

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE OFFICERS OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL AND OF VARIOUS LOCAL COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE 104th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 1 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The State Council appreciates the work and guidance provided by our State Chaplain; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That a contribution of \$250.00 be made to our State Chaplain, Reverend Leo McDowell, in appreciation for his many services to the Montana State Council.

Recommendation of Resolution Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 2 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana State Council of Knights of Columbus acknowledges the achievements of our Supreme Knight, our Supreme Board of Directors and our Supreme Officers; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** The Montana State Council of Knights of Columbus, assembled in Kalispell, Montana in 2008, does hereby express our gratitude and congratulate our Supreme Knight, Supreme Board of Directors and Supreme Officers on their fine record of this past year.

Recommendation of Resolution Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 3 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: It is the belief of the State Officers that much Christian good and a more rounded knowledge of the workings of the Knights of Columbus be gained by attendance at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Convention and the Montana Knights of Columbus State Convention; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Montana State Council help defray the expenses of our beloved Montana Bishops and our State Chaplains attendance at Montana Knights of Columbus State Convention and the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Convention, in the year 2008, should the invitation be forthcoming; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the aggregate sum provided for this shall not exceed \$2,400.00.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 4 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: Charity is the Cardinal Principal of the Order; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That each subordinate council be encouraged to participate in the Penney a Knight a Day, Birthday Club, Past State Deputies Fund, Right to Life, Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., Heart to Heart, Poor Clares and various other programs established by the Montana State Council to raise charitable contributions of the Montana Knights of Columbus and that all funds collected by these programs be forwarded to the State Secretary for deposit in the Montana Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Montana Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. distribute to each of the named charities any funds collected on their respective behalf.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 5 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus recognize that peace in the world is needed for the good of humanity and **WHEREAS:** We recognize that God is the provider of all good; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Montana Knights of Columbus encourage all members throughout the State and the Order to devote one day a month to Prayer and Fasting for Peace in the World.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 6 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Catholic Church of Montana has many excellent programs in force through “The Montana Catholic Conference” and through “Catholic Social Services of Montana” and **WHEREAS:** The Montana Knights of Columbus State Council desires to support these programs; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Montana State Council hereby instruct the Directors of Montana Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. to allocate and distribute available funds in the name of the Knights of Columbus of Montana to “The Montana Catholic Conference” and the “Catholic Social services of Montana.”

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 7 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus State Council desires to support Catholic education in Montana; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That \$2,000.00 is hereby appropriated to be distributed as follows: one \$1000.00 scholarship to be used at the University of Great Falls and one \$1,000.00 scholarship to be used at Carroll College in Helena, Montana. Scholarships shall be awarded to students who are residents of Montana and who are attending or have been accepted to attend the University of Great Falls or Carroll College. No division of these scholarships shall be made. These scholarships are for one year, to be granted in the fall of 2008 in the name of the Knights of Columbus; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the funds for these scholarships shall be sent to the Financial Aid Offices at the respective colleges who shall select the recipients and award the scholarships in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 8 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus State Convention desires to support programs of the Bishops of each of our Diocese; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Montana State Council of Knights of Columbus hereby instructs the Directors of Montana Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. to allocate and distribute available funds in the name of the Knights of Columbus of Montana, equally between the Bishops of both Dioceses to support programs in their respective Diocese.

Recommendation of Resolution Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 9 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Montana Knights of Columbus are in support of **PRO-LIFE** activities in Montana, and, **WHEREAS:** The **TOMB OF THE UNBORN** is one of these programs; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That each subordinate council be encouraged to support **PRO-LIFE** programs in their communities by providing manpower, conducting fund raisers, having masses said for the unborn, providing appropriate maintenance of the **TOMB OF THE UNBORN** memorials, and other activities promoting **PRO-LIFE** in a nonviolent manner.

Recommendation of Resolution Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 10 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of Montana Charities, Inc. must convene one day prior to the start of the annual Montana State Convention; **NOW, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Montana Knights of Columbus State Council reimburse all members of the Board of Directors of Montana Charities, Inc, not including their spouses, all expenses not covered by their per diem check.

Recommendation of Resolution Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No.11 - Submitted by the State Officers.

