

**OHIO STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

RESOLUTIONS

123RD STATE CONVENTION

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SANDUSKY, OHIO – MAY 14, 2022

**MARK SIRACUSA
STATE DEPUTY**

**JAMES K. MASLACH
STATE ADVOCATE**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO.1

WHEREAS Father Michael J. McGivney was a dedicated priest, serving as the pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882 to strengthen their faith and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind; and

WHEREAS The cause for Father McGivney's sainthood was opened by Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin in December 1997 and was presented to the Vatican in 2000, and is now under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints; and

WHEREAS On Saturday, March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, and with this declaration significantly advanced Father McGivney's process toward sainthood; and

WHEREAS Father McGivney joined the rolls of the Blessed on October 31, 2021, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut at which time, an Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis was read which recognized Blessed Michael McGivney's humility, charity and concern for the welfare of all people; and

WHEREAS We, the members of the Knights of Columbus, are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder and the strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness, and his ideals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus will vigorously continue to support the cause for sainthood of this Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney, and that we continue to offer prayers of support for this noble and caring priest.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO.2

WHEREAS The Ohio Knights of Columbus honor and commend Pope Francis for leading a humble, Christ-like life of prayer, study of God's Word, and compassion for the poor that resulted in his election as the Supreme Pontiff, the Bishop of Rome, the 265th successor of Peter; and

WHEREAS Pope Francis is now the spiritual leader of 1.2 billion Catholics world-wide as well as the many non-Catholic believers who prayed for the election of a Pope who would have a servant's heart and set a humble, Christ-like example for all Christians; and

WHEREAS On March 13, 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the Jesuit Archbishop of Argentina, was providentially elected Supreme Pontiff by his fellow cardinal electors; and

WHEREAS Pope Francis has been praised by many for "building bridges" to glorify God, by taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world; and

WHEREAS Pope Francis chose the name Francis after Saint Francis of Assisi because he was a man of poverty, a man of peace, and a man who loved and protected all of God's wonderful creation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That we, the Knights of Columbus, will remain steadfast in our support for the Holy Father as we answer his call to be examples of Christian love and leaders who exemplify the virtue of charity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with Pope Francis in praying for the sick, distressed, and impoverished throughout the world and recommit ourselves to serving those in need wherever we are present; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Knights of Columbus will never waver in its commitment to defend the Holy Father and assist him in his pastoral mission of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS Archbishop William E. Lori was ordained to the priesthood on May 4, 1977, and his first assignment was as a parish priest at St. Joseph parish in Landover, Maryland; and

WHEREAS Archbishop Lori was appointed by the Supreme Knight in April 2005 to serve the Order of the Knights of Columbus as Supreme Chaplain; and

WHEREAS Archbishop Lori was ordained to the episcopate as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS Archbishop Lori provides spiritual guidance and direction to more than two million Knights throughout the world; and

WHEREAS He has been active in his support of Pro-Life and Catholic doctrine, serving on the Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the Committee on Doctrine of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; and

WHEREAS He has also worked diligently with the Holy Father to improve the integrity of the priesthood and the Catholic Church throughout the world; and

WHEREAS Archbishop Lori has been an advocate of Catholic education, serving as the chairman of the Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut, and the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus with its membership continue to dedicate themselves to the principles represented by Archbishop Lori and support him in the promotion of values represented by our Order and our Church and continue to offer our prayers for his good health and well-being.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS The members of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus continue to offer our prayers and support for the efforts made by the Bishops of Ohio for their unceasing dedication on behalf of our Order and Church; and

WHEREAS The Bishops of Ohio have dedicated their lives to our Heavenly Father and our Church and have supported the many efforts brought forth by the members of the Knights of Columbus in Ohio; and

WHEREAS As faithful members of the Catholic Church, we brothers show our appreciation for the work of all our Ohio Bishops and for the leadership and spiritual guidance that they provide.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That we do hereby pledge our continued support for and cooperation with the Bishops of Ohio in their respective dioceses during our 123rd Annual Ohio State Convention in Sandusky, Ohio, on May 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS Fr. Adam Hertzfeld was ordained by Bishop James R. Hoffman on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul in 2002 and has served as Pastor of Saint Joan of Arc Parish in Toledo, as Parochial Administrator of Saint Richard Parish in Swanton and currently is serving as Pastor of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Findlay, Ohio; and

WHEREAS Fr. Adam has served as Chaplain for Council #2850 Sacred Heart in Swanton, Ohio, and was a founding member of and Chaplain for Council #15905 Saint Joan of Arc in Toledo, and is currently serving as Faithful Friar of Assembly #839 Pope Leo XIII in Findlay, Ohio; and

WHEREAS Fr. Adam strives to enrich the faith of the Knights in Ohio with timely spiritual messages at meetings in connection with the “Lord, I Am Your Servant” general program; and

WHEREAS We are truly grateful and appreciative of his time and dedication to serving the Order, the Ohio State Council, and the Knights of Columbus as our State Chaplain.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Ohio State Council Officers and delegates attending the 123rd Annual Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus Convention meeting in Sandusky, Ohio on May 14, 2022 offer sincere and heartfelt thanks to Fr. Adam Hertzfeld for his service and dedication to our Order over the past fraternal year.

Thank you, Father Adam!

Respectfully submitted

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, took office on March 1, 2021, serving as the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than two million members: and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly's has had a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has a demonstrated track record of service to Church and country, which serves him well in advancing the Knights' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly has served as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2017. Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Public Policy for 11 years, spearheading the Knights' interaction with the White House, Congress, and federal agencies. He has also served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia. As a longtime executive and fraternal leader of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly served as the first executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., and oversaw the renewal of the facility after its purchase by the Knights in 2011. During his tenure, the shrine became a leading pilgrimage site and a source of education and inspiration for Catholics throughout the United States and the world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Ohio State Council and its membership send our sincere thank you, congratulations, and warm fraternal greetings to our new Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, for his continuing service to our Order making our Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization the strong force for good that it is;

AND MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 123rd Annual Ohio State Convention in Sandusky, Ohio, on May 14, 2022, unanimously adopt this resolution and forward it to the Supreme Council as an expression of our sincere appreciation for his hard work and as an assurance of our continued prayers for the success of the Knights of Columbus under his leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, Michael Benson joined the Knights of Columbus in 1998 at Our Lady of Assumption Council #11077 in Fairfield, CT and transferred to St. Francis Council #2011 in North Kingstown, RI where he gained extensive fraternal experience and leadership at the Council and Assembly levels; and

WHEREAS, Michael is a US Navy veteran and served as the Catapult Deck Edge Operator aboard the aircraft carrier USS Lexington and was honorably discharged. Afterward, Michael obtained a degree in Industrial Art from The Ohio State University and later studied Business Administration at Fairfield University in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Michael has enjoyed a successful career, having worked at Samsonite Travel Goods Company as Director of Sales; and

WHEREAS, Michael, being a second-generation Knight of Columbus, served the Rhode Island State Council as the Co-Membership Director prior to his election as State Warden in 2008 and was elected State Deputy from 2016-2018; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, Michael was elected Supreme Warden and was then elected to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Board of Directors at the 139th Annual Supreme Convention in New Haven, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Michael is married to wife Lee Ann where they attend St. Bernard's in North Kingstown and serve as usher and Eucharistic Minister. Michael and Lee Ann are now both retired and serve on a number of boards including: Mother of Life Crisis Pregnancy Center in Providence, Servants of Christ for Life, and a number of organizations within the Diocese of Providence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the delegates and guests of this 123rd Annual Ohio State Convention do hereby show by enthusiastic acclamation their appreciation for Supreme Director Michael Benson's attendance at our convention. We, as a fraternal brotherhood, continue to pray for his continued good health and well-being in service to our Order. May God continue to bless him and guide him in His work.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

April 26, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS Mark A Siracusa joined the Knights of Columbus on September 01, 1984, at Bryan Council #1915 and the Patriotic Degree at Bishop Rappe Assembly #824 in 2012; and

WHEREAS Mark has served his council with extraordinary dedication, and accepting numerous positions and offices of importance; and

WHEREAS Mark has served in multiple state positions including that of District Deputy Diocesan Membership Director, State Community Director, and

WHEREAS Mark was elected State Warden in 2013 and has since served the State Council with exemplary distinction in every state office including that of Advocate, Treasurer and Secretary; and

WHEREAS Mark was elected to the highest office of State Deputy in 2021 and instituted his “Lord, I am Your Servant.” state program which has successfully directed our councils and the over 54,000 members in support of our Catholic tradition and values; and

WHEREAS Mark and wife Beth were married in 1976 and have one child Jenny and are proud grandparents of two grandchildren and

