

2018 Resolutions

114th Annual State Convention Mississippi Jurisdiction



Knights of Columbus

**Resolutions to the Delegates of the 114th Annual State Convention
Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

RESOLUTION Number 1

Whereas,

The 2018 Convention Committee has been such an excellent host of the 114th Annual convention, and

Whereas,

The 2018 Convention Committee was Council 9094, D'Iberville, and

Whereas,

The officers, members, and their wives have arranged to host such an outstanding convention,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

That the sincere appreciation of those in attendance be extended to the host council for the superior manner in which it discharged its responsibility.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 2

Whereas,

Brother **Robert Ennis and** has honored this State Convention with his presence,
and

Whereas,

Brother Ennis, a Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus, and Past State
Deputy of the Tennessee Jurisdiction, and

Whereas,

We, the delegates of the Mississippi State Council, realize that **Brother Ennis**
address at the Convention Banquet will be extremely informative and well
received by all,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Brother
Robert Ennis and extends to him a cordial invitation to return to our Jurisdiction
whenever he may find it possible to do so.

Recommendation: Adopt Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 3

Whereas,

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina was elected by the conclave of Cardinals as Supreme Pontiff, the first Pope ever selected from the Americas and

Whereas,

Cardinal Bergoglio assumed leadership of the Holy Catholic Church, March 13, 2013 as Pope Francis,

Whereas,

On December 13, 2015, Pope Francis celebrated forty-seven years in the Priesthood,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus affirms its loyalty and allegiance to the Vicar of Christ, Pope Francis, and passionately prays for his continued good health and continued guidance to the Holy Catholic Church.

Recommendation: Adopt ***Action:***

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 4

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order and considered as the strong right arm of the Catholic Church, and

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council provides superb guidance and service to its more than 15,000 Councils and 1.9 million members,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus sincerely appreciates the efforts of **Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, his fellow Supreme Officers, Board of Directors, and Supreme Office Staff**, and expresses its gratitude for their leadership and inspiration in furthering the cause of Columbianism, and

Be it Further Resolved,

That we pledge our loyalty and appreciation to our **Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** for all he has done in the name of our Order, and pray for his continued progress in leading our Order to greater successes.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION No. 5

Whereas,

Bishop Roger Morin was ordained April 15, 1971 to the Holy Priesthood and

Whereas,

He was raised to the rank of Monsignor in 1985, and

Whereas,

He organized preparations for Saint Pope John Paul II's visit to New Orleans in 1987.

Whereas,

He was named vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Archdiocese in 2001 and

Whereas,

On February 11, 2003, Morin was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans and

Whereas,

Pope Benedict XVI named Bishop Morin third Bishop of Biloxi, Mississippi on March 2, 2009 and installed April 27, 2009 and faithfully has served the Diocese following the motto

"Walk Humbly and Act Justly", and

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction inspired by the Leadership of His Excellency Bishop Roger Morin thank him for his service to the Church and the Biloxi Community. ***Recommendation:*** Adopt ***Action:***

Submitted: State Officers

RESOLUTION No. 6

Whereas,

Bishop Joseph Kopacz was installed as the 11th Bishop of the Jackson Diocese February 6, 2014 and faithfully serves the Diocese following the motto "**Let there be Light**", and

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Whereas,

Bishop Louis Kihneman was installed as the 4th Bishop of the Biloxi Diocese April 28, 2017 and faithfully serves the Biloxi Diocese following the motto ""The Lord is My Shepherd".

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved,

That the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction inspired by the service of Bishops His Excellency's Kopacz and Kihneman, pledge our allegiance and service to our current Bishops and our Bishops Emeriti Joseph Latino, Roger Morin and Joseph Howze. ***Recommendation:*** Adopt ***Action:***

Submitted: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 7**

Whereas,

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting the men and women in the armed forces of the United States, and

Whereas,

Many active members of the Knights of Columbus are or have been members of these armed forces, and

Whereas,

Members of the armed forces place their lives at risk to ensure the safety and freedom of the residents of the United States,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus expresses its sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women serving and those who served in the armed forces of the United States, and

Be it Further Resolved,

That the members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus continue to pray for the safety of the men and women serving in said armed forces.

