

2021 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution in RE: DEDICATION OF THE CONVENTION TO PAST SUPREME KNIGHT CARL A. ANDERSON

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN the Knights of Columbus in Texas and the Texas State Council dedicate the 117th annual convention to Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson for his leadership as the Supreme Knight and providing guidance to Catholics worldwide as a public servant and educator since 1983, and

WHEREAS from 1983 to 1987, he served in various positions of the Executive Office of the President of the United States, including special assistant to the President and acting director of the White House Office of Public Liaison, and

WHEREAS following his service at the White House, Mr. Anderson served for nearly a decade as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and

WHEREAS from 1983 to 1998, Mr. Anderson taught as a visiting professor of family law at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, and

WHEREAS in 1988, Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson became the founding vice president and first dean of the Washington, D.C., session of this graduate school of theology now located at The Catholic University of America, and

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson provided written guidance by authoring a *New York Times* bestseller, *A Civilization of Love: What Every Catholic Can Do To Transform The World*; co-author (with Msgr. Eduardo Chávez) of *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of the Civilization of Love*, also a *New York Times* bestseller; co-editor (with Livio Melina) of *The Way of Love: Reflections on Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical Deus Caritas Est*; co-author (with José Granados) *Called to Love: Approaching John Paul II's Theology of the Body*; and author of *Beyond a House Divided: The Moral Consequens Ignored by Washington, Wall Street and the Media*, and

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson was the only Catholic layman from North America to serve as an auditor at the World Synod of Bishops in 2001, 2005, and 2008. In addition, Mr. Anderson participated as an auditor in the 2012 Synod of Bishops, and

WHEREAS Pope John Paul II appointed Mr. Anderson as a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life (1998) and the Pontifical Council for the Laity (2002), and as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (2003)

WHEREAS Pope Benedict XVI appointed Mr. Anderson as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Social Communications (2007) and as a member of the Pontifical Council for the Family (2008). In addition, he has served as a consultant to the Pro-Life Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) since 2002, and

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson is a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Sylvester, a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great and a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson served as a member of the International Scientific Council of the Studium Generale Marcianum of Venice. In 1994, Mr. Anderson was a member of the Vatican delegation for the Fifteenth Meeting of the International Jewish Liaison Committee held in Jerusalem, and

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson currently serves on the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He has received honorary doctorates from The Catholic University of America, The Pontifical Theology Academy of Krakow and St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe, Pa. Mr. Anderson is the recipient of many honors including the Imago Dei Award, Archdiocese of Denver (2005); the Canterbury Medal, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (2007); Servant of Peace Award, Path to Peace Foundation (2007); Rector's Award, Pontifical North American College, Rome (2008); The John Carroll Society Award (2009); the Lupa Capitolina Award, City of Rome (2009); the John Cardinal O'Connor Award (2009); and the Evangelium Vitae Medal (2015), and

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson served as Assistant Supreme Secretary and Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus until he became Supreme Knight in October 2000. Prior to that, he served as the Order's vice president for public policy from 1987 to 1997. He has been grand knight, district deputy, state advocate, state secretary and state deputy for the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS Mr. Anderson assumed the responsibilities of Supreme Knight in 2000, the Knights of Columbus has achieved new heights in charitable giving, providing in 2016 alone over \$177.5 million directly to charity and more than 75 million hours in volunteer service, and

WHEREAS in addition, Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has overseen consistently strong growth in the Knights' financial resources. In 2015, the Order's insurance in force surpassed \$100 billion, an amount that has more than doubled in the last 12 years, and

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WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson also led the Knights in a variety of charitable endeavors including:

- Establishing the Heroes Fund to provide immediate assistance to the families of first responders who lost their lives in the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001;
- Establishing the \$2 million Pacem in Terris Fund, the earnings of which are used to promote peace initiatives in the Holy Land and to assist the Latin Patriarchate in supporting the Christian community there;
- Financially sponsoring the 2004 Papal Concert of Reconciliation;
- In partnership with Project Medishare, establishing the program, which has provided approximately 1,000 victims in Haiti with prosthetic limbs in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake that devastated that country; and

- Launching the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, a charitable fund that has raised more than \$18 million to benefit persecuted Christians in the Middle East. The CRRF has donated millions of dollars that enables distribution of food, housing, and other basic necessities for those in the region who have fled their homes, and.

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson was instrumental in the Supreme Council's aid to Texas in 2019 with approximately \$250,000 in cash and supplies for the Order's border initiative, directly aiding our dioceses along the Texas border.

