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At the 101st Annual State Convention of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus, four Councils (733, 2726, 3269 & 4847) submitted to a resolution on "Mileage and Per Diem" rates. This Resolution(s) mandates the State Council to study the current cost and recommend to the 102nd Annual State Convention Delegation, appropriate adjustments to bring Ohio State Council's Mileage and Per Diem to within = or – 10% of the Federal Government Rates. The Delegates amended these resolutions to require the Committee to also recommend an appropriate revenue/Per Capita increase to cover all additional costs. The Delegates at the 101st Annual Convention approved this amended Resolution(s).

State Deputy Albert F. Hickey III established a "Mileage and Per Diem Committee" comprised of the State Secretary and the State Treasurer. They were charged with collecting costs and making recommendations based on their findings. The study at the time of review by the State Officers covers actual cost from May 1 thru March 31, 2001. (Our Fiscal Year runs from May 1 thru April 30). April's Mileage and Per Diem costs are small and should not have a big impact on the study numbers. Final cost numbers were presented at the convention.

The amended Resolution(s) and the "study" were brought up as "Old Business" immediately following "Resolutions" on Saturday. The Delegates voted on "Goal 1", a Per Capita increase of \$1.00 per member (total from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per member), increasing mileage by \$0.10 per mile (from \$0.15 to \$0.25), and increasing per diem by \$10 per day (from \$30 to \$40 per day). The increases, if approved by the delegation, would become effective with that convention. Since this would result in a "By-Laws" change, a 2/3 majority approval was required to pass. The Delegation approved the increases with 84% of the eligible delegates voting in favor of the increases.

The same Resolution(s) also requires that Mileage, Per Diem, and Per Capita be studied every year with appropriate recommendations submitted at each Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus. The sitting State Deputy is charged with establishing the "committee" of the State Secretary and State Treasurer. The delegates at the 2002 State Convention approved "Goal 2," which increased the Per Diem from \$40 to \$45 per day, the mileage from \$0.25 to \$0.30 per mile; and a corresponding Per Capita increase of \$0.50 per member (from \$5.00 to \$5.50 per member). This action was accomplished with an 80% of the eligible delegates voting in favor of the increases.

At the 104th (2003) State Convention, the delegates considered Goal 3, which would increase the Per Diem from \$45 to \$50 per day, and the mileage from \$0.30 to \$0.35 per mile, and a corresponding Per Capita Increase of \$0.50 (to a total of \$6.00) per member. The increases were not approved.

Upon the review of the current fiscal accounts by the committee so charged and upon a motion of the State Officers, a motion to table the per capita request for increase was passed at the 105th (2004) State Convention.

At the 106th (2005) State Convention in Columbus, there was again a recommendation by the State Officers to table any discussion to raise per capita. However, there was a debate on the convention floor (centered on the rising costs of gasoline) that a per capita increase be considered by the body as a whole. After a somewhat lengthy discussion, the motion to increase the per capita was defeated by the delegates present.

At the 107th (2006) State Convention in Cincinnati, again the state officers made no recommendation for an increase in per capita, even though gas prices continue to rise. The delegates at this convention might

still consider a raise in paid mileage per capita to offset the current costs of travel for state and diocesan personnel.

At the 108th (2007) State Convention in Cleveland, the state officers made no recommendation for an increase in per capita even though gas and travel costs continued to increase.

At the 109th (2008) State Convention in Columbus, the state officers recommended a one dollar (\$1.00) special assessment for the fraternal year 2008-2009 and the same as a per capita increase beginning the fraternal year 2009-2010. The per capita cost per member would then be established at a total of six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50). This recommendation and bylaw change were overwhelmingly approved by the delegates to that convention. Following the state convention, the state officers unanimously voted to increase mileage from \$0.30 to \$0.45 beginning July 1, 2008.

At the 110th (2009) State Convention in Cincinnati, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 111th (2010) State Convention in Cleveland, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 112th (2011) State Convention in Columbus, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 113th (2012) State Convention in Cincinnati, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 114th (2013) State Convention in Sandusky, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 115th (2014) State Convention in Columbus, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 116th (2015) State Convention in Cincinnati, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 117th (2016) State Convention in Sandusky, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 118th (2017) State Convention in Columbus, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 119th (2018) State Convention in Cincinnati, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 120th (2019) State Convention in Sandusky, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 121st (2020) State Convention in Columbus held virtually, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita.

At the 122nd (2021) State Convention in Cincinnati and held virtually, the state officers are making no recommendation for an increase in per capita. Following that, the state officers recommended to increase the Mileage Rate from \$0.45 to \$0.55 and to increase the Per Diem from \$45 to \$55 beginning July 1, 2021. This recommendation and by-law change were overwhelmingly approved by the delegates to that convention.

Fraternally,

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