



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONTARIO STATE COUNCIL

## ONTARIO STATE RECORD OF STATE CONVENTION PAST RESOLUTIONS 2008 - 2020

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### Preamble

This historical record of past State Convention resolutions was created because of conversations within the State Board executive and our reflections and research of a past resolution requesting this specific book. Councils and resolution committees will be able to utilize this book to aid them to review resolutions that were addressed by previous convention delegates. The value of this record book will be most beneficial to avoid duplication and repeated debate by our future convention delegates. This book will be updated yearly.

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## 2020

### (117<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

### (Virtual Convention)

#### 1-8. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of our Church
2. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Pope Emeritus
3. In recognition of the Spiritual Leadership and Dedication of our Supreme Chaplain
4. In recognition of Cardinal Collins' Inspiration, Governance, and Ardour for the Church
5. In Support of our Bishops, Priests and Clergy who Serve us in all Jurisdictions
6. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude to our Supreme Knight and Board of Directors
7. Support for the Cause for Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney
8. Support for Armed Forces, Veterans, First Responders and Health Care Workers

**(all 8 resolutions adopted)**

#### 9. Request to Host Supreme Convention in 2025. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: The State Board shall signify its interest and submit a bid package requesting to host the Supreme Convention in the jurisdiction of Ontario in 2025 to the Supreme Office; AND

Be it also resolved that: The City of Ottawa will be the preferred city to host the Supreme Convention in 2025.

**(Adopted for recommendation to Supreme)**

#### 10. Opposition to the Supporting Children, Youth and Families Act, 2017: Revisions to Child Protection Proceedings. By San Damiano Council #15861

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Ontario State affirms its opposition to the *Supporting Children, Youth and Families Act; 2017*, insofar as it empowers government agencies to make decisions about children's custody, health, and moral decisions in place of parental rights based on a gender ideology incompatible with Catholic teachings, and allows a child's "creed" to trump parental rights; AND

Be it further resolved: That Catholic School Boards be informed of the opposition of the Ontario Knights of Columbus to any acceptance of gender ideology incompatible with the Church's teachings in their respective codes of conduct as they apply to employment rights, as part of denominational guarantees owed to public Catholic education under s. 93 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, s. 29 of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the provisions of the *Education Act*, and s. 19 of the *Ontario Human Rights Code*; AND

Be it further resolved: That the Knights of Columbus engage efforts to oppose the unjust and religiously discriminatory aspects of this legislation by public statements, or other means to be determined by the State Board.

**(Adopted to State Council with action at the discretion of the State Deputy)**

#### 11. Supporting Parental Rights on Sexual Education Curriculum in Schools. By San Damiano Council #15861

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Ontario State supports the positions asserted by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario as previously asserted in its various submissions; AND

Be it further resolved: That the Ontario State, in particular, asserts the right of parents to have comprehensive access to the content of the curriculum, to receive notice when their children are enrolled in classes with sexual education components, to receive notice of the specific lesson plans involving sexual education components in a timely fashion, or on request, and to be able to withdraw their children from classes or school activities on such topics if called by their conscience to do so, withdraw their children from classes or school activities on such topics if called by their conscience to do so; AND

Be it further resolved: That the Knights of Columbus engage in the ongoing consultation to express their support for these positions, through means to be determined by the State Board.

**(Adopted to State Council with action at the discretion of the State Deputy)**

12. Opposing the Expansion of Medical Aid in Dying and Enhancing the Availability of Palliative Care.

By San Damiano Council #15861

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Ontario State oppose efforts to expand Medical Aid in Dying as proposed by the federal government; AND

Be it further resolved: That the Ontario State promote a return to the commitment in favour of greater access to palliative care, from both the provincial and federal governments, by enhanced funding; AND

Be it further resolved: That the Knights of Columbus engage efforts to promote enhanced access to palliative care from our public health care system via public statements, or other means to be determined by the State Board.

**(Adopted to State Council with action at the discretion of the State Deputy)**

13. Releasing All Programs in All Four Official Languages. By Notre-Dame du Rosaire Council #9922

Be it therefore resolved that: We encourage that the Knights of Columbus complete all programs and ceremonies in the four (4) official languages of the Knights of Columbus, English, French, Spanish and Polish before they are launched in all jurisdictions.

**(Withdrawn)**

14. Amending the Standing Rules Governing the Election of State Board Officers. By Our Lady of Fatima Council #3732

Therefore, be it resolved that: A new SECTION XII be added to the Ontario State Election Rules to read: “SECTION XII – CANDIDATES’ QUALIFICATIONS

- a. Any candidate for an Ontario State Officer position must have served a full term as Grand Knight;
  - b. Any candidate for an Ontario State Officer position must have served a full term as District Deputy”;
- AND

Be it further resolved: This resolution will take effect, once adopted, for 2021 Ontario State Convention.

**(Defeated)**

15. Amending the Constitution and Making Two Votes Per Council the Ongoing Rule. By Holy Cross Council #10617

Therefore, be it resolved that: Section 12(e) of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus be repealed and replaced with the following: “Any Council in the State jurisdiction may be represented at the State Convention by the Grand Knight or, in his absence, any duly elected Past Grand Knight, or by the alternate of one of them, who shall be entitled to two votes (for a maximum of two votes per Council) on any matter coming before the annual meeting”.

**(Withdrawn)**

2019

(116<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1-9. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of our Church
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7. Support for the Cause for Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney
8. Support for Armed Forces, Veterans and First Responders
9. Support for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Special Olympics

**(all 9 resolutions adopted)**

10. Term Limits of Council Financial Secretaries. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: Sec 128 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus be revised to read: "SEC 128: All officers, except the Financial Secretary...

... The Financial Secretary shall be appointed by the Supreme Knight. He shall hold office for a period of three (3) years which is renewable twice, ideally for a maximum of nine (9) consecutive years, however at all times he holds Office at the will of the Supreme Knight. He shall be compensated in a manner approved by the Board of Directors."

Be it further resolved: That this resolution, if adopted, shall be applied upon the renewal of the Financial Secretary in the next subsequent 3-year cycle.

**(Adopted for recommendation to Supreme)**

11. Relief from Annual Dues for Military Veterans. By St Francis de Sales Council #11531

Therefore, be it resolved that: Brother Knights who are military veterans be exempt from paying dues thus demonstrating, in a small way, our gratitude for their service.

**(Tabled)**

12. Sponsoring a Child through Chalice. By St Francis de Sales Council #11531

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State encourage the sponsoring of a "Child through Chalice."

**(Adopted)**

13. K of C Ontario State Recognition of Knights on Bikes. By Fr William Fitzgerald Council #6091

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State formally recognize the Knights on Bikes as a viable entity of the K of C throughout Ontario; AND

Be it further resolved that: Ontario State will endeavour to promote and endorse the Knights on Bikes throughout Ontario councils and with Supreme as a viable and recognized group within the Knights of Columbus.

**(Adopted)**

14. Opposition to Bubble Zones around Abortion Clinics. By San Damiano Council #15861

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario Knights of Columbus continue to express its opposition to this unjust law, as an affront to our constitution protections for freedom of speech, assembly, conscience and religion; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus engage in efforts to oppose this unjust law by public statements, or other means to be determined by the State Board.