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson was also instrumental where the Supreme Council provided over one million dollars in emergency aid and assistance and offered hope with a personal visit to Texas communities devastated by Hurricane Harvey flooding and destructive winds along the Texas Gulf coast, and

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson honored Texas by holding and leading Supreme's annual convention in 2004 in Dallas and again in 2013 in San Antonio, and

WHEREAS Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson was honored with the 2021 Pro-Life Legacy Award, an award recognizing a lifetime of principled leadership in defense of life, and

WHEREAS Mr. Anderson holds degrees in philosophy from Seattle University and in law from the University of Denver. He is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and is admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, and

FURTHERMORE, Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and his wife, Dorian, are the parents of five children, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus, assembled in Houston, Texas on April 30 – May 2, 2021, hereby recognizes and affectionately honors Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be placed in the official minutes of this 117th Annual Texas State Convention and that an attested copy of this Resolution & Proclamation be presented to Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson as a lasting statement of the love, respect, admiration, and gratitude held by Knights of Columbus in Texas and the Texas State Council.

2. Resolution in RE: PRAYERS FOR ALL PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

WHEREAS Christianity began over two-thousand years ago in the Middle East, but the conflicts and uprisings of the Arab Spring have unleashed atrocities and even martyrdom on Middle East Christians; and

WHEREAS Christians in the Middle East have been reduced to less than 4% of the population, fleeing their homes, abandoning their country to save their lives because they are Christians; and

WHEREAS Christians in China are facing an escalation of persecution solely based on their Christian faith, with forcible detentions including, Pastors, and Christians and their families; and

WHEREAS the 2020 World Watch List documented 50 countries where being a Christian or following Jesus is dangerous. Additionally, this worldwide persecution is estimated to affect over 260 million people who “now experience high, very high, or extreme levels of persecution; that is a 6% more increase of Christians since 2019 who now live where Christianity is ‘illegal, forbidden, or punished,’” according to Open Door researchers the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS the U.S. news media have attacked Christians and Catholics, including the Coventry High School students in 2019; and

WHEREAS members of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and individual Senators continue to attack federal court nominees over their faith, including attacking Catholic beliefs of Pro-Life as extreme and the Knights of Columbus as a terrorist organization; and

WHEREAS many nations have either remained silent or refused to assist the refugees in the face of the unspeakable and brutal violence and persecution; and

WHEREAS His Holiness, Pope Francis has urged the international community to respond to this immense humanitarian tragedy; and

WHEREAS His Holiness, Pope Francis has spoken of the significant contributions Christians have made to the Middle East and the importance of their continued presence in the region; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus established the Christian Refugee Relief Fund (now called Persecuted Christians Fund) in 2014. As of December 31, 2020, the Knights of Columbus has raised \$30,629,288 in aid for the Persecuted Christians Fund enabling aid to displaced Iraqi and Syrian Christians and other persecuted Christians;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Texas State Council recognizes and offers our prayers and support for Christians and their families being persecuted across the globe, for defending and living our Christian faith and the fundamental freedoms we stand for; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council wishes the very best of God’s continued and abundant blessings upon all persecuted Christians worldwide.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council and all subordinate Councils in Texas will continue to support our Supreme Knight and the Supreme Council’s efforts to provide moral and financial support for our displaced Christian brothers and sisters and pray for all the victims of the current persecution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council calls upon the President of the United States to work with the Congress, State and local governments, and the leaders of other nations to find a compassionate solution that would allow legitimate victims of this current persecution to find safety and shelter in this country and others while still

maintaining an effective deterrent from those who would seek to commit acts of violence and terror; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all the delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

3. Resolution in RE: APPRECIATION FOR OUR BISHOPS AND CLERGY

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus, an organization of Catholic men founded by a priest, has always held the priests of our Church in especially high regard and has always invited and welcomed all priests into our membership, and out of profound respect for their unique position and authority as representatives and leaders of the Church, has always held open our meetings and ceremonies to priests even if they were not members; and

WHEREAS Texas State Council Knights of Columbus is deeply grateful for the many benefits rendered to our organization and the 117th Annual State Convention by the Bishops and clergy in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council is honored with the Diocese of Beaumont's ordination and installation of its 6th bishop, the Most Reverend Bishop David L. Toups on August 21, 2020, and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council is further honored Pope Francis has named Reverend Gary W. Janak as Bishop-elect with an assignment as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas, and

WHEREAS we wish to always renew and do hereby reaffirm our pledge to continue to be the strong right arm of the Catholic Church and to always support and defend our Bishops, priests, and other members of the clergy and religious; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus in the 117th Texas State Council convention duly assembled in Houston, Texas, does hereby express our deepest gratitude to all Bishops and clergy, and particularly to His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, our State Chaplain and his Excellency the Most Reverend Brendan Cahill, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, our Associate State Chaplain, Reverend Mark Salas; along with each of the Bishops for the Dioceses of Texas; the Council and Chapter Chaplains, the Assembly and District Friars of Texas, and all clergy who aid in making the spiritual aspect of our meetings and this convention more meaningful, our sincere appreciation and our thanks for their inspiration, cooperation, and counsel.