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus is a family oriented organization, and **WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus is the sponsoring organization of the Columbian Squires, a young man's organization to mentor future leaders of the Catholic Faith; and, **WHEREAS:** The power of a good education for our young leaders is essential; and, **WHEREAS:** The Order of the Knights of Columbus does help to educate those persons without means or adequate resources; and, **WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus Montana State Council does give scholarships to institutions of higher learning in the State of Montana; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That a new scholarship in the amount of Five Hundred dollars, \$500.00, be established and primary preference be given to members or past members of the Columbian Squires and a secondary preference be given to current members in the Knights of Columbus; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said scholarship be to any Higher Educational institution in the State of Montana.

Recommendation of Resolution Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 12 – Submitted by the State Officers

WHEREAS; The Board of Directors of Montana Charities, Inc. has authority to disburse funds as directed by the Montana State Council; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that withdrawals from the Christopher Fund be made payable only to Montana Charities, Inc. for disbursement as directed by the Montana State Council. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Montana State Secretary draft a letter to the Supreme Secretary changing the beneficiary of the Christopher Fund from Montana Social services to Montana Charities, Inc.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee;
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 13 – Submitted by the State Officers

WHEREAS: The Supreme Council's requirement for an annual audit of the Montana State Council's financial status will cost the Montana State Council an average of \$2500.00 to \$3500.00 annually; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the per capita assessment per member of each Local Council be increased from \$9.00 per year to \$10.00 per year. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that this increase be assessed beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 14 - Submitted by Msgr. Thomas Hennessey Council #1518, Miles City.

WHEREAS: The Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus adopted the Montana-North Dakota Knights of Columbus All Star Football Game as a State Council project; and, **WHEREAS:** The Montana share of the profits has been contributed to the Montana Special Olympics; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Montana State Council support this game with a contribution of \$2,500.00 for the game in the year 2008; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Montana State Council encourages all subordinate Councils and their members to support this worthwhile project; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Montana State Council's share of the profits from the 2008 Montana-North Dakota Knights of Columbus All Star Game be contributed to the Montana Special Olympics.

Recommendation of Resolution Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 15 - Submitted by Msgr. Thomas Hennessey Council #1518, Miles City.

WHEREAS: It is incumbent upon the State Deputy and the Montana Delegation to meet certain social obligations and expectations at the Supreme Convention; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That \$1,200.00 allowable expense be granted to the State Deputy to help defray the expense of these obligations for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Convention in the Year 2008.

Recommendation of Resolution Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 16 - Submitted by Msgr. Thomas Hennessy Council #1518, Miles City

WHEREAS Donald J Hartman has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 34 years and during that time has held most of the local offices including Outside Guard, Warden, Chancellor and Grand Knight of Council #1518 and during his term as Grand Knight the Council won the Star Council Award; and **WHEREAS,** he held the office of State Treasurer for twenty years; and **WHEREAS** he was the Montana State Deputy for 2000-2002; and **WHEREAS** his occupation is Certified Public Accountant doing business as a self-employed public accountant; and **WHEREAS,** he has served as a District Insurance Agent with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Company for the last four years; and **WHEREAS,** we feel that all of these qualifications give him a well-rounded education and experience of the Knights of Columbus; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we hereby nominate Donald J. Hartman, Past State Deputy of Montana, for the Board of Directors of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 17 - Submitted by Msgr. Thomas Hennessy Council #1518, Miles City

WHEREAS, there is a history of many insurance-related inquiries from the membership to State Insurance Agents at state meetings; and **WHEREAS**, it is beneficial to both the membership and the State Insurance Agents for the recognition and association by the presence of the State Insurance Agents, and **WHEREAS**, the State Insurance Agents receive no funding or financial support from Supreme or from any other source, other than commissions from direct sales of insurance products, and **WHEREAS**, a large portion of their time is devoted to service work with no compensation, and **WHEREAS** State Insurance Agents have been requested by Supreme to not be either delegates of office holders with the State Council because of possible conflicts of interest, and **WHEREAS**, some other State Councils do compensate their State Insurance Agents for mileage and per diem to State meetings; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Montana State Council will reimburse the State Insurance Agents at the same rate of compensation, as with per diem and mileage, as is given State Delegates and other representatives, at meetings called for by the Montana Knights of Columbus State Deputy, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State Insurance Agents will be included in the roll call as non-voting members.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 18 – Submitted by Council # 8345, Billings Heights

