligible to be reimbursed, such as meals while attending meetings, require cumbersome support, or as in the case of mileage, are reimbursed at a below IRS-rate;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council typically only reimburses District Deputies for one night of lodging at the Organizational and Mid-Year meetings, and requires additional effort and approval of the State Officers for a second night of lodging to be approved;

WHEREAS, District Deputies have no means except personal funds or requests to councils to provide for items such as refreshments at district meetings, prizes for district contests, or incentives for membership activities;

WHEREAS, while many councils are able and willing to help support their District Deputies in this manner, not all councils are able to; and asking councils individually to support their District Deputies increases the risks of disparate treatment; and

WHEREAS, while District Deputies volunteer for their roles, the sometimes limited resources available to them can hinder their efforts to drive the growth of the Order and may impact the ability to recruit future District Deputies, holding back the Order in the State of Missouri.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VII of the Bylaws of the Missouri State Council, Knights of Columbus be amended to add a new section, to be known as Section 10, as follows:

Section 10 Additional Assessment to support District Deputies

In addition to the per capita assessed above in Section 1, an additional \$1.00 (One dollar) per capita shall be assessed for each billable member of the order in the State of Missouri. The proceeds of this assessment shall be used as follows:

- a. To provide for a \$500 (Five hundred dollar) stipend to each District Deputy, provided that the stipend shall be payable in 2 (two) installments of \$250 (Two hundred fifty dollars) at or soon after the conclusion of the Organizational and Mid-Year meetings, and further provided that one-half each installment, or \$125 (One hundred twenty five dollars) shall be contingent upon the District Deputy having attended the Organizational or Mid-Year meeting. Such stipend shall be used at the discretion of the District Deputy, who shall not be required to report on the use of the stipend.
- b. Recognizing the costs incurred by the state council to administer and distribute these stipends, such as check stock, envelopes, and postage, a sum of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) of the assessment may be retained by the state council.
- c. The stipend may be included in the council billing statement with other per capita charges and does not need to be separately stated.
- d. Any revenue from this special assessment not distributed as per subsections a and b above, whether as funds in excess of those needed to provide for the distributions or funds not distributed due to vacancy in the office of District Deputy or non-attendance at the Organizational or Mid-Year meeting, shall, prior to the Annual Convention, be transferred to the Columbian Charities of Missouri Knights Legacy fund for the support of

Missouri Special Olympics and shall not accrue to the benefit of the State Council.

e. The Missouri State Council specifically warns District Deputies that stipends received pursuant to this section may be considered taxable income. The Missouri State Council shall comply with all regulations regarding the reporting of stipend payments, which as of February 2025 is only required for payments in excess of \$600 (six hundred dollars). It shall be the responsibility of each District Deputy to properly report the stipend for income taxation purposes, even if the Missouri State Council is not required to report the payments.

(Submitted by by Council 07231 – Columbia (Newman Center). Co-sponsored by councils 00995 Moberly, 01171 Westphalia, 01529 Columbia (Lourdes), 02027 Bonnots Mill, 02526 St. Patrick, 03375 Kirksville, 04868 Linn, 06430 Taos, 08399 Wardsville, 12242 St Elizabeth council , 14414 Columbia (Sacred Heart), 14906 Jefferson City (IC)).

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DISPOSITION AT CONVENTION:

2025 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTION # 12

WHEREAS, Venerable Fulton J. Sheen was a holy priest and archbishop;

WHEREAS, devotion to the Holy Family, the Blessed Mother, and the Eucharist, most especially through the Holy Hour, were central to the spirituality of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen;

WHEREAS, Venerable Fulton J. Sheen promoted the Catholic Faith through the radio and television, introducing millions of Americans to Catholic teaching;

WHEREAS, Venerable Fulton J. Sheen wrote sixty-six books on the Catholic Faith;

WHEREAS, Venerable Fulton J. Sheen was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus;

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed Venerable Fulton J. Sheen as living a life of heroic virtue and worthy of the title "Venerable Servant of God;" and,

WHEREAS, a miracle attributed to Venerable Fulton J. Sheen was approved by Pope Francis on July 6, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT we pray for the beatification of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT we encourage all brother Knights and their families to pray for the intercession of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, and report any favors received; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT we commit ourselves to follow his courageous example by leading lives of heroic virtue through our own vocations in society.

(Submitted by Sacred Heart Council 14414)

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