Submitted: State Officers

4. Resolution in RE: MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God has called home many of our Brother Knights since our last convention;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this convention pause during our Memorial Mass to join our Worthy State Chaplain, Bishop Brendan Cahill, and Associate State Chaplain Reverend Mark Salas in prayer for the repose of the souls of our departed Brothers whose names are listed in the “In Memoriam” booklet, and of all Brother Knights who have passed away in prior years; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that each Grand Knight assume the responsibility of notifying the members of his Council and calling the Brothers together at the time of the death of a member of his Council to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that each Council holds appropriate Commemorative Exercises and Masses during November to pay tribute to their deceased Brothers.

Submitted: State Officers

5. Resolution in RE: APPRECIATION OF HOST COMMITTEE

WHEREAS Knights of Columbus members of the Houston State Convention Committee are graciously serving as hosts to the 2021 State Convention of the 117th meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS such Committee, as our host, has extended to us warm, sincere greetings and hospitality as well as consistent cooperation in all requirements, making the duties of the officers and staff easier to discharge;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus hereby extends to the officers and members of the Houston State Convention Committee and their wives our sincere appreciation and profound thanks for the cordial welcome, excellent workmanship, and fine hospitality shown to all members in attendance.

Submitted: State Officers

6. Resolution in RE: CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

WHEREAS since 1978 the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has been pursuing the cause for the beatification of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney; and

WHEREAS in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, and whose declaration significantly advances his progress toward sainthood giving Father McGivney the distinction of “Venerable Servant of God”; and

WHEREAS the Church continues to study and investigate the life and work of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney, which also includes examining a possible miracle manifested through the intercession of Father McGivney; and

WHEREAS on January 10, 2006, the book titled Parish Priest Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism, a biography of our founder, was published and made it to the New York Times Best Sellers list; and

WHEREAS to further promote devotion to Father McGivney, in 2013 the Texas State Council commissioned the first devotional icon of our beloved founder, the original of which hangs in the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven and copies of which are available at www.tkofc.org; and

WHEREAS the Father McGivney Guild has been established to help further the goal of saintly recognition for this worthy priest, and currently has a membership of over 150,000 individuals;

WHEREAS his Holiness Pope Francis recognized Father McGivney's miracle and thereby Beatified Father McGivney, on October 31, 2020, raising Father McGivney to Blessed; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council, Knights of Columbus in Convention duly assembled in Houston, Texas, do hereby fully support the Supreme Council in this cause, and continue to pledge our ongoing prayers for the canonization of this great and noble priest and encourage Texas State Council members and all Catholics to join the Father McGivney Guild and pray for his canonization; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council encourages local councils to maintain and make available copies of our founder's biography for all Knights to read and share, and display a framed copy of the devotional icon in all council chambers and to give the icon as appreciation gifts to our bishops, pastors, chaplains and others in recognition of special service accomplishments; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

7. Resolution in RE: IN SUPPORT OF A CULTURE OF LIFE

WHEREAS the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Texas State Council have demonstrated a deep, historic, and consistent opposition to all governmental actions and policies that promote abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and other offenses against life; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Texas State Council have continued to reaffirm an uncompromising commitment to the sacred nature of God's gift of Life, to Natural Law, and continued encouragement to members, Councils, and their families to continue advocating and promoting life—from natural birth to natural death—and to work within our communities to promote a Culture of Life that respects all human beings, particularly women and the unborn; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus have supported our bishops in opposition to capital punishment; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus' Ultrasound Program has provided approximately 1318 ultrasound machines in 50 states, with Texas being one of the leading jurisdictions providing over 86 ultrasounds—said ultrasounds providing the parents and families of unborn children a window into the mother's womb that allows them a clear glimpse of God's gift of life; and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council continues to support federal and state investigations into Planned Parenthood's immoral and illegal activities and continues to favor the passage of any legislation that would ban the illegal and immoral use or sale of any human fetal body parts or tissue; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting public demonstrations and rallies for the cause of life, particularly in Texas, specifically the Pro-Life Masses, Marches, Hikes-for-Life, and candlelight vigils.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council continue to support laws and other governmental actions prohibiting abortion, destructive embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia, and continues to call for legislation and regulations that require parental notification and consent for minors seeking an abortion, and will continue to seek the restoration of full legal protection for the lives of the unborn, the sick, persons with disabilities and the elderly; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus will continue to uphold and advocate the traditional teaching of the Church concerning the death penalty, as explained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and that we call upon the Supreme Convention to include opposition to the death penalty in any pro-life resolution it considers and passes; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge to continue the activities of the Knights of Columbus at all levels to inform, educate and motivate both our members and the public at large, including public officials who take a so-called "pro-choice" position, regarding the dignity and sanctity of human life at all stages and the evils of abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, the death penalty, and other offenses against life; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we affirm our policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support legal protection of unborn children or who advocate the legalization of euthanasia, and not bestowing upon them honors or privileges of our Order of any type; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the United State Congress to act swiftly and decisively in denying all public funding and support for Planned Parenthood, and submitting this legislation to the President of the United States upon whom we call to sign it into law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend and congratulate the Texas Legislature—and the Legislatures and Assemblies of the other States and Commonwealths of the United States—to continue investigating Planned Parenthood and that it act swiftly and decisively in denying any and all public funding and support for