Recommendation: Adopt

Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

RESOLUTION Number 8

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Annual Bowling Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 112th State Convention held in Natchez, and

Whereas,

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction have participated in the tournament in the past, and

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Whereas,

It is the express desire of the Mississippi Jurisdiction to hold this activity again during the 2018 - 2019 fraternal year,

Now Therefore be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council sponsors, at no expense to itself, the official Mississippi State Knights of Columbus Annual Bowling Tournament for its membership, said tournament to carry the official sanction of the United States Bowling Congress. The time, date, and place of the tournament will be set at the discretion of the host council, with all business for the tournament to be resolved at a meeting held during the tournament. The chairman of the bowling tournament will give a report at the State convention, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council presents, at no expense to itself and as provided by the bowling association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament. ***Recommendation:*** Adopt ***Action:***

Submitted by: State Officers

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RESOLUTION Number 9

Whereas,

The Mississippi Knights of Columbus Thomas F. Chady Annual Golf Tournament was authorized by resolution at the 112th State Convention held in Natchez, and

Whereas,

Members from throughout the Jurisdiction have participated in the tournament in the past, and

Whereas,

It is the express desire of the Mississippi Jurisdiction to hold this activity again during the 2018 – 2019 fraternal year,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved

That the Mississippi State Council sponsor at no expense to itself, the official Annual Thomas F. Chady Memorial State Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament for its membership. The tournament should be held at an opportune time each year; the place of the tournament will be set at the discretion of the host council, with all business for the tournament to be resolved at a meeting held during the tournament. The chairman of the golf tournament will give a report at the ensuing State Convention, and,

Be It Further Resolved,

That the Mississippi State Council present at no expense to itself and as provided by the appropriate golf association, appropriate trophies to the winners of certain events conducted during the tournament. A traveling plaque to recognize the annual first place team and their home council which will then be displayed at the Vicksburg Council after the official presentation at the State Convention, and

Be It Further Resolved,

This State Golf Tournament is not to be confused with nor take the place of the annual golf tournament held in conjunction with State Conventions, and,

Recommendation: Adopt Action:

Submitted by: State Officers

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Resolution Number 10

Whereas,

Article IV, Section 5 of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws state that the expenses of the State Officers, Delegates, District Deputies, and past State Deputies shall be determined by resolution at each State Council Meeting for the ensuing annual meeting, and

Whereas,

Expenses for the State Membership Director, State Program Director and the six State Program Chairmen and those members deemed appropriate by the State Officers are determined by resolution at each State Council meeting for the ensuing annual meeting

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

That pursuant to Article IV, of the Mississippi State Council By-Laws, per diem expenses for the Delegates, State Officers, and District Deputies to the State Council Meeting are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per day for two days for those individuals staying in the designated hotel or attending both convention banquets. And they will be paid mileage at the rate of \$0.30 per mile one-way, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That Past State Deputies in attendance are to be paid a per diem of \$75.00 per day for two days and no allowance for mileage, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That, per diem expenses for the State Membership Director, State Program Director, the six Service Program Directors and those members deemed appropriate by the State Officers to the State Council Meeting are hereby set and established to be paid at the rate of \$75.00 per day for two days for those individuals staying in the designated hotel or attending both convention banquets. And they will be paid mileage at the rate of \$0.30 per mile one-way, and

Be It Further Resolved,

That should the hotel cost for the State Council Meeting exceed \$140.00 per night before taxes and fees, the State Council Officers, may approve an additional \$25.00 per diem for two days for all attendees who are entitled to a per diem and who stayed in the approved hotel.