**(Adopted)**

15. Demanding Access to Canada Summer jobs Grants. By San Damiano Council #15861

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State assert that the current test of the federal government's Canada summer jobs funding application process be opened to pro-life groups, or other entities in communion with

the teachings of the Catholic church, including councils of the Knights of Columbus, so that they may receive such funding without discriminatory limitations; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus support our Worthy State Deputy in his leadership in opposition to this discriminatory provision.

**(Adopted)**

16. Oppose Government Funding for Third World Abortions. By San Damiano Council #15861

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State oppose the Canadian government's international funding of abortion, in particular the government's support for organizations which seek to impose pro-abortion ideology on Third World countries, and which perform abortions in countries where they are illegal; AND Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus engage in efforts to oppose these unjust actions by public statements, or other means to be determined by the State Board.

**(Adopted)**

17. Enhancing the Availability of Palliative Care. By San Damiano Council #15861

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State promotes a return to the commitment in favour of greater access to palliative care, from both the provincial and federal governments by enhanced funding; AND Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus engage efforts to promote enhanced access to palliative care from our public health care via public statements, or other means to be determined by the State Board.

**(Adopted)**

## 2018

### (115<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1-8. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of Our Church.
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5. In Support of Our Bishops and Priests Who Serve Us in all Jurisdictions.
6. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude to our Supreme Knight.
7. Support for the Cause for Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney.
8. Support for Armed Forces, Veterans and First Responders.

**(all 8 resolutions adopted)**

9. Donations to hospitals that participate in "medical aid in dying". By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: Knights of Columbus Ontario State Councils will obtain from a hospital their policy on "medical aid in dying" before donating; AND

Be it further resolved that: Knights of Columbus Councils will not donate to a hospital that participates in "medical aid in dying".

Amended; to include "except when such funds can be specifically directed to goods and services consistent with the teachings of the Church and such cannot be redirected to goods and services not consistent with the teachings of the Church".

**(Adopted as amended)**

10. Donations to Hospice/Palliative Care Institutions or Organizations that participate in "medical aid in dying". By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: Knights of Columbus Ontario State Councils will obtain from hospice/palliative-care institutions or organizations their policy on “medical aid in dying” before donating; AND

Be it further resolved that: Knights of Columbus Ontario State Councils will not donate to hospice/palliative-care institutions or organizations that participate in “medical aid in dying”.

Amended; to include “except when such funds can be specifically directed to goods and services to uses consistent with the teachings of the Church and such cannot be redirected to goods and services not consistent with the teachings of the Church”.

**(Adopted as amended)**

11. Amendment to the Ontario State By-laws. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: Section 24 on the Ontario State By-laws dated 2013 be revised to read: “Section 24 State Officers: The Ontario State elected Officers shall be elected in accordance with The Standing Rules Governing Election of State Board Officers for the jurisdiction of Ontario (Appendix II attached)”

**(Adopted)**

12. Amendment to the Ontario State By-laws. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: The attached Standing Rules Governing Election of State Board Officers for the jurisdiction of Ontario be adopted (see attachment).

Amended; to include:

Section III sub-para (c): Remove the words “(before value added taxes)” and replace with “(applicable taxes)” and remove the words: “...at the convention”.

Section IV sub-para (c): Remove the word “forbidden” and replace with the word: “permitted”.

Section VI sub-para (c): Remove the word “only” and replace with the word “also”.

**(Adopted as amended)**

13. Commitment to maintain the Squires Program in Ontario. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: Should Supreme withdraw its support of the K of C Squires program, the Ontario State Council will adopt an Ontario State Squires program in a seamless transition; AND

Be it further resolved that: That Ontario State Council will create a committee led by the Ontario State Council to oversee and develop a contingency plan in the eventuality of Supreme Council withdrawing it’s support of the K of C Squires program.

**(Withdrawn)**

14. Amendment to the Online Membership. By Father Ernie Deslippe Council #1467

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State Council work to preserve the integrity of membership in the Order by petitioning Supreme Council to limit the splitting of the Order into “degreed” and “non-degreed” groups by an immediate “cease and desist” from this online membership initiative; AND

Be it further resolved that: Failing the above paragraph, Ontario State Council work to preserve the integrity of membership in the Order by petitioning the Supreme Council to limit the splitting of the Order into “degreed” and “non-degreed” groups by restructuring and rebranding the current initiative into an “application-for-membership” only initiative, in the format of an online form 100, such that membership for applicants would only be completed by the usual process in a local Council and Admission (first) degree; AND

Be it further resolved that: Failing the above two paragraphs, Ontario State Council work to preserve the integrity of membership in the Order by petitioning the Supreme Council to add a fixed term to the new e-membership after which time said “non-degreed” members would be required to apply to a local Council for formal admission to the Order through participation in the Admission (first) degree.

**(Defeated)**

15. Develop a Modernization Plan. By Fr. Thomas J. Clancy Council #6736



Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council engage a qualified independent third-party entity to develop a “Modernization Plan” with the first step being the production of a benchmarking report to assess other dynamic, charitable and advocacy organizations, with a December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 deadline for publishing the report.

**(Withdrawn)**

16. Opposition to “Safe Access to Abortion Services Act”. By San Damiano Council #15861

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State Council express its opposition to the new law, as an affront to our constitutional protections for freedom of speech, assembly, conscience and religion; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus engage efforts to oppose this new law by public statements, or other means to be determined by the Ontario State Board.

**(Adopted)**

17. Opposition to Federal Government “Attestation Requirement”. By San Damiano Council #15861

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State Council assert that, without an amendment to the attestation requirement, acceptable to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Councils and related organizations should abstain from signing the current attestation provision, as stipulated by the Canada summer jobs application, or other federal government programs, where such offensive attestations are being demanded; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus support our Worthy State Deputy in his leadership in opposition to this discriminatory provision.

**(Adopted)**

18. Amendment to Knights of Columbus Membership Criteria to allow practical Catholic women into the K of C Insurance program. By Monsignor John W. Callahan Council #4177

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus requests that the Supreme Council of the K of C make the K of C Insurance program available to practical Roman Catholic women in union with the Holy See in order that the intended dream of Father McGivney’s goal to provide for the families of deceased members of the Holy Roman Catholic Church be fulfilled.

**(Defeated)**

19. Retain 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Regalia. By Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council #1467 & St. Theresa’s Cardinal Newman Council #10435

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our brother Sir Knights and appreciate their service to the Order, in particular their Honour Guards in the current regalia; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Ontario Knights of Columbus request that the Supreme Directors repeal the adoption of the new uniform and reinstate the previous regalia for the Good of the Order; AND

Be it further resolved that: Supreme retain the Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree tuxedo, cape, chapeau and sword as the official 4<sup>th</sup> Degree regalia for the colour corps and honour guard members; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Directors of the Ontario State Council be instructed and authorized to show their support for the Sir Knights and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree by passing a similar resolution.

**(Withdrawn, as a result of direction provided by Supreme Council)**

20. Maintain the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Regalia using the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Emblems. By North Bay Council #1007 & Our Lady of Sorrows Council #11584

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario Councils take on the formation of the Colour Guard with the cape and chapeau and follow the same procedures as outlined in the Colour Guard manuals and removal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree emblems from the cape and chapeau to be replaced with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree emblems.