Planned Parenthood and submitting this legislation to the Governor of Texas, upon whom we call to sign it into law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we staunchly oppose any and all efforts by the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and any State Legislature, State regulatory agency, and any local, county, or municipal government that would force private or public employers, health plans, health institutions and providers to offer services that deprive individuals and institutions of their freedom of conscience by taking away the liberty to follow ethical, moral or religious beliefs; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that while recognizing the natural rights of parents and the dignity of children, we urge the United States and Texas governments to streamline social services regulations and laws to facilitate adoption so that suitable families may welcome children who need stable parental care; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus continue to support in every manner possible the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, and other similar ministries which provides women and men facing crisis pregnancies and post-abortion problems love, physical care, counseling, spiritual, emotional, and financial support; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado, and a copy to the Texas Legislature, the Governor of Texas, and the Texas delegation to the U.S. Congress and the President of the United States.

Submitted: State Officers

8. Resolution in RE: CALLING FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN PRO-LIFE MARCHES FOR LIFE

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting public demonstrations and rallies for the cause of life, particularly in Texas, specifically the Pro-Life Masses, Marches, Hikes-for-Life, and candlelight vigils; and

WHEREAS the March of Life that occurs in Washington D.C. unites, educates, and mobilizes pro-life people and organizations from across the United States; and

WHEREAS other states have held and conducted their own Marches for Life, particularly Texas, which holds its own March for Life in downtown Austin, Texas, where pro-life Texans march to the Texas State Capitol and demonstrate peacefully for the cause of life; and

WHEREAS since 2015, the officers of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus, along with members and leaders of Texas Knights of Columbus councils, have marched in the Texas March for Life, alongside the Bishops, priests, and other pro-life supporters; and

WHEREAS local communities and parishes hold and conduct their own Marches for Life along with other pro-life groups and organizations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council encourages Councils, members, and their families to continue to support and participate in the March for Life conducted in Washington D.C., the Texas March for Life conducted in Austin, Texas, and any other march for life or public demonstrations and rallies for the cause of life; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council and the Knights of Columbus call upon Councils to continue to work with their bishops, pastors, priests, and parish leaders in organizing, administering, and assisting with local Marches for Life conducted in their respective communities; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

9. Resolution in RE: SUPPORT FOR THE INSTITUTION OF TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

WHEREAS marriage is a natural institution based on ancient human values that has been recognized as a unique and deeply rooted social, legal, and religious institution; and

WHEREAS marriage reflects the natural biological complementarity between a man and a woman, which is woven into the social and religious fabric of every major culture and society; and

WHEREAS marriage is a natural institution that predates the state, the state is therefore obligated to recognize, respect, and protect it; and

WHEREAS our Holy Father, Pope Francis, when speaking about marriage and the family, has said, “Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child’s development and emotional maturity;” and

WHEREAS his Holiness Pope Francis declared in his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia “that only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life;” and

WHEREAS the Holy Father also stated that “Marriage is a precious sign, for ‘when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage...he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love;’” and

WHEREAS the Holy Father also stated in Amoris Laetitia that “By their witness as well as their words, families speak to others of Jesus. They pass on the faith, they arouse a desire for God and they reflect the beauty of the Gospel and its way of life;” and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Columbus Councils in Texas and their members wish to support and stand in solidarity

with our Supreme Council, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops, our Texas Bishops, and our clergy and religious regarding the fundamental and traditional recognition and definition of marriage as a holy and sacred union between one man and one woman, with that union being open to the creation of life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council at its 117th annual meeting in Houston, Texas that the Knights of Columbus stand firm in our conviction that the only valid marriage that can exist is the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all federal, state, and local government officials to enact legislation that will protect the sanctity of marriage and the sanctity of a family committed to bringing new life into the world; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado, and a copy to the Texas Legislature, the Governor of Texas, the Texas delegation to the U.S. Congress and the President of the United States.

Submitted: State Officers

10. Resolution in RE: IN DEFENSE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WHEREAS the right to religious freedom is based upon the inherent dignity of the human person, which is known through both reason and divine revelation; and

WHEREAS the right to religious freedom is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Texas State Constitution and other documents recognizing religious freedom; and

WHEREAS religious freedom means that all persons are to be free from coercion in matters of belief and conscience and that no person should be forced to act in a manner contrary to his or her own beliefs or conscience; and

WHEREAS in *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom, we reaffirm the Catholic Church's consistent teaching that religious freedom is an inalienable right that should be recognized in the governing laws of each country in such a way that it is acknowledged as a basic civil right; and

WHEREAS religious freedom is not a benefit that a government confers out of a sense of mere tolerance, which can be removed, but rather is an inalienable right, rooted in the transcendent dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS Pope Francis has called religious freedom, "a fundamental right of man," that is "not simply freedom of thought or private worship," but "the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly, consequent to the truth one has found;" and