Whereas, the Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus has entered onto a partnership with the Montana Special Olympics in sponsoring a raffle in an effort to raise funds to benefit both organizations and, **WHEREAS**, raffles have historically been the fundraising tool of most Knights of Columbus Local Councils and, **WHEREAS**, unfortunately, due to a number of reasons such as age, lack of population and lack of desire to “peddle” the raffle tickets, the Local Council members simply purchase some of the tickets and, **WHEREAS**, of the \$25.00 total, \$5.00 reverts to the State Council and \$20.00 goes to support the Special Olympics but the Local Council does not benefit at all nor does it qualify for donation credit; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the \$1.00 “sellers fee” for Special Olympics raffle tickets be split between the State Council and the Local councils with the State Council receiving fifty cents per ticket sold and the Local Council receiving fifty cents per ticket sold.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 19 – Submitted by Council #1328, Kalispell

WHEREAS, Most Montana Knights of Columbus Councils are proud to have a State Deputy from their Council or town and, **WHEREAS**, for some time in the Montana Convention Program, some Past State Deputies have had other towns behind their names; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the town or Council that the State Deputy was elected from remain permanent behind his name.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 20 – Submitted by Council #1328, Kalispell

WHEREAS, A Statue of Christ on Whitefish Mountain ski area, Whitefish, Mt. overlooking the Flathead Valley has been a source of encouragement to Christians and skiers from all over the world since 1952 and, **WHEREAS**, this statue was placed there by the Knights of Columbus by means of a special Forest Service permit and **WHEREAS**, vandals have damaged both the statue and the base; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montana State Council meeting in Kalispell help restore this statue with monies from the Past State Deputies fund.

Recommendation of the resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 21 – Submitted by Council #1382, Kalispell

WHEREAS, costs of travel to the State Knights of Columbus Convention and to State Knights of Columbus meetings have increased across the board (gasoline prices have increased more than \$1.00 per gallon in the past year); **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the reimbursement for all State officers, District Deputies and Convention delegates be increased.

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 22 – Submitted by Council #6200, Teton

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are supporters of family life and all life from the moment of conception; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that Council 6200 of Choteau, Augusta, Dutton, Fairfield and Power, Montana encourage all knights to set aside the 2nd Thursday of May each year as an unbirthday, a day we will celebrate in quiet and prayer for all unborn babies that will never celebrate a birthday.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 23 – Submitted by Council #1259, Billings

WHEREAS, the Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus want to encourage individual Knights to share their sense of pride for and celebrate their fraternity in the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus has always supported and encouraged charitable giving to worthwhile charitable activities; and

WHEREAS, the Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus is always looking for fundraising activities to finance our charitable giving; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana allows organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus, to sponsor specialty license plates displaying the organization's name identifying phrase, or graphic; and when a member of the sponsoring organization purchases the specialty license plate, a donation is made to the organization; and

WHEREAS, the fee for issuance of the specialty license plates is \$4,000.00 or, in lieu of the fee, a minimum of 400 applications for the plates must be filed and prepaid; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 5,200 Knights in the State of Montana, so the Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus believe that sponsoring specialty license plates would be an excellent fundraising endeavor; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds raised from the specialty license plates would be forwarded to the State Secretary for deposit in the Montana Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., to be used to support worthwhile charitable activities; and

WHEREAS, the Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus believe that sponsoring specialty license plates would allow individual Knights to publicly share their sense of pride for and celebrate their fraternity in the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus believe that sponsoring specialty license plates would encourage other Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus apply with the State of Montana to sponsor a specialty license plate design for the Knights of Columbus.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 24 – Submitted to the State Officers by Jim Van Sickle and Rick Jore