**(Defeated)**

21. Permit new uniform and current regalia at the choice of the Sir Knight. By Saint John XXIII Council #4976

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus recommend to the Supreme Council that any Sir Knight be given the option to wear either the new uniform or the current regalia for as long as any Sir Knight desires.

**(Withdrawn, as a result of direction provided by Supreme Council)**

22. Modified 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Regalia. By St. Lawrence the Martyr Council #13417

Therefore, be it resolved that: A recommendation be made to Supreme that considerations be given to an alternative solution to the cost problem. The alternative solution would entail no further investment by those 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights who already possess the current regalia and would significantly reduce the cost to new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights. The alternative solution would remove the sword and its baldric and the tuxedo from the regalia requirement. This would leave the cape and chapeau with possibly the baldric being retained to be used with a dark suit and white shirt and, again possibly, a Knights of Columbus tie. This solution would retain the distinctive visual presence of the Knights of Columbus in important public event because of the uniqueness and attractiveness of the current regalia.

**(Withdrawn, as a result of direction provided by Supreme Council)**

## 2017

### (114<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1-8. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

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6. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude to our Supreme Knight.
7. Support for the Cause for Canonization of Venerable Fr. McGivney.
8. Support for Armed Forces, Veterans and First Responders.

**(all 8 resolutions adopted)**

9. Support Conscience Rights for Those Opposed to Euthanasia. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus Ontario State Councils support the positions of His Eminence, Cardinal Collins, our Catholic Healthcare Institutions, and our brother Knights and their family members who are medical professionals, to uphold the conscience rights for medical professionals and institutions in Ontario.

Amended; to include the wording changed to "physicians and healthcare professionals".

**(Adopted as amended)**

10. Changes to the Ontario State By-laws. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: Sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the "By-laws of the Ontario State Council, Knights of Columbus" be modified to read as follows:

Section 10: Resolutions, Etc.: All resolutions, petitions, and all proposed amendments to the By-laws, submitted by local Councils or the State Board, shall be forwarded to the State Secretary on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. The State Secretary shall forward copies of all such resolutions, petitions, or proposed amendments to the State Advocate who shall distribute such resolutions, petitions and proposed amendments to the Committee on Resolutions when appointed.

Section 11: Committee on Resolutions: The Committee on Resolutions shall be appointed by the State Deputy and the State Advocate shall be the chairman of the Committee. The Committee on Resolutions shall meet on a day preceding the Annual General Meeting of the State Council and shall prepare a report on all matters referred to it and shall present such report to the State Council meeting together with a recommendation as to the disposition of each resolution, petition or amendment.

The committee will offer one of the following recommendations:

- 1) Adopt;
- 2) Reject;
- 3) No Action;
- 4) Refer to the State Board

In addition, the Committee may offer a substitution resolution, which modifies or refines the rationale and/or proposed action of one or more submitted resolutions. The substitute resolution may articulate a more precise or comprehensive statement of the issue or may summarize the substance of multiple resolutions pertaining to the same issue. Where multiple resolutions pertaining to the same issue have been submitted, the Committee may also recommend adopting the one resolution that best expresses the State Council's position, and taking no action on the others.

Section 12: Resolution, Etc. Rules of Presentation and Rules of Order: The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee shall present the Committee's report at the Annual General Meeting of the State Council, announcing a recommendation for each resolution, petition or amendment under consideration, along with a motion to accept that recommendation. No second is required.

After the motion is made, there will be a brief pause before the Chairman of the meeting drops the gavel, marking the end of the discussion period for that motion. If no objection is raised during that pause, it shall be understood that the motion is passed. If a delegate raises an objection, the question may be discussed and put to a vote. Only duly seated delegates may address the State Council to speak in favour or against a motion.

Section 13: Limitations of Speaking: When a member is about to speak, he shall rise, go to the nearest microphone, be recognized, address the Chairman give his name and number of his Council; the member shall then confine his remarks to the subject under discussion. No member shall speak longer than two minutes without permission of the Chairman, nor more than once upon any question until all others who desire to speak have spoken.

Amended; to strip Section 12 that says that only voting members are allowed to speak on Resolutions and remove that provision.

(Amendment carried)

Amended; to strike out the word "delegate" in the third last line and replace it with the word "member".

(Amendment carried)

**(Defeated)**

11. Financial Support for Columbian Squires \$25 per Council. By Holy Name Council #3305 & St. John de Brebeuf and Companions Council #8233

Therefore, be it resolved that: As the Ontario State Council, we prioritize this support with a \$25 per Council per year assessment; AND

Be it further resolved: That the Ontario State Board will add this assessment of \$25 to each Council's per capita billings and allocate the funds exclusively toward the Ontario Squires Board budget and operations, and this will supplement the Ontario State Boards own budget toward the Squires program, beginning in the 2017 – 2018 fraternal year.

Amended; to increase the amount to \$40 per Council.

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted as amended)**

12. Financial Support for Columbian Squires \$1 per Member. By Father Mascari Council #8380

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State bill each Council \$1.00 per member to each Council. This to be done in the month of March of each fraternal year with proceeds being sent to the Ontario Columbian Squires program. By Councils financially supporting the Columbian Squires program, this will help to ensure the future of the program and ensure a bright future of the Knights of Columbus.

**(Withdrawn)**

13. Changes to RSVP Program. By All Saints Strathroy Council #7570

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus RSVP program be expanded to fund the educational needs of candidates for the permanent Diaconate; such funding limited to tuition, text books and/or other multi-media training material.

**(Adopted for recommendation to Supreme)**

14. Equal Representation by Supreme. By Bishop James Council #6861 & Parry Sound Council #7080 & St. Mary's Council #7851 & Monsignor Michael O'Leary Council #9850

Therefore, be it resolved that: Supreme Council puts out an alert asking for assistance for all Councils or members throughout the world, not just in the United States; AND

Be it further resolved that: Supreme Council provide financial support and assistance equally to all Councils and/or members throughout the Order for disaster relief.

**(Adopted for recommendation to Supreme)**

15. Ontario State Council Financial Year End. By Bishop James Council #6861 & Parry Sound Council #7080 & St. Mary's Council #7851 & Monsignor Michael O'Leary Council #9850

Therefore, be it resolved that: The State Board immediately change the year end to December 31. This change must be in place no later than December 31, 2017 and be reflected in the financial information provided to the 2018 State Convention.

**(Defeated)**

16. Ontario State Council Budget. By Bishop James Council #6861 & Parry Sound Council #7080 & St. Mary's Council #7851 & Monsignor Michael O'Leary Council #9850

Therefore, be it resolved that: The State Board prepare and present for approval an annual budget outlining anticipated revenue and expenses. This change must be in place no later than December 31, 2017 and be reflected in the financial information provided to the 2018 State Convention. For subsequent years, after 2018, the State Board must not only prepare an annual budget but must explain any variance of more than five percent (5%) from the budget. This will be done in conjunction with all other financial reporting.

Amendment; that the entire sentence about the 5% be removed.

(Amendment carried)

Amendment; replacing "for approval" with "for discussion".

(Amendment carried)

Amendment; to add the following: "That the State Board communicate to the Councils in Ontario their proposed budget once approved".

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted as amended)**

17. Ontario State Council Statement of Revenues and Expenses. By Bishop James Council #6861 & Parry Sound Council #7080 & St. Mary's Council #7851 & Monsignor Michael O'Leary Council #9850

Therefore, be it resolved that: The State Board in conjunction with the auditor take immediate steps to provide full and complete disclosure. Full financial statements are to be presented at all future State Conventions. This must include, but not be limited to:

1) Having expenses shown when revenue has been collected (ie: State Convention);

2) Disassembling the categories of Administrative; and Meetings, hotel, meals and travel and showing such things as salaries and benefits, rent, etc;

- 3) Any line item of expenses which reflect \$25,000 or more should be on a separate line;
- 4) Any increase or decrease of more than 5% in a year must include a note of explanation; and
- 5) The goal of the revised financial statements should be one of transparency not expediency.

**(Adopted)**

18. Suspend Knights who are Elected Public Officials that Vote Against Catholic Teachings. By John XXIII Council #4976

Therefore, be it resolved that: Members of the Knights of Columbus who are elected public officials that vote against the teachings of the sanctity of life from conception until natural death shall be suspended from membership in the Knights of Columbus. Suspension would be lifted once aforementioned member publicly renounce his vote in favour of intrinsic evils.

**(Defeated)**

## 2016

### (113<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1-10. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

1. Welcome Visitors to Ontario and Canada for the 134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention.
2. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of Our Church.
3. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Pope Emeritus.
4. In Recognition to the Spiritual Leadership and Dedication of our Supreme Chaplain.
5. In Recognition of Cardinal Collins' Inspiration, Governance, and Ardour for the Church.
6. In Support of Our Bishops and Priests Who Serve US in All Jurisdictions.
7. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude to our Supreme Knight.
8. Support for the Cause for Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney.
9. Blessed Mother Theresa as she is about to be canonized.
10. Tenth Anniversary of Poland.

**(all 10 resolutions adopted)**

11. Resolution to Increase per Capita by \$3.00. By Kingsway Council #3387 & Bishop John T. Kidd Council #4924 & Fr. Gerald Warren Council #7969 & Bishop Robert Clune Council #11535 & Oak Ridges Council #13094 & Immaculate Heart of Mary Council #14421 & San Francesco di Paola Council #14571 & Jesus the King Council #15045 & St. André Bessette Council #15926 & Bishop Peter Morocco Council #16233 & Father John T. Bolger Council #6161

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council authorizes the Ontario State Board to increase the per capita by \$3.00 per member; AND

Be it further resolved: That the Ontario State Board continues to aggressively look for and implement cost savings with the State budget; AND

Be it further resolved: That the Ontario State Board continues to aggressively look for and implement new revenue streams; AND

Be it further resolved: That the Ontario State Board and its Councils aggressively pursue growth in membership.

(Moved to postpone until after Resolution #16. Carried)

**(Adopted)**

12. Suspend Knights who are Elected Public Officials that vote against Catholic teachings on the Sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. By Saint John XXIII Council #4976

Therefore, be it resolved that: Members of the Knights of Columbus who are elected public officials that vote against the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life from conception until natural death shall be suspended from the membership in the Knights of Columbus.

**(Defeated)**

13. Euthanasia Prevention. By St. Agnes Council #8739 & St. Ursula Council #9551 & St. Joseph Council #10436 & Blessed Sacrament Council #1412 & Corpus Christi Council #11891 & Immaculate Conception Council #9693

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council adopt a program by means of and through the subordinate Councils that Knights will stand ready to be at the side of all who are dying to provide comfort, reassurance, and solace, so that as an Order, we assure that "no one dies alone".

Amended; to change the wording from "physician" or "doctor-assisted" to say "medically-assisted".

(Amendment carried)

Amended; to change the wording to "euthanasia/assisted suicide".

(Amendment carried)

Amended; to include the word "prayer".

(Amendment carried)

Amended; to replace "assure" by "endeavor".

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted as amended)**

14. Support for the Holy Land. By Jesus the King Council #15045

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State Council encourages all Ontario Knights of Columbus Councils to annually support through prayer and financial assistance from their general funds equivalent to 2% of Council net income and not exceeding \$500C per fraternal year, to the various Holy Land Churches, recognized Holy Land Christian charitable organizations, Christian orphanages, and Knights of Columbus Council projects that are dedicated to benefitting the Holy Land.

Amended; to strike out the words "from their general fund equivalent to 2% of Council net income and not exceeding \$500C per fraternal year".

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted as amended)**

15. Knights of Columbus Post Nominal to Identify a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Member of the Order. By Holy Spirit Council #13390

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus allow 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members of the Order to voluntarily and where deemed appropriate, to use abbreviations after his name to identify that he is a Knight of Columbus (ie: name, KC).

**(Defeated)**

16. Regarding the Funding of the Ontario State Board. By Superior Council #932

Therefore, be it resolved that: The per capita levy be increased by \$2.00 per year for the next 3 years beginning in 2016.

Amend; to suspend the rules which limit the number of speakers on this Resolution and the time allotted to each speaker.

(Amendment defeated)

**(Defeated)**

17. Maximizing Full Participation of New Knights. By Fr. McMillen Council #11565 & St. Alexander Council #11219 & Paul VI Council #7368

Therefore, be it resolved that: Any insurance agent introducing a candidate to the Knights of Columbus must register the candidate in the Council closet to the candidate's residence, and arrange for a member of

the Council to participate in the First Degree exemplification of the candidate so as to expedite the candidate's full participation in the Council.

**(Defeated)**

## 2015

### (112<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1-5. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of Our Church.
2. In Recognition of his Spiritual Leadership and Dedication (Supreme Chaplain).
3. In Recognition of Cardinal Collins, of his Inspiration, Governance, and Ardour for the Church.
4. In Support of our Bishops and Priests who serve us in all Jurisdictions.
5. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude (Supreme Knight).

**(all 5 resolutions adopted)**

6. Honoring Dennis Savoie. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus convey to Dennis A. Savoie our sincerest gratitude and warm appreciation for his dedication to the Order, to the life of the unborn, the Church and the community and Canada; AND

Be it further resolved that: We express our gratitude to Claudette and his family for sharing him with his brother Knights over the year; AND

Be it further resolved that: These sentiments be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the 112<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention held in Toronto on April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**(Adopted)**

7. Presented by State Board (per capita increase). By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council authorizes the Ontario State Board to increase the per capita by \$6.16 per year; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Ontario State Board continues to aggressively look for and implement cost savings with the State Budget; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Ontario State Board continues to aggressively look for and implement new revenue streams; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Ontario State Board and its Councils aggressively pursue growth in membership.

Amend: that the increase of \$6.16 be implemented over a two-year period.

(Amendment defeated)

Amend: that the motion be deferred until after the financial report.

(Amendment carried)

Amend: to increase our per capita by 20% or approx. \$2.50.