WHEREAS religious freedom is at the very heart of human rights because it encompasses freedom of speech, assembly, and conscience, which together form the basis of civil society and respect for the individual; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus since its founding has worked to defend religious freedom for Catholics and all people, and has done so out of our commitment to our faith and our unshakeable belief that religious freedom is a basic civil right; and

WHEREAS the Order's work on behalf of religious freedom included efforts in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, which affirmed the right of children to a Catholic education in opposition to the efforts of the Ku Klux Klan; and

WHEREAS our work for religious freedom also included activities to protest the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s, as well as efforts to combat the anti-religious worldview of Communism, Socialism, and the inclusion of the phrase "under God" in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance to distinguish the United States from anti-religious governments; and

WHEREAS regulatory actions by local, state, and federal agencies have sought to force private Catholic employers—such as Catholic universities, colleges, schools, orders, convents, congregations, dioceses, and the Knights of Columbus—to provide all employees with insurance coverage that includes abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization; and

WHEREAS the numerous threats to religious liberty that have appeared in recent years are among the most serious intrusions on religious liberty we have seen in our lifetimes; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as citizens and as Knights of Columbus, we will remain steadfast in our support for the free exercise of religion as it is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Texas State Constitution, and other documents recognizing religious freedom; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand firm in our conviction that the full guarantee of religious liberty cannot be limited to "freedom of worship" as some have attempted, but must include full "freedom of religion," which necessarily encompasses the public dimension of religion, the freedom from persecution or discrimination based on conscience and belief, and the fact that believers are called to play an active role in building the social order; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand in solidarity with our bishops in their call to the Catholic faithful, and to all Americans, to join together to oppose coercive regulatory schemes, orders, mandates, and also to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on the U.S. Congress to consider and pass a robust First Amendment Defense Act, which would protect the free exercise of religious beliefs and moral convictions of persons by preventing the federal government from taking discriminatory action against such persons in the areas of government contracts, benefits, tax treatment, accreditations and licensures; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all government officials in Texas to enact legislation that will protect the right of religious institutions and individuals to be free from government coercion in all matters; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we will join with others of goodwill to March for Religious Freedom each year in Austin, the capital of Texas, to demonstrate our resolve and to demand that government officials respect this God-given right; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that our struggle for religious freedom at this decisive moment in our history is not only for our sake but for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all future generations, so that they too may know a country that is “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all;” and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado, and a copy to the Texas Legislature, the Governor of Texas, and the Texas delegation to the U.S. Congress and to the President of the United States.

Submitted: State Officers

11. Resolution in RE: PRAYER FOR ALL GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS

WHEREAS in 2020, the people of the United States elected the President, members of the House of Representatives and various Senators; and the people of Texas elected new members to the Texas Legislature and judges to courts at the county, district, and appellate levels; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council calls upon all Councils, Assemblies, and Chapters to pray for our President, Governor, and all our elected officials at the federal, state, county, city, and local levels, that the Holy Spirit may counsel, insight and wisdom to keep the United States of America and our state and local communities on a path consistent with the Divine Will that we invoke daily when we pray the Lord’s Prayer – the “Our Father;” and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council encourages all members and their families to register and to vote in all federal, state, and local elections; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus supports the election and appointment of officials at the federal, state, and local levels of government who support and believe in a culture of life and the protection of religious freedom; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council encourages all members and councils in Texas to pray for our President, Governor, and all elected representatives, legislators, judges, and other government officials in hope that they will work to defend life and to honor the religious and conscience concerns of all American citizens; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Knights of Columbus and the Texas State Council, encourage all members and Councils to continue to encourage peaceful and respectful dialogue between all Americans and that we, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, find ways to bridge our differences in a respectful manner; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado, and a copy to the Texas Legislature, the Governor of Texas, and the Texas delegation to the U.S. Congress and to the President of the United States.

Submitted: State Officers

12. Resolution in RE: SUPPORT FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus and the Texas State Council direct support for the armed forces dates back to the early 20th Century including the original KC Huts program and in the formation of the United Services Organization (USO); and

WHEREAS our support for the armed forces continues to the present day, most notably through our support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, for which our Supreme Knight and Supreme Master have committed the Order to raise \$1.5 million, with the Fourth Degree having already raised over \$2.2 million, and support for the annual AMS—KofC Warriors to Lourdes Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes; France and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council and its subordinate councils have supported the Frontline Faith Project, which distributes recorded Catholic prayers, lectures, and teachings to our troops, and has reached out in a special effort to cooperate with the local units of the Catholic War Veterans of America; and

WHEREAS the Texas Women’s Project from 2016 to 2020 raised \$140,550 for the support of the Archdiocese of the Military Services Cosponsored Seminarian Program, to produce additional Catholic chaplains desperately needed to serve the spiritual needs of men and women and their families while serving in the Armed Forces of the USA; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council insurance program is the only domestic insurance company which pays the face amount of the policy upon the death of one of the members of our Armed Forces killed in combat rather than have a “war exclusion” clause as do other domestic insurance companies;

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus maintains 68 active military councils around the world and have one war-zone roundtables in Iraq and Afghanistan with another in the war-torn Horn of Africa; and

WHEREAS our Brother Knights, along with thousands of other servicemen and women, are presently deployed in hostile and unstable regions around the world in efforts to combat terrorism, maintain order and promote peace; and

WHEREAS the families of those courageous servicemen and women now deployed are praying for their safe return; and

WHEREAS many of these men and women have heroically given their lives or sustained a serious or debilitating injury while deployed in the service of their country; and

WHEREAS we are committed to “serving those who served” through the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services program, with Brother Knights donating more than 97,000 hours of volunteer service at over 170 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers last year.

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has demonstrated its commitment to “wounded warriors” by direct service, financial support, and partnering with other civic organizations and foundations to benefit those service members who have suffered traumatic injuries or wounds in the field of battle; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has distributed hundreds of thousands of rosaries and copies of Armed With The Faith, a prayer book for service members; and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council and its subordinate councils have supported the Frontline Faith Project, which distributes recorded Catholic prayers, lectures, and teachings to our troops, and has reached out in a special effort to cooperate with the local units of the Catholic War Veterans of America; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council, all Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies in Texas reaffirm our unequivocal gratitude, support, and encouragement for the men and women of the armed forces who defend our liberties and freedoms and that we will never waiver in our commitment to recognize the contributions of every service member on Active Duty, in the Guard, in the Reserves, and all veterans and retired service members; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we prayerfully support and encourage the families of those servicemen and women who are deployed away from home; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we continue to pray for the mission success and the safe return of all our military personnel; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we now pay tribute to those men and women who have served, especially those who have suffered serious combat wounds or injuries, and we pray for the souls of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the service of their country; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council, Councils, and Assemblies in Texas will continue to support the Archdiocese of Military Services financially and with our prayers; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

13. Resolution in RE: SUPPORT FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS Section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 defines first responders as emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel that provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations; and

WHEREAS the legal definition of emergency response/first responders generally includes Federal, State, and local government emergency, public safety, fire, law enforcement, emergency response, emergency medical (including hospital emergency facilities) and related personnel, agencies and authorities; and

WHEREAS first responders are generally considered and recognized to be local law enforcement officers, which in Texas include federal officers and Border Patrol agents, police officers, sheriffs, deputies, constables and dispatch and other support personnel, and firefighters, emergency safety responders such as medics, ambulance support persons; and

WHEREAS first responders serve by responding to events situations that require assisting, rescuing, and possibly defending members of the community from dangers and hazardous events that many times place first responders in harm's way; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus pray for the 78 first responders and their families, 69 law enforcement officers and 9 firefighters, who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty in Texas this past 2020; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus remain committed to continued support our first responders and their families through the "Shield a Badge with a Prayer" Program, Red, White and Blue Masses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council and all Knights of Columbus Councils in Texas reaffirm our unequivocal gratitude, support, and encouragement for the men and women and their families who are first responders who protect us from harm with unselfish and professional dedication and that we will never waiver in our commitment to recognize the contributions of every first responder and their families; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that all Texas Councils continue to remain steadfast in supporting and praying for our first responders and their families through the Shield a Badge with Prayer Program and by scheduling, promoting and attending Red Masses, White Masses, and Blue Masses; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we prayerfully support and encourage the families of those first responders; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we continue to pray for the safe return of all our first responders; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we now pay tribute to those men and women who have served, especially those who have suffered serious injuries, and we pray for the souls of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the line of duty; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

14. Resolution in RE: SUPPORT FOR THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress established a national flag, resolving “that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a field of blue, representing a new constellation”; and

WHEREAS the banner adopted by the Second Continental Congress, hereinafter referred to as the “Flag,” has become the national symbol for the United States of America, the constellation of stars in the field of blue changing and evolving as new States entered the Union; and

WHEREAS in the 243-year history of the United States, the Flag has come to embody and reflect all aspects of American life, being displayed on government and privately-owned buildings, flown by military and civilian vessels, displayed at political, social, educational, and religious events on a national, state and local level, carried by soldiers and explorers and raised by students and athletes at schools and athletic contests; and

WHEREAS throughout the history of the United States, the Flag has witnessed many of America’s greatest, dramatic and tragic moments—the bombardment of Fort McHenry in 1814, the assault on Fort Sumpter in 1861, the funeral procession for Presidents Abraham Lincoln in 1865, and John F. Kennedy in 1963, the Olympic gold medal run by Jesse Owens at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the battle on Iwo Jima in 1945, the Civil Rights Marches in the 1960s, the American landing on the Moon in 1969, the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001 and many other events at different times in our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS many of our ancestors—particularly our immigrant grandfathers and grandmothers—when coming to the United States from their original homelands, were greeted by the Flag when first stepping onto American soil; and

WHEREAS throughout the history of the United States, men and women of all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds have pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor in the service of the United States, their sacrifices symbolized and represented by the Flag; and

WHEREAS while Americans can at times disagree on many issues, all Americans know that the Flag is our universal identifying national emblem; and

WHEREAS it has become a respectful tradition that all Americans honor the Flag in gratitude for the sacrifices made by all Americans in making our nation the home of the free and the refuge of those seeking the dream Dr. Martin Luther King so eloquently described and those seeking the sanctuary for life, liberty, and equality Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln so eloquently described; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus have always honored and respected the Flag, as exemplified by the Order’s successful efforts to add the phrase “Under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council and its subordinate Councils remind all members to always show proper respect and reverence

for the Flag of the United States of America, particularly by standing when the Flag is unfurled at any public event and for the National Anthem, and to continue to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at all meetings; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus rededicate themselves to encouraging the public display of the Flag at our churches, parish grounds, homes, places of business, and at social gatherings; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our families, fellow parishioners, and countrymen and women in a charitable and fraternal manner to always show respect for the Flag by standing upon presentation of the Colors and for men to remove their hats during the playing of the National Anthem or the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance as a sign of respect for our all who built, supported and sacrificed to make our Country great and saluting the Flag by either giving a military salute or by placing one's hand over their heart; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado and that the Supreme Council encourages the Supreme Convention to adopt this or a similar resolution that honors our Flag.

Submitted: State Officers

15. Resolution in RE: TO SUPPORT THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF COLUMBUS DAY IN THE AMERICAS

WHEREAS Christopher Columbus was the first European to sail west in search of the Orient and to discover the American continents as a result, returning multiple times to explore and establish settlements in this New World, opening it to the enduring influence of Western civilization and also providing for the development of trade, commerce and prosperity; and

WHEREAS the Admiral of the Ocean Sea was not focused as a profiteer or adventurer, but rather as a faithful Catholic – a “Christ-bearer” – intent on spreading the Good News to the indigenous peoples as evidenced by his request to Pope Alexander VI for missionary priests to accompany him on his initial journey with these words “I trust that, by God’s help, I may spread the Holy Name and Gospel of Jesus Christ as widely as may be”; and

WHEREAS in the same spirit of evangelization, Father Michael McGivney and a small group of men chartered the Knights of Columbus to spread the Good News in a new way to address the challenges of the industrial era, by serving the temporal and spiritual needs of families and faith communities with programs that provide financial security and strengthen the social fabric with acts of charity; and

WHEREAS four hundred years after Columbus’ triumphant expedition, and ten years after the chartering of the Knights of Columbus, Pope Leo XIII recognized the important contribution of Columbus in his encyclical, Quarto Abeunte Saeculo, writing: “it is fitting that we should confess and celebrate in a special manner the will and designs of the Eternal Wisdom, under whose guidance the discoverer of the New World placed himself with a devotion so touching”; and

WHEREAS in this modern era the Knights of Columbus continue to respond fervently to the call to evangelize the cultures in which we have been placed by God, adapting to meet the acute challenges of consumerism, hedonism, sexual libertinism, and a profound loss of respect for the God-given values of human life, religious freedom, and traditional complementary marriages and families; and

WHEREAS in the spirit of acknowledging his extraordinary contributions, regional celebrations have been held since 1792, and a special public holiday was established in 1934 in the USA to celebrate the singular and enduring influence of the accomplishments of Christopher Columbus; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as Knights of the great Christopher Columbus, and all Christian men and women of goodwill, we will continue to celebrate the example of Christopher Columbus as a visionary and evangelist, both on the holiday set aside to honor his accomplishments and throughout the year, by placing our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at the center of all our endeavors; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Knights of Columbus in Texas will endeavor to celebrate the Columbus Day Holiday by attending Mass together and sharing a fraternal meal; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we will, without diminishing the unique contributions of native peoples to the remarkable cultural tapestry of the Americas, encourage our public officials to preserve the intended spirit of the public holiday tradition with its cultural and patriotic implications, and not allow it to be undermined or diminished by neglect, dilution or replacement; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that all Knights of Columbus endeavor and commit to speaking out in our communities before local, municipal, county, and state governmental agencies in support of the continued celebration of the accomplishments of Christopher Columbus and educate others regarding the positive aspects of his efforts, discovery, and legacy; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado, and a copy to the Texas Legislature, the Governor of Texas, the leadership of the Texas Municipal League, the Texas Association of Counties, City Councils, the Texas delegation to the U.S. Congress, and to the President of the United States.

Submitted: State Officers

16. Resolution in RE: THE ORDER'S INSURANCE BENEFIT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus was founded to provide crucial relief for widows and orphans of Catholic men with the foresight and courage to join the Order; and

WHEREAS our founder, the Servant of God Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney's vision initiated an institution that has become one of the largest fraternal benefits insurance companies in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest accreditation possible from two of the best known, and most respected insurance rating agencies, A. M. Best and Standard & Poor's, and as a World's Most Ethical Company by the Ethisphere Institute; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus now has \$116.8 billion of life insurance in force on its members and their families; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus sold 4,259 annuity contracts in 2020; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus also had annual sales of Long-Term Care insurance of \$3.47 million in 2020; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus also had annual sales of Disability Income insurance of 659 policies in 2020; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus had \$448.9 million in new Annuity Deposits; and

WHEREAS in 2020 the Knights of Columbus paid out \$215 million in dividends and sold \$7.38 billion in life insurance to its members; and

WHEREAS Texas is the jurisdiction in the Order with the most insurance in force, with 121,776 policies in force from 68,111 insurance members and their families totaling \$9.4 billion; and

WHEREAS nearly 62 percent of Texas Knights are insurance members of the Order; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council at its 117th annual meeting in Houston, Texas, does commend the outstanding efforts of our general agents and our field agency force in Texas; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council does affirm as its policy that all fraternal publications, including advertising for fraternal and fundraising events, including those of the Texas State Council, its subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters are prohibited from accepting advertisements and news items relating directly or indirectly to the sale or servicing of life or disability income or long term care insurance or annuities, other than advertisements or news items promoting the Order's insurance programs, and that violation of this rule by any publication from any subordinate council, assembly or chapter will constitute cause to prohibit the use of the name and emblem of the Order by those subordinate councils and/or their publications.

Submitted: State Officers

17. Resolution in RE: PRAYERS FOR PRESIDENT'S CONVERSION ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

WHEREAS Joe Biden was elected as President of our nation and took office in January 2021; and

WHEREAS President Biden has expressed his limited and highly conditional support for implementing life-affirming policies across a wide spectrum of critically important pro-life issues; and

WHEREAS President Biden has previously expressed his intent to work for the passage of laws and to implement public policies which are clearly inconsistent with the Natural Law and the teachings of the Church, potentially destructive of family cohesion, and which deny basic human rights and the God-given value and dignity of each human life from conception to natural death;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas will vigorously oppose the erosion of protections currently contained in the law for the unborn and other vulnerable members of our society and will work ceaselessly for increased protections in general laws and in public policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas will continuously offer prayers for a conversion of heart for our President to a more generous and genuine support of all pro-life issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 139th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, CO.

Submitted: State Officers

18. Resolution in RE: PRAYERS FOR ALL AFFECTED BY COVID-19

WHEREAS the Texas State Council prays for all those who God has called home due to the pandemic and the affected families left behind; and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council prays for all those brother knights and their families who have been affected by COVID-19, and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council prays for all clergy who have tended to those affected by COVID-19, and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council prays for all the first responders and health care providers who have been called home or have been tirelessly serving those infected; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Knights of Columbus offer our deepest condolences and prayers to our Brother Knights, their families, and those people who have been called home and to their families and friends who were left behind.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas offer our heartfelt thanks, gratitude, and prayers to all clergy, first-responders, health care professionals who have provided medical care and service to the hundreds of thousand Texans affected by the pandemic, and

Submitted: State Officers

19. Resolution in RE: PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

WHEREAS the Knights of the Texas State Council, pray for the nation's commitment to peace, after an unprecedented year of violence and unrest; and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council and all of the Texas State Council brothers pray for the healing of our country, that has pitted brother versus brother, state versus state in an unprecedented attack against fellow countrymen; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Texas pray that elected leaders embrace and protect the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, including the first amendment that guarantees free speech and "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;" and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas, meeting at the 117th annual convention in Houston, Texas, prays the elected leaders be examples of honor and unity through their support of our Constitution, while accepting difference of opinions between citizens in accordance with the founding of our country, and the Great State of Texas.

Submitted: State Officers

20. Resolution in RE: Amendment to Texas State Council Bylaws, Convention meeting dates adding April

WHEREAS Supreme council bylaws, Section 13, provide state councils the dates for state conventions beginning April 1 and ending on June 1st inclusively, and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council bylaws currently, only specify May as the month to hold the state convention, and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council wishes to better align the Texas State Council bylaws to more closely follow Supreme's bylaws, section 13, by adding April to the current Texas State Council bylaws, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas, propose amending the current bylaws as follows:

ARTICLE VI - Convention

SECTION 1. DATE AND PLACE:

(A) Each year during April or May, the convention shall be convened within the state. The locations of future Convention sites and dates shall be decided by a majority of the State Officers.

Submitted: State Officers

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

21. Resolution in RE: SOLICITATION AT STATE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS in the past there have been numerous and varied solicitations conducted at activities sponsored under the auspices of Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus, by groups of individuals seeking financial contributions, program participation, or donations of volunteer time or funds, and these activities are often sponsored by the standing and special committees of the State Council for the fraternal benefit, education or enjoyment of those participating;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no solicitation or displays will be allowed at State Council functions except by written authorization of the State Deputy. It shall be the duty of the State Officers to enforce this resolution.

Submitted: State Officers