Recommendation: Adopt *Action:*

Submitted by: State Council

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RESOLUTION Number 11

Whereas, the Priests of the Sacred Heart, an international congregation of priests and brothers, established a province in the United States in 1934, and

Whereas, during a conversation with Father Michael McCarthy, pastor of St. Mary Cathedral, Natchez, in 1941, Father Charles Talsky, SCJ mentioned that the Priests of the Sacred Heart might be interested in missionary work with Southern Blacks, and

Whereas, Bishop Richard Gerow, learning of that potential interest, invited the Priests of the Sacred Heart to work to build the Church and to work among the poor in northern Mississippi, and

Whereas, Father John Flanagan, SCJ became the first member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart to work in Mississippi, being assigned in 1942 as associate pastor at St. Patrick Church, Water Valley, and beginning what is now known as Sacred Heart Southern Missions, and

Whereas, Father Flanagan was named as pastor of St. Joseph Church, Holly Springs in 1943 and the Priests of the Sacred Heart were given pastoral responsibility for five counties in northern Mississippi: Marshall, Benton, Tippah, Tate and Desoto, an area of over 2,000 square miles, and

Whereas, learning of a small cluster of Catholic families in Walls, and seeing the poverty of the area, the Priests of the Sacred Heart decided to build Sacred Heart Church in Walls in 1944, and

Whereas, as clusters of Catholic families were discovered in Desoto County, missions were established to meet the pastoral needs of the people, and

Whereas, knowing that education is the best tool to break the cycle of poverty, the Priests of the Sacred Heart founded Sacred Heart School in Walls in 1947, and, in Holly Springs, St. Mary School for African American students in 1948 and St. Joseph School for white students in 1951, inviting the School Sisters of St. Francis to teach in each of the schools, and

Whereas, Fr. Gregory Bezy, SCJ, who was assigned as the first development director for Sacred Heart Southern Missions, founded the Sacred Heart Auto League to promote prayerful careful driving on our nation's streets and highways, and

Whereas, in 1968, the Priests of the Sacred Heart were given pastoral responsibility for four additional counties: Tunica, Alcorn, Prentiss and Tishomingo. For the next 40+

years, the Sacred Heart Southern Missions ministered in the nine northern counties of Mississippi, inviting sisters from a number of religious communities to join them, and

Whereas, currently Sacred Heart Southern Missions serves the Catholic community and the poor in the five counties of northwest Mississippi – Desoto, Tunica, Tate, Marshall and Benton – through a variety of ministries including:

Six parishes: Christ the King / Southaven, Queen of Peace / Olive Branch, Holy Spirit / Hernando, St. Joseph / Holly Springs, Good Shepherd / Robinsonville and St. Gregory / Senatobia.

Two elementary schools: Sacred Heart / Southaven and Holy Family / Holly Springs.

Social service offices in Walls, Hernando, Olive Branch, Holly Springs, Tunica and Senatobia providing food, emergency assistance, skill development and advocacy; an HIV / AIDS ministry providing support services; a thrift store in Hernando; and the Garden Café, a soup kitchen in Holly Springs.

A volunteer program, attracting high school and college students from around the country as well as local church and civic groups, which primarily makes necessary repairs on the homes of the elderly and the poor.

A housing ministry which built and maintains Dehon Village, a subdivision of 38 rental homes for low income families in Walls as well as “scattered site” housing in Desoto and Marshall Counties.

Sacred Heart Auto League and other programs for friends and benefactors across the United States.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Knights of Columbus, Mississippi Jurisdiction hereby recognize and honor the contributions made by the Priests of the Sacred Heart and the Sacred Heart Southern Missions as they celebrate 75 years of dedicated service to the Catholic Community and the poor of Northwest Mississippi. *Recommendation:* Adopt *Action:*

Submitted by: Councils 7120 and 14051

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RESOLUTION Number 12

Whereas,

The Mississippi Legislature created a specialty car tag promoting the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, with proceeds from the sales of such car tags going to the treasury of the State Council, and

Whereas,

The use of the proceeds from the sales of such car tags should be decided by resolution at the State Convention,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved

That the proceeds received by the State Council from the sale of the Knights of Columbus specialty car tags during the 2017-2018 fraternal year shall be distributed as follows:

50% to the Archbishop Rodi Disaster Relief Fund

50% to the Bishop William R Houck Mississippi Retired Religious Fund

Be It Further Resolved,

That each member of the Knights of Columbus in the Mississippi Jurisdiction is encouraged to support the above listed causes and to promote the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a Knights of Columbus specialty car tag. Recommendation: Adopt Action:

Submitted by: State Officers