(Amendment defeated)

**(Defeated)**

8. Changes to Fraternal Insurance Benefits. By Our Lady of Fatima Council #3732

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus Insurance program remove this distinction of differing values of life; AND

Be it further resolved that: The practice of placing different monetary value on the life of a still-born infant as compared to an infant who dies immediately after birth be discontinued.

**(Adopted – unanimously)**

9. Support for the National Evangelization Team (NET Canada). By Our Lady of the Lake Council #4917

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council recommend to all Councils to support through prayer and financial assistance the work of NET Ministries of Canada as one of our recommended charities.

**(Adopted)**

10. Support for ACTS Canada. By Our Lady of the Lake Council #4917

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council recommend to all Councils to annually support through prayer and financial assistance the work of ACTS Canada.

**(Adopted for referral to State)**

11. Supreme Data Base. By Msgr. Stephen Foerster Council #6024

Therefore, be it resolved that: Supreme will modify the website so that once a member passes away a list of widows can be obtained when desired and this list can be linked with the Print Center Tab so that address labels can be printed, or emails can be sent, thus ensuring an easy way for Councils to stay in touch with our widows and give them the support they need.

**(Defeated)**

12. Membership Sustainability. By Parry Sound Council #7080

Therefore, be it resolved that: In order to implement a recruitment program that invites involvement through insightful preparation, the By-laws be amended to allow Council meetings to be open to potential members that are practical Catholics in union with the Holy See.

**(Defeated)**

13. Parties' Stand Against Pro-Life Candidates. By Eganville Council #1549

Therefore, be it resolved that: We encourage the membership to contact all political parties of Canada urging them to respect everyone's freedom of association, freedom of religion and conscience and not to discriminate against any candidate for nomination to his/her party because of their pro-life position.

**(Adopted)**

## 2014

### (111<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1-9. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of Our Church.
2. With Sincere and Respectful Gratitude.
3. With Joyful Gladness We Celebrate the Canonization of Pope John Paul II.
4. With Joyful Gladness We Celebrate the Canonization of Pope John XXIII.
5. With Great Pride of Our Country and for Our Canadian Clergy.
6. In Recognition of his Spiritual Leadership and Dedication (Supreme Chaplain).
7. In Recognition of Cardinal Collins and his Inspirational, Governance, and Ardour for the Church.
8. In Support of Our Bishops and Priests who Serve Us in all Jurisdictions.
9. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude (Supreme Knight).

**(all 9 resolutions adopted)**

10. In Support of a Culture of Life. By Ernest J. Wolff Council #798

Therefore, be it resolved that: We call for the adoption of laws that recognize and protect in law the right of conscience for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical personnel, guaranteeing that they may not be forced to provide medical services which violate their religious beliefs, and we insist on similar protection for Catholic hospitals; AND



Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus will continue to uphold the traditional teaching of the Church concerning the death penalty as explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and by the late Pope John Paul II in Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life); AND

Be it further resolved that: We reaffirm our long-standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia, and of prohibiting such persons from renting or otherwise using facilities over which we have control, or speaking at Knights of Columbus events, or bestowing on them honours or privileges of our Order of any kind, or inviting them to serve as honorary chairpersons of events, celebrations of committees, or to hold any office in the Knights of Columbus; AND

Be it further resolved that: We once again commit ourselves to praying the rosary frequently, to fasting and to doing penance in reparation for the evils perpetrated against the gift of life and that we seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who herself said “yes” to life, to intercede on our behalf for the establishment of a “Culture of Life”.

**(Adopted)**

11. Information available to District Deputies. By Superior Council #932

Therefore, be it resolved that: State Board Officers and District Deputies have Read Only access to Membership Management system for the Councils in their respective jurisdiction.

**(Adopted for referral to Supreme)**

12. Wells of Hope. By St. Catharines Council #1394

Therefore, be it resolved that: This convention urge our brother Knights and their Councils to support the work of Brother Van der Zalm’s Wells of Hope in every way that they can especially with their prayers and fund-raising efforts; AND

Be it further resolved that: Ontario State Council consider how it can financially support the work of Wells of Hope.

Amend; to remove the sentence “further resolved that Ontario State Council consider how it can financially support the work of the Wells of Hope”.

(Amendment defeated)

**(Adopted)**

13. To promote a positive attitude towards children in-utero diagnosed with disabilities. By Father J.R. McElligott Council #5649

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus develop an information campaign directed at parents emphasizing that all children are a gift from God even children diagnosed with possible disabilities in-utero.

Amended; to change the word “doctors” to “tests”.

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted for referral to Supreme)**

14. To include an education initiative in the ongoing programs of the Order on how to combat human trafficking. By Father J.R. McElligott Council #5649

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus develop an education initiative as part of the ongoing programs of the Order to better inform members on how to combat human trafficking.

**(Adopted for referral to Supreme)**

15. Access to previous Resolutions. By Father McMaster Council #6495

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council create a resolutions booklet that would include all available resolutions that has been passed at previous Ontario State conventions; AND

Be it further resolved that: Once the Ontario State Council resolutions booklet has been assembled that it be uploaded to the Ontario State Council website to be accessible to every Council officer of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario.

**(Adopted)**

16. Euthanasia is not healthcare and euthanasia is not medical treatment. By Father McMaster Council #6495

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus clearly and unequivocally state that lethally injecting a person with the intention of causing that person's death is not healthcare and is not a form of medical treatment.

Amended; to take out the words "lethal injection" and substituting the words "directly and intentionally causing the death of".

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted as amended)**

17. Selection of a Priest to act as Chaplain. By Father Lally Council #5793

Therefore, be it resolved that: Any priest who is a member of the Order living in the community served by the Council may serve as Chaplain with permission of the local diocese.

**(Defeated)**

18. Preservation of History, and our Catholic Roots. By Archbishop Dennis O'Connor Council #14969

Therefore, be it resolved that: We, the Knights of Columbus, declare that every Council of the State, be encouraged to promote and preserve the memory of our faithful Christian ancestors in all public places and institutions, sold or acquired by government or other commercial sources, and that this be undertaken by means of memorial plaques and monuments, ceremonial prayer celebrations and by any and all other means consistent with the principles of Christianity.

Amended; to add the words "in consultation with the local bishop".

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted as amended)**

19. Changes to Fraternal Insurance Benefits. By Our Lady of Fatima Council 3732

Therefore, be it resolved that: This practice of placing a different monetary value for a still-born infant as opposed to an infant who dies after birth be reviewed with the intent of removing such distinction.

**(Adopted to defer to next convention)**

20. Marian Year in Canada. By Father J.R. McElligott Council 5649

Therefore, be it resolved that: We use the opportunity of the Supreme Convention of 2016 to organize and launch a Marian year in Canada to increase the devotion of the faithful to Our Lady.

Amended; to add the words "...to work with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops...".

(Amendment carried) AND

Amended; to change the word "exploited" and changed to "utilized".

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted as amended)**

21. Recognition of Retired Financial Secretaries as FFS. By Father Lally Council #5793

Therefore, be it resolved that: A Financial Secretary, upon retirement having completed at least a three year term, be accorded by the State Deputy the privilege of the title "Former Financial Secretary (FFS)".

**(Adopted and referred to State)**

22. Policy on bilingualism. By Saint Gabriel Council #6740

Therefore, be it resolved that: The State Board adopt a policy on bilingualism so as to better serve French speaking Councils; and the State Council's website be available in both languages; and the State Bulletin to published in both languages.

**(Adopted and referred to State)**

23. Police Screening Requirement for new & present Members of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario. By Father Clare Tipping Council #9235

Therefore, be it resolved that: All members of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario who, through any volunteer ministry, work with children and/or vulnerable persons involved in recognized Pastor approved activities are required to submit to the screening process of the local parish and the respective diocesan screening protocol.

Amended; to add the words "... and maintain it".

**(Adopted as amended)**

24. Timely Distribution of State Convention Minutes. By St. Michael's Council #12820

Therefore, be it resolved that: Within 45 calendar days after the closing of the Ontario State Convention, the Ontario State Deputy shall cause the minutes for that annual Ontario State Convention to be prepared and circulated to the Councils in Ontario State through the portal restricted to Council Grand Knights with notice of such availability being posted on the Ontario State Council website for general membership knowledge.

**(Defeated)**

## 2013

### (110<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1-8. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of Our Church.
2. With Sincere and Respectful Gratitude (Pope Emeritus).
3. With Deepest and Sincere Memories of the late Blessed John Paul II.
4. With Great Pride of Country and of Our Country Clergy.
5. In Recognition of his Spiritual Leadership and Dedication (Supreme Chaplain).
6. In Recognition of Cardinal Collins of his Spiritual Leadership and Dedication.
7. In Support of Our Bishops and Priests who Serve Us in all Jurisdictions.
8. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude.

**(all 8 resolutions adopted)**

9. Amend the By-laws of Ontario State. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: The revised Ontario State By-laws (as presented at the 2013 Convention) be approved by the Ontario State and forwarded to the Supreme Council for their approval.

**(Adopted)**

10. Resolution to Amend Filing of Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State Council allow the filing of Resolutions in a Word format and by e-mail to the State Office and the State Advocate up to February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year;  
AND

Be it further resolved that: The filing of Resolutions by e-mail in the proper Word format with a signed copy to follow to the State Office by February 15<sup>th</sup> is considered to have been filed properly for the Convention.

Amended by Resolution Committee; to change the wording in the first line from “within the Jurisdiction” to “Councils within its Jurisdiction”.

**(Adopted as amended)**

11. Support of MaterCare International. By Father Cummins Council #2042

Therefore, be it resolved that: By the Ontario State Council Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention assembled in Toronto, Ontario May 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 that we encourage all members of the jurisdiction to support and seriously consider including MaterCare International in their yearly charitable gift-giving.

**(Adopted as amended)**

12. To Amend Pledge of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. By St. Gertrude Council #1926

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Convention requests that Ontario State Council bring to the Supreme Convention for the year 2013 a resolution to amend our 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree pledge by all Knights of Columbus to protect Life in all stages from conception until natural death.

**(Defeated)**

13. Decline of the Knights of Columbus and the Church in the West and Necessary Steps to Reverse this Decline. By St. Paul the Apostle Council #9652

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Supreme Board within one year of passing of this resolution report back annually at Supremes’ annual Convention on the progress of developing a plan to counter growing Western secularism.

**(Defeated)**

14. Support of Prostate Cancer Research. By Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council #1467

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus demonstrate its support of the fight against prostate cancer by supporting, at the international level, education and awareness campaigns regarding prostate cancer and research into its detection and treatment.

Amended by Resolution Committee; to add the words “that Supreme Council on behalf of the K of C...”.

**(Adopted)**

15. Financial Support of Prostate Cancer Research. By Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council #1467

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State Board of the Knights of Columbus demonstrates its support of the research into improved detection and treatment of prostate cancer by allotting a portion of the proceeds from the annual charities raffle to Prostate Cancer Canada for research purposes.

Amended by Resolution Committee; to drop the rest of the sentence after the word cancer.

**(Defeated)**

16. Rosary for Vocations. By Thousand Islands Council 4177

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus institute a pilgrimage of daily family rosary for vocations.

Amended; to change the word “pilgrimage” to “program”.

**(Adopted as amended)**

# 2012

## (109<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1-9. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of Our Church.

2. With Deepest and Sincere Memories of the late Blessed John Paul II.

3. With Great Pride of Country and of Our Canadian Clergy.
4. With Pride and Humility let Us Recognize Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha the First Native American Woman who will be Canonized October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
5. In Recognition of his Spiritual Leadership and Dedication (Supreme Chaplain).
6. In Recognition of Cardinal Collins of his Spiritual Leadership and Dedication.
7. In Support of Our Bishops and Priests who Serve Us in all Jurisdictions.
8. Support for Our Parish Priest.
9. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude (Supreme Knight).

**(all 9 resolutions adopted)**

10. Nomination for Supreme Director. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: The members of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario endorse putting forward the name of Joseph Salini, State Deputy for consideration as our nominee for the position of Supreme Director on the Supreme Board of the Knights of Columbus.

**(Adopted)**

11. Future Charities Raffle Lottery Licence to allow sale of Individual Tickets. By St. Aidan Council #11332

Therefore, be it resolve that: Ontario Knights of Columbus Charities Foundation will include in future charity raffle license applications the ability for Knights to sell and the option for buyers to purchase individual charity raffle lottery tickets.

**(Adopted and referred to the K of C Ontario Charities Foundation Inc.)**

12. Promotion of Pro-Life Messages and Information by State. By St. Boniface Council #10516

Therefore, be it resolved that: Since it is a fundamental issue of our time, Ontario State will continue in its leadership role and put in place a plan, drawing on input from member Knights.

Amended; to include the wording "That the State Board informs all Councils in Ontario about the plan as it is developed so that Councils can determine how to best support a Culture of Life".

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted)**

13. Establishment of Improved Electronic Communications and Banking at State. By Holy Name of Jesus Council #11886

Therefore, be it resolved that: Council 11886 wishes to congratulate the steps taken thus far but also solicit a more aggressive adoption of electronic services by State and Supreme, in order to significantly decrease the expense and delays due to postal service and cheque services.

Amended; to add the words "within two years" after the word Supreme.

(Amendment was defeated)

**(Defeated)**

14. Listing of all Charitable Donations. By St. Boniface Council #10516

Therefore, be it resolved that: In future, State's financial statements will have, as a footnote, a list of all charities and recipients of amounts in excess of \$2000, with the total reconciled to the line item donations and charitable activities in those statements.

**(Defeated)**

15. Soccer Challenge Name Change. By Centennial Council #8008

Therefore, be it resolved that: The name of the Soccer Challenge be changed to Soccer Shootout so that all potential stakeholders, from competitors, to parents, to coaches, to brother Knights, know immediately from the name exactly what will be involved.

**(Adopted and referred to Supreme)**

16. Amending Section #138 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws. By Father Murtaugh Lalor Council #10308

Therefore, be it resolved that: The State Council permit the use of computer generated minutes; AND  
Be it further resolved that: The State Council permit the computerized storage of such electronic minutes.  
**(Defeated)**

17. Recognition of a Former Knight at his Wake or Funeral. By St. Andrew's Council #10416

Therefore, be it resolved that: For whatever reason a Knight becomes a former Knight (unless he has distanced himself from the Catholic faith) upon his death, and at the request of the family of the deceased, he receives at least the Knights of Columbus Memorial Service at his wake.

**(Defeated)**

18. Support of Catholic Education in Ontario. By St. Patrick's Council #11271

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario Knights of Columbus at its 2012 Ontario State Convention direct the Ontario State Council to:

- 1) Undertake immediately a programme for the defence, encouragement and fostering of the right of the Roman Catholics of the Province of Ontario to have and to maintain the Ontario Roman Catholic Separate School System; AND
- 2) Report semi-annually in the Ontario State Bulletin and annually at the Ontario State Convention on the status of the programme to support and foster the Ontario Roman Catholic Separate School System.

**(Adopted)**

## 2011

### (108<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1-6. Congratulatory Resolutions. By Ontario State Board

1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of Our Church.
2. With Deepest and Sincere Memories of the late Blessed Pope John Paul II.
3. With Great Pride of Country and of Our Canadian Clergy.
4. In recognition of his Spiritual Leadership and Dedication (Supreme Chaplain).
5. In Support of Our Bishops and Priests who Serve Us in all Jurisdictions.
6. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude (Supreme Knight).

**(all 6 resolutions adopted)**

7. Restoration of Full Legal Protection for the Lives of the Unborn. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus within the jurisdiction of Ontario at the Annual General Meeting held in Toronto, Ontario on May 22, 2011, call upon all Knights of Columbus State Councils in Canada to work with a Member of Parliament to introduce a Parliamentary Bill seeking the restoration of full legal protection for the lives of the unborn.

**(Adopted)**

8. Audit of District and Diocesan Association Funds. By Father Lally Council #5793

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario State Board create a process of accounting for the receipt and distribution of funds from Councils to District Deputies and similar process for Diocesan Associations and Zones for funds from Councils and assemblies. The process to include an annual report back to member Councils and assemblies.

**(Adopted)**

9. Communication in French. By Rhéal Franche Council #6198

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State Council keeps its Francophone members informed by providing a website in their mother tongue.

Amended; to substitute the words “a website in both official languages” instead of “a website in their mother tongue”.

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted)**

10. Council funds, Section 122(b) of the Charter, Constitution and Laws. By Rhéal Franche Council #6198

Therefore, be it resolved that: Section 122(b) to be amended to state that “no money in excess of \$1000 shall be paid or transferred from the treasury of any Council”; instead of the \$500 indicated currently.

Amended; to delete the words from the sentence “instead of the \$500 indicated currently”.

(Amendment carried)

**(Defeated)**

11. Liability Insurance. By Cheney-Hammond Council #8242

Therefore, be it resolved that: The State Council consider obtaining a basic liability insurance policy covering all the Councils of the State; AND

Be it further resolved that: The State Council increase its per capita so as to recover the costs incurred by such an initiative; AND

Be it further resolved that: The State Council adjusts its per capita annually, if need be, in order to recover the annual costs of this insurance.

Amended; to delete the last two “be it further resolved” statements and that the State Board would bring a proposal on how the liability insurance will be funded to the next annual general meeting once all details of the coverage are established.

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted)**

12. NCD – Recognition of Pastors/Parish Priests. By Marian 87 Council 9607

Therefore, be it resolved that: Supreme Council formally recognize Pastors/Parish Priest for their invaluable assistance, in the formation of a new Council throughout the Order, by presenting them with a miniature plaque of the new Council’s charter, similar to that of which is presented to the District Deputy of the newly formed Council.

Amended; to add the words “Council Chaplains” (after Parish Priests).

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted and referred to Supreme)**

13. Criteria for Honorary Life Membership. By Fr. Alan McRae Council #10818

Therefore, be it resolved that: Section 118(c) and (d) which both state twenty-five and fifty consecutive years service be amended so that brother Knights who through unforeseen circumstances i.e. family, financial, work or health interrupted their service and now have the required twenty-five or fifty years service be accorded Honorary Membership and Honorary Life Membership.

Amended; with the words “family, financial, work or health” to be deleted.

(Amendment carried)

**(Adopted and referred to Supreme)**

14. Order of Dress for Third Degree Knights. By St. Isidore Council #12898

Therefore, be it resolved that: The third Degree baldric be provided to members on taking their third Degree, at their own expense; AND

Be it further resolved that: It be worn with a white shirt and tie and dark jacket as a Knights of Columbus order of dress at public and fraternal occasions as considered appropriate by their Council, District, State and Supreme Council.

Amended; that the words “with a white shirt and tie and dark jacket as a Knights of Columbus order of dress” to be deleted.

(Amendment was defeated)

**(Defeated)**

## 2010

### (107<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1. Ontario State Bulletin Assessment. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: Effective with the 2011 per capita assessment, the one dollar per member “Ontario State Bulletin Assessment” be increased to two dollars per member, and to be reviewed on an annual basis with the intent to reduce costs.

**(Adopted and referred to State,** moved to a committee of PSDs and current editor and former editors of the State bulletin including Phil Zakoor, Al DeWitte, Michael Sheehan and Dave Williams)

2. CIDA Funding of International Planned Parenthood Federation. By Father Cummings Council 2042

Therefore, be it resolve that: The Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus call upon the Government of Canada to stop all funding of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

**(Adopted and referred to State)**

3. Retention. By St. Thomas Council #1467

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus create a new “International Council” to which such a member could transfer and contribute annual dues in order to maintain full benefits of membership in the Order and continuity in accumulated years of service, without affiliation to any local Council in any geographic area.

**(Adopted and referred to Supreme)**

4. Stop Euthanasia from becoming Law in Canada. By Corpus Christi Council #11891

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State Council will solicit all State Councils in Canada to seek that the major Federal Parties in Canada adopt a policy of respect for life until natural death; AND

Be it further resolved that: Ontario State Council solicit and encourage the leadership of Supreme to become involved in the promotion at all State Board levels in Canada, to seek and inform their subordinate Councils to seek the position of each candidate and their respective parties regarding this issue during election campaigns.

**(Adopted and referred to Supreme)**

5. Support for Post Secondary Catholic Educational Institutions. By St. Patrick’s Basilica Council #12158

Therefore, be it resolve that: State provide information and details to all Councils in Ontario on how to support Catholic education institutions similar to Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy.

**(Adopted and referred to State)**

## 2009

### (106<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)



1. Protection of Child in the Womb. By Father Vernon H. Cullaton Council #10091

Therefore, be it resolved that: We remind all those who send us greetings that our charity borders encompass the child of the womb and those who survive an abortion. We will always stand on guard for them and be witness to their rights.

**(Adopted)**

2. Canadian Armed Forces. By St. Patrick's Fallowfield Council #11271

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus of Ontario at the Ontario State Convention convened in Toronto, Ontario on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, that we offer our gratitude and support to the men and women of the Canadian Forces as we pray for the safety of those wounded and injured and for the souls of those who have died in the line of duty; AND

Be it further resolved that: The State Council formally inform the Governor-General of Canada, the Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces, and the serving Chaplain General of our support for the Canadian Forces in the execution of their duties in the defence of our nation, and that any assistance be given to the serving military.

**(Adopted)**

3. Archive Past Resolutions. By Superior Council #932

Therefore, be it resolved that: Resolutions, both passed and defeated from past conventions be archived on the Ontario State website in such a manner that they can be reviewed by brother Knights.

**(Adopted)**

4. Human Rights. By Superior Council #932

Therefore, be it resolved that: We resist the trend to treat religion as a purely private matter, and pledge our support for those who have been intimidated or harassed as a result of expressing their opinions on public policy matters based upon their understanding of the Catholic faith; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Ontario State Council urge the Ontario and Canadian governments to review their Human Rights Act legislation to ensure our laws are consistent with the principles of religious liberty as stated herein.

**(Adopted)**

5. Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. By Fr. McMaster Council #6495

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Knights of Columbus will renew our commitment to oppose any government action or policy that promotes the culture of death, with specific concern with the acceptance of euthanasia and assisted suicide, and we will continue to speak out to our elected representatives about the need to maintain legislation that maintains euthanasia and assisted suicide as illegal acts, while further encouraging the need to enact legislation to oppose these practices where they have become legal; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus once again commit ourselves to building a culture of life by recognizing the importance of "being with" the dying and incurably ill, by visiting, sharing ourselves, and our time, with people at the most vulnerable time of their life, to care and compassionately re-enforce the gift of life, even when it is reaching its final stages; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus, who have always recognized the need to support and treat people with disabilities with dignity, once again commit ourselves to building a culture of life by defending the integrity and lives of people with disabilities, even when secular society does not recognize the purpose and dignity of their lives; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus once again commit ourselves to building a culture of life, by affirming attitudes and practices that enable people with disabilities, the frail elderly, the chronically ill, and the dying, to live with dignity; AND

Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus will continue our efforts to charitably inform, educate and motivate our brother Knights and fellow Catholics to the serious obligation they have to form their

consciences so that they make sound moral judgements which support and defend life in all its stages;  
AND

Be it further resolved that: The Knights of Columbus will once again commit ourselves to pray, to do penance, to fast and seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede on our behalf for the establishment of a culture of life.

**(Adopted and referred to Supreme)**

6. Abortion and March for Life. By William J. Sheady Council #1507

Therefore, be it resolved that: To affect the much larger numbers required to get Canada's attention, we must have every District make it a priority, in February each year, to press Councils throughout Ontario to partner with their area parishes on this issue by;

- 1) Asking every pastor to emphasize the importance of attendance at the March for Life.
- 2) Asking CWLs to promote the event within their membership.
- 3) Offering to subsidize transportation, particularly within Ottawa and outskirts where they will be relatively inexpensive.
- 4) Strongly encourage Council members, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree assemblies, and their families make every effort to attend.
- 5) Approach local School Boards, local Right to Life organizations and assist in organizing groups of senior high school students to attend by bus, the May Pro-Life March in Ottawa.

**(Adopted)**

7. Support for Retired Priests. By St. Daniel Council #11725

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Ontario Knights of Columbus would like to extend our RSVP program to include retired priests, so that every Council that gives \$500 to a retiring priest, Supreme will give that priest \$100 per year for the balance of his retirement years.

**(Defeated)**

## 2008

### (105<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention)

1. Reciting the Lord's Prayer in Provincial Legislature. By Ontario State Board

Therefore, be it resolved that: the Ontario State Board of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario make it known to the Premier of Ontario that we wish the recitation of the Lord's Prayer to be retained in all ceremonies of the Provincial Legislature as is the current practice; AND

Be it further resolved that: the Ontario State Board of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario supports the inclusion of prayers from other religious denominations in the ceremonies of the Provincial Legislature.

**(Adopted and referred to State)**

2. Immediate Past Grand Knight executive position. By Council #2438, #10280, #11655 & #11826

Therefore, be it resolved that: the Jurisdiction of Ontario of the Knights of Columbus adopt the position in subordinate Councils of Ontario of the "Immediate Past Grand Knight" bestowing upon that position the same rights enjoyed by all active and current Council executive officers. This position to be continued until the next scheduled subordinate Council elections where a new Grand Knight is elected.

**(Defeated)**

3. Provincial food-based school fund. By Fr. Cullaton Council #10091

Therefore, be it resolved that: the Knights of Columbus, in recognizing our children as Canada's most valuable resource, establish a provincial food-based school fund to support where government grants do not cover the costs of the children's meals in school programs.

**(Defeated)**

4. Parish Priest Photographs. By Fr. Cullaton Council #10091

Therefore, be it resolved that: in the future, past parish Priests photographs should also adorn the Knights of Columbus chambers.

**(Defeated)**

5. Ordained Deacons Honorary Life Membership. By Corpus Christi Council #11891

Therefore, be it resolved that: the Supreme Council be urged at the request of the State Board of Ontario, to amend Bylaw 118(d), to include the words “and Ordained Deacons” thus affording the said Deacons Honorary Life Membership in our Order.

**(Adopted and referred to Supreme)**

6. Bank Account Fees. By Corpus Christi Council #11891

Therefore, be it resolved that: Ontario State Council be requested to approach all banks to negotiate an umbrella agreement respecting reduction or waiver of bank charges and fees, offering in return to recommend that wherever possible, individual Councils make use of the said bank offering the most beneficial fee structure, recognizing always that in certain areas the target bank may not offer its services, in which case the Council will use the bank of convenience and choice.

**(Adopted and referred to State)**

7. Francis P. Matthews & John E. Swift Education Trust Fund. By Fr. Lacombe Council 2806

Therefore, be it resolved that: the Knights of Columbus consider changing the eligibility criteria for the Francis P. Matthews & John E. Swift Education Trust Fund to include members in good standing who serve as firefighters or law enforcement officials in a volunteer capacity and who die or become permanently and totally disabled in the lawful performance of their duty.

**(Adopted and referred to Supreme)**

8. Retirement Facilities for Priests. By Blessed Trinity Council #11681

Therefore, be it resolved that: the Ontario State Board form a committee to thoroughly look into the need for retirement facilities for the Archdiocesan and Diocesan Priests in the Province of Ontario and investigate how the Knights of Columbus of Ontario can participate in such a project through financial support or otherwise; AND

Be it further resolved that: the mandate of the committee should be to map out the present situation prevailing in the respective Archdioceses & Dioceses of the province as to the aid which already may exist for retirement housing for the priests and establish the financial feasibility for the Knights of Columbus to participate in such project and in which form; AND

Be it further resolved that: a report of their findings and recommendations should be prepared and circulated in time for discussion during the 2009 State Convention.

**(Defeated)**

9. Catechism Readings at Meetings. By 1000 Island Council #4177

Therefore, be it resolved that: every Council meeting should include at least ten minutes discussion on an article of faith contained in the Catechism.

**(Defeated)**

10. Funeral Church Service Fee. By Conseil André Cary Council #2777

Therefore, be it resolved that: the Knights of Columbus Insurance Company help pay for a traditional church funeral service, by way of a donation in the amount of the church funeral fee, donated to the deceased member's parish through his Council on behalf of the deceased member.

**(Defeated)**

## 2007 and earlier

These convention books did not include, in print, the resolutions or the minutes of the previous State Conventions.