WHEREAS Mark and Beth are members of St. John XXIII in Perrysburg, Ohio and have served as Eucharistic Ministers, and on Parish Council and as a teacher/coach over many years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the assembled delegates and guests here today at this 123rd Annual Ohio State Convention in Sandusky, Ohio this May 14, 2022, do hereby congratulate and offer our sincerest thanks to State Deputy Mark A. Siracusa and his team for navigating us successfully through these unprecedented and challenging years, and we offer by enthusiastic acclamation our endorsement of his successful programs and leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS Robert E. (Bob) Byers joined the Knights of Columbus in September of 1981 at Beverly Council #4617 and the Patriotic Degree at Bishop Hartley Assembly #840 in 1984; and

WHEREAS Robert has served his council with extraordinary dedication, and accepting numerous positions and offices of importance; and

WHEREAS Robert has served in multiple state positions including that of District Deputy (achieving Star District), Diocesan Membership Director, Diocesan Coordinator, State Community Director, State Youth Director, State Campout Chairman, State Family Director, State Membership Director (PSD Gary Eckstein), State Program Director (PSD Larry Moegling); and

WHEREAS Robert was elected State Warden in 2011 and has since served the State Council with exemplary distinction in every state office including that of Advocate, Treasurer, and Secretary; and

WHEREAS Robert was elected to the highest office of State Deputy in 2019 and instituted his “We are Many, We are One” state program which successfully directed our councils and the over 56,000 members in support of our Catholic tradition and values; and

WHEREAS Robert and wife Peggy were married in 1976 and have two children, David and Elizabeth, and are proud grandparents of seven grandchildren and

WHEREAS Robert and Peggy are members of St. John the Baptist Parish in Churchtown, Ohio and have served as Eucharistic Ministers, and on Parish Council, the school board, and as a coach over many years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the assembled delegates and guests here today at this 123rd Annual Ohio State Convention in Sandusky, Ohio this May 14, 2022, do hereby congratulate and offer our sincerest thanks to Immediate Past State Deputy Robert E. Byers and we offer by enthusiastic acclamation our endorsement of his successful programs and leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO. 10

WHEREAS Sir Knight Edward Ponder of Centerville, Ohio has served as the Vice Supreme Master of the Hennepin Province during this past fraternal year, providing leadership and guidance for the Fourth-Degree membership in Ohio and Michigan; and

WHEREAS Edward Ponder has worked extensively for the good of the Order in his many capacities, showing exemplary dedication to the principles of the Knights of Columbus, to Patriotism, and to the continued success of the Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS Edward Ponder has been an example of faith and fraternalism for our Order and Church, while promoting Columbianism in both Ohio and Michigan; and

WHEREAS We, the Ohio State Officers, Past State Deputies, and all members from the great state of Ohio are honored and proud to have Brother and Sir Knight Ponder and his lady, Mary Ann, serve as shining examples of the Fourth Degree in our Hennepin Province and wish them continued success.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That we extend Vice Supreme Master Edward Ponder and Lady Mary Ann our sincere fraternal greetings and best wishes as we assemble for this 123rd Annual Ohio State Convention in Sandusky, Ohio, on May 14th and 15th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESOLUTION NO. 11

- WHEREAS** The Knights of Columbus is a Brotherhood based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism; and
- WHEREAS** Many Brother Knights in this great State of Ohio are veterans of the Armed Services; and
- WHEREAS** Brother Knights of this great State of Ohio have served in the Armed Services during World War I, World War II, and in military conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq; and
- WHEREAS** Many of these same Brother Knights have given up their lives for freedom in this great country and around the world; and
- WHEREAS** There are many veterans of the Armed Services in attendance at this 122nd Annual Ohio State Convention; and
- WHEREAS** Brother Knights Anthony Roark, Robert Burns, David Bowling Jr., and Edward Brand, serve as Chairmen and/or Representatives for Center for Development and Civic Engagement (formerly known as VAVs) who sponsor activities to assist our disabled veterans in Veteran Hospital Facilities throughout this great State of Ohio; and
- WHEREAS** We, as Knights of Columbus and patriotic citizens of this great country, the United States of America, set aside this Memorial Day, May 31, 2022, to honor our fallen service men and women.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the delegates and guests of this 123rd Annual Ohio State Convention in Sandusky, Ohio this May 14, 2022, take time to publicly honor our veterans here with us today and to stand for a moment of silence in respect to the men and women who have given their lives for this country in the name of freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2022