

**WASHINGTON
STATE
COUNCIL**



**RESOLUTIONS
120TH
STATE CONVENTION**

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 120th State Convention, assembled on May 19, 2023 through May 21, 2023, 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 139 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 120th State Convention, assembled on May 19, 2023 through May 21, 2023, 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 120th State Convention, assembled on May 19, 2023 through May 21, 2023, 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 Blessed 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 120th State Convention, assembled on May 19, 2023 through May 21, 2023, 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. Frank Schuster, 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.

Kim L. Washburn, State Deputy

Gregory S. Mahoney, State Secretary

Thomas C. Williams, State Treasurer

Scott E. Hulse, State Advocate

David H. Olwell, State Warden

Patrick L. Kelley, Immediate Past State Deputy

Resolution No. 5 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)

WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly was elected as the fourteenth Supreme Knight of the Order on March 1st, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Patrick E. Kelly has faithfully served as our Deputy Supreme 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 Knight Patrick E. Kelly has led by example advancing the Order's 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 120th State Convention, assembled on May 19, 2023 through May 21, 2023, 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. 6 (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 120th State Convention, assembled on May 19, 2023 through May 21, 2023, 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:

Council	Member No.	Name
2155	541618	EDWIN J HANSEN
12786	642841	MAX WEAVER
1550	642858	REV JOHN BOWMAN
4196	1505267	DENNIS C RAPP
11762	1507101	REV DENNIS CHAMPAGNE
2303	1508638	DALE A GAMACHE
2303	1508639	WALTER L CYR
1488	1509570	DAVID H APPEL
9637	1510457	REV JOHN J LUDVIK
1550	1510860	RICHARD C NOTO
11948	1511710	WAYNE P PERRAULT
8201	1513155	MARK R FUCHS
1674	1513600	GEORGE V RENVILLE JR
11948	1514549	GLEN G WICKETT

2103	1514646	SGT PETER P CHARVET
4782	1515967	ROBERT A CHANDLER
3455	1519419	PATRICK A WOLF
683	1522932	STEPHEN L MUTO
1565	1524008	STEPHEN A SCHULTHEIS
1823	1525833	EDWARD J WOLF
6686	1526321	FRANK M SNODGRASS
1823	1527030	GREGORY G WEBER
894	1531318	VICTOR J ROHRET
3598	1534474	HILBERT HOFFMAN
8297	1535438	MATTHEW J WURZBACHER
7356	1542567	KEVIN R MURPHY
1550	1542651	JOHN P MC MAHON
1460	1543124	JAMES A MC KIERNAN
7908	1544392	MARTIN E LE TOURNEAU
13238	1544400	ROBERT J HIRSH
766	1546087	CHRISTOPHER A GRASSO
1488	1549219	PAUL D MC DONALD
1488	1549220	FRED E BRANNAN
9721	1549221	MICHAEL D BYRD
3455	1550185	ROBERT J OLBERDING
1823	1550533	JAMES V FAERBER
1620	1550624	DWIGHT BENSON
1550	1551196	GEORGE W HECK
5816	1555273	GERARD A FIGURELLI
2303	1562068	JAY A LA COURSIERE
676	1563920	LEO J WOLFE
3153	1567036	MARK J NIEHENKE
7117	1567529	GEORGE J DELVO
11736	1569711	DANIEL W HREHOV
7642	1570341	ROBERT J KAY
5816	1573829	MODESTO M ABELLERA JR
1620	1574197	REV MR ROBERT P KALINOWSKI
6097	1574985	MARK J FREY
766	1578756	RICHARD N HEINZMAN
1629	1578892	DAVID D KURZ
7863	1579249	EDWARD G MOHS

Resolution No. 7 (Submitted by All Saints Council 1629, Puyallup, Washington)

WHEREAS, Washington State Rules and By-Laws, Article 111, Section 5 and 5(a), (since at least May 1984, under then State Deputy Hector M. Maffei) included a Resolution Committee process at the Annual Meeting, and

WHEREAS Robert's Rules Of Order, copy right Revision 129 2020 by Henry M. Robert Brigadier General United States Army, Section 10:30, page 105, which covers motions and improvement of resolution, outlines that the resolution committee MAY suggest corrections to those gathered (e.g., delegates to the Knights of Columbus Annual Meeting) as to one of four main recommendations (1) accept/reject (2) modify (amend), (3) commit (chair motion), and postpone (rewrite/resubmit), and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Officers presented a resolution in 2019, at the State Convention a resolution to add a word to the resolutions committee, Article III, Section 59 the word "NOT" which became "MAY NOT" recommend a change to a word or sentence structure, and

WHEREAS at the Virtual Meeting of the 2022 State Convention, the Resolutions Committee did make changes to some resolutions after submittal to the council* and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article III, Section 5 and 5 (a) of the Washington State Council Rules and By-Laws be amended to read:

ARTICLE III, MEETINGS, SECTION 5 and 5 (a)

All resolutions shall be in writing. For a resolution to be considered at the State Council's Annual Meetings It must be submitted to the State Secretary by email or regular mail prior to midnight on March 15, Resolutions that are postmarked after midnight on March 15 will not be considered at the Annual Meeting. The State Council shall print the substance of the resolutions that have been timely submitted and distribute copies of each resolution to each council within 30 days before the State Council Meeting. The resolutions committee shall issue a report to the State Council on all the resolutions that were timely submitted by the subordinate councils. To protect the integrity of the resolution process, resolutions MAY suggest corrections to those gathered at the State Council 's Annual Meeting as delegates or recommend one of four main motions (1) accept/reject, (2) modify (ament), (3) commit (chair motion), and (4) postpone (rewrite/resubmit). No resolution presented involving the increased expenditure of State Council monies shall be considered unless such resolution or the substance thereof has been printed and distributed to the members of the State Council as provided herein. In addition, a resolution that would require an increase in State Council spending would require identifying the funding source for said increase; either an

increase in the State Council per capita or an alternate funding source that is practical and sustainable, as voted on and approved by the delegates. a. The State Secretary shall certify in writing to the Resolutions Committee that all resolutions submitted by Subordinate Councils for consideration at the State Council meeting have been received by the State Secretary as provided herein. Resolutions submitted to the State Secretary shall be council identified, signed by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary, and bear the imprint of the council seal, and

FINALLY RESOLVED. that the Washington State Council Knights of Columbus at the 120th State Convention assembled in person on May 19 to 21, 2023, amends Article 1119 Section 5 and 5 (a), of the Washington State Council Rules and Bylaws (including all amendments through May 2022) as contained herein to provide clarity and efficiency during the State Council Annual Meetings

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

WHEREAS Article II, Section 3 of the Washington State Bylaws states that, “Chairmen of standing committees of the State Council (not to exceed 12), who are not otherwise members of the State Council, shall have the privilege to speak on any question pertaining to the functions of their particular committees.”
And,

WHEREAS it is unclear whether the phrase, “not to exceed 12,” refers to members on a committee or the number of committees,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article II, Section 3 of the Washington State Council By-Laws be amended to read: “Chairmen of standing committees of the State Council (not to exceed 12 members), who are not otherwise members of the State Council, shall have the privilege to speak on any question pertaining to the functions of their particular committees.”

Resolution No. 9 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)

WHEREAS Article V Officers, Section 2 of the Washington State Council Bylaws states that, “A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect (except as otherwise provided in Section 93 of the Laws of the Order). The State Deputy shall appoint three tellers from the Past State Deputies present, whose duty it shall be to make proper distribution of the ballots, and make a tally of the ballots cast. When two or more candidates run for an office, balloting shall continue until one of the candidates has received a majority of votes cast. No candidate shall be dropped from the ballot unless he volunteers to do so.” And,

WHEREAS There is no provision for tellers in the Washington State Council Bylaws for a situation when fewer than three Past State Deputies are present at a meeting of the State Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article V Officers, Section 2 of the Washington State Council Bylaws shall be amended to state that, “A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect (except as otherwise provide in Section 93 of the “Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus). The State Deputy shall appoint three tellers from the Past State Deputies present, whose duty it shall be to make proper distribution of the ballots, and make a tally of the ballots cast. When fewer than three Past State Deputies are present at a meeting of the Washington State Council, the State Deputy may appoint any member of a Council within the jurisdiction of the Washington State Council, who is not otherwise a designated delegate to the meeting of the Washington State Council to participate during the tally of votes cast. When two or more candidates run for an office, balloting shall continue until one of the candidates has received a majority of votes cast. No candidate shall be dropped from the ballot unless he volunteers to do so.”

Resolution No. 10 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)

WHEREAS Article V Section 8 of the Washington State Council Bylaws states that “The Reverend State Chaplain shall be allowed the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to assist in defraying his expense while attending a meeting of the Washington State Council. And,

WHEREAS The Washington State Council’s Reverend State Chaplain is an ordained Priest serving in a Parish or a Bishop serving in a diocese. And,

WHEREAS The expenses that the Reverend State Chaplain incurs while attending and participating in meetings of the Washington State Council may include payment for a Priest or Bishop to carry out the Reverend State Chaplain’s duties while the Reverend State Chaplain is absent from his assigned duties as well as the expense for travel, food and lodging.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article V Section 8 of the Washington State Council Bylaws shall be deleted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actual costs and expenses incurred by a Priest or Bishop while serving as the Reverend State Chaplain shall be reimbursed in full by the Washington State Council upon presentation of receipts detailing the Reverend State Chaplain’s expenses.

Resolution No. 11 (Submitted by the Washington State Officers)

WHEREAS Article VIII Reports, Section 5 states that “The following Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country shall be recited aloud and in unison, at each regular meeting and/or special meeting of State Officers, State Council and subordinate Councils in the Washington Jurisdiction:

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Nation is an integral part of all meetings of the State Officers, State Council and subordinate Council meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article III Meetings shall be amended by adding Section 2 to Article III, stating that: “The following Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, the United States of America, shall be recited aloud and in unison, at each regular meeting or special meeting of State Officers, State Council and subordinate Councils in the Washington State Jurisdiction:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Article VIII Reports, Section 5 shall be removed from the State Bylaws.