WHEREAS, Anticipating a positive remark from the Bishops of Montana, the Knights of Columbus of Montana, will disseminate, distribute, solicit signatures, and encourage the passage of the C1-100 Petition which will further clarify the definition of person in the State of Montana Constitution. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that each Knights of Columbus Council is encouraged to have a minimum of forty Knights of Columbus members, or other members from their pro-life community, dedicated to this activity with a goal of completing at least one petition of twenty-five names. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** In the event that if positive remarks are not forthcoming from the Bishops of Montana, Knights of Columbus members from Montana, will act as individual citizens of Montana, dedicated to this pro-life initiative. As individuals, each will recognize, “that every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power.” That as individuals, they will follow the guidance of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, “That the U.S. Catholic Conference supports laws and policies to protect human life to the maximum degree possible, including constitutional protection for the unborn and legislative efforts to end abortion and euthanasia.” And, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That each Montana State Knights of Columbus Council, as an organized group, or as pro-life individuals, will do everything possible to assist in gathering signatures to allow this initiative to be voted upon in a state election. “That each citizen’s individual life will be protected in Montana from fertilization to natural death.”

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION No. 25 – Submitted by Council #11190, Thompson Falls

WHEREAS, In consideration of the condition that many women and men are burdened by the tremendous guilt of having been parties to the abortion(s) of their children, and **WHEREAS**, further that they have not acknowledged the condition and accepted God’s forgiveness for the sin, and **WHEREAS**, further that the organization Rachael’s Vineyard provides support for individuals through its retreats to acknowledge the condition and ask God for forgiveness, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Montana provide

support for the work of Rachael's Vineyard, through a monetary gift of \$1,000.00 and also by urging individual councils to provide sponsorships for those women and men who seek help with expenses incurred in attending a retreat put on by Rachael's Vineyard.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION NO. 26- Submitted by Council #11190, Thompson Falls

WHEREAS, In consideration of the horrific harm to our society and humanity brought on by the judgment in the case of Roe vs. Wade, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Montana will encourage and support the participation of all Knights of Columbus in a yearly March of Life on January 22nd in every town in Montana. If no March exists in the town, that the council in that town be encouraged to be instrumental in organizing the members of all church congregations in the town to put on a March.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION NO. 27-Submitted by Bishop Schuster Council #1493, Great Falls

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that we recognize members of the Order that have made a significant contribution to the Order, and **WHEREAS**, in his nearly thirty (30) years of membership he never attained leadership positions at the Council or State level, and **WHEREAS**, he could always be counted among those ready to assist in any council activity, and **WHEREAS**, as a very dedicated member of the Great Falls Degree Team for over twenty-five (25) years he literally enabled hundreds of members to attain their third Degree membership, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a moment of silence be observed in memory of Brother William J. Landsrud who passed from our membership as a result of a massive heart attack while returning from (what else) a degree conducted in Laurel, Montana, on February 10, 2008. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION NO. 28-Submitted by Bishop Schuster Council #1493, Great Falls

WHEREAS, All Knights of Columbus members in the State of Montana recognize, support and defend our religious, and **WHEREAS**, some have spent their entire religious life serving and bringing comfort to the people of Montana, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Officers and Delegates assembled at this 104th Montana State Convention in Kalispell, Montana, do hereby recognize and commend Sr. Cecilia Vandeberg for her seventy-two (72) years of loving service and commitment to the Ursuline Order of Religious and to the State of Montana; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a congratulatory letter and a certificate of appreciation be forwarded to her on behalf of the Knights of Columbus of Montana.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:
State Council Action:

RESOLUTION NO. 29 - Submitted by Council #844, Helena

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus encourages new members and encourages new members to advance within the ranks of the order, and **WHEREAS:** There are few degree teams within the state, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Knights of Columbus State Council will schedule second and third degree exemplifications at the State Officer's summer and winter meetings; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Knights of Columbus State Council establish an additional second and third degree team. Dates and location for second and third degree exemplifications will also be decided at the winter and summer meetings. District Deputies, councils and first degree members will know well in advance of upcoming degrees. A minimum of two second and third degree exemplifications will be held in the winter and two second and third degree exemplifications will be held in the summer.

Recommendation of Resolutions Committee:

State Council Action: