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State Council**

RESOLUTIONS

124TH STATE CONVENTION

**OHIO STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – MAY 20, 2023

**MARK SIRACUSA
STATE DEPUTY**

**JAMES K. MASLACH
STATE ADVOCATE**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RESOLUTION NO.1

- WHEREAS** Blessed Michael McGivney was a dedicated priest, serving as the pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut; and
- WHEREAS** Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, and with this declaration significantly advanced Blessed Michael McGivney's process toward sainthood; and
- WHEREAS** Blessed Michael 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 Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio this May 20, 2023, will vigorously continue to support the cause for sainthood of Blessed Michael 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, 2023

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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 Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio this May 20, 2023, 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, 2023

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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,

That the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio this May 20, 2023, along 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, 2023

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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 the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio this May 20, 2023, do hereby pledge our continued support for and cooperation with the Bishops of Ohio in their respective dioceses throughout the fraternal year.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2023

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 Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio this May 20, 2023, 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, 2023

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 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 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio, on May 20, 2023, 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, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, Ronald F. Schwarz joined the Knights of Columbus in 1977 at St. Monica Council #11237 and is a member of the Father Joseph Tierney Assembly #2004 in Edmond, OK where he gained extensive fraternal experience and leadership at the Council and Assembly levels; and

WHEREAS, Ronald has been a certified public accountant since 1991 with over 35 plus years of Corporate Financial Accounting experience. Ronald is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting, Bachelor of Arts in Business Management, and a minor in Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, Ronald served the Order as a District Deputy, State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary and was elected to State Deputy of Oklahoma for the 2013-2015 Fraternal Years which during his term, Oklahoma achieved Circle of Honor in both years and attained the Pinnacle Award in 2013-2014 Fraternal Year; and

WHEREAS, Ronald was elected to the Board of Directors at the 133rd Supreme Convention in 2015. Ronald was asked to serve as the Supreme Treasurer at the 134th Supreme Convention in 2016 which he still serves in that capacity today; and

WHEREAS, Ronald is married to wife Janette Opat-Schwarz where they are parishioners at St. Monica Catholic Church in Edmond, OK and, once relocated to Connecticut, are members of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Wallingford. At St. Monica's, Ronald has served as Eucharistic Minister, Usher/Greeter, Parish Council, and maintained the parish and parish grounds. Ronald serves on a number of boards including Knights of Columbus Foundation of Oklahoma and Center of Family Love which assists the intellectually disabled citizens of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, Ronald and wife, Janette, have two daughters who with their families live in Oklahoma and have three (3) grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio, on May 20, 2023, do hereby show by enthusiastic acclamation their appreciation for Supreme Treasurer Ronald Schwarz'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

March 18, 2023

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 over 400 councils 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 Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio this May 20, 2023, 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, 2023

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 over 400 councils 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 Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio this May 20, 2023, 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, 2023

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 the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio this May 20, 2023, extend Vice Supreme Master Edward Ponder and Lady Mary Ann our sincere fraternal greetings and best wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Ohio State Council Officers

March 18, 2023

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 124th Annual Ohio State Convention; and
- WHEREAS** Brother Knights Anthony Roark, Robert Burns, David Bowling Jr., Edward Brand, Joseph Friedhof, and Edward Hiehle serve as Chairmen, Representatives, or Deputy 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 29, 2023, to honor our fallen service men and women.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 124th Annual Ohio State Convention in Columbus, Ohio this May 20, 2023, 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, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RESOLUTION NO. 12

WHEREAS Monsignor Hendricks has served as a priest of the Diocese of Columbus for more than 50 years, is a former diocesan vicar general; and is active on multiple community organizations including Villas of St. Therese and Seton Square Housing, Inc.; and

WHEREAS Monsignor Hendricks has supported the Knights of Columbus Council 10863 as the Pastor of St. Brigid of Kildare Church; and

WHEREAS Monsignor Hendricks has ministered to and led St. Brigid of Kildare Parish as pastor for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS Monsignor Hendricks is now being reassigned as Bishop Earl Fernandes' full-time delegate for community relations

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Ohio State Council Officers and delegates attending the 124th Annual Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus Convention meeting in Columbus, Ohio on May 19-21, 2023, offer sincere and heartfelt thanks to Monsignor Joseph M. Hendricks for his more than fifty years of dedicated ministry, service, and leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

St. Brigid of Kildare Council #10863

April 3, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RESOLUTION NO. 13

WHEREAS Lawrence Henry McCauley, born in Lancaster, Ohio, on September 4, 1922, to a Catholic family, parents John A. and Stella McCauley, with four brothers and two sisters, and subsequently married Mary Ann and together they raised eight children in the Catholic Church and as the family is the primary unit of the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS Lawrence Henry McCauley was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, Lancaster – Council 1016 from age 18, and supported many charitable endeavors over the course of his 100 years on this earth, including raising funds for the construction of Columbus St. Agatha Church, the St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus Diocese and at the age of 97 raising thousands of dollars for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank by walking laps around his cul-de-sac during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus hold Charity as a core principle of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS Lawrence Henry McCauley served his community as Past Commander, American Legion Post 82, Past Department of Ohio Treasurer and Buckeye Boys State banking chairman, American Legion, life member VFW Post 2374, and Catholic War Veterans Post #1936, past president of the St. Agatha Men's Club, past president of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club at Columbus St. Patrick's, and Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, as well as serving as a Eucharistic Minister at Riverside Methodist Hospital, and as a founder and first treasurer of the Watterson Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus hold Charity and Unity as core principles; and

WHEREAS Lawrence Henry McCauley entered the United States Army in 1942, and participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy at Omaha Beach, the Battle of Hurtgen Forest, and the emancipation of Buchenwald concentration camp, for which these and other actions he was recognized and awarded four Campaign stripes, received the European Victory Medal with five Bronze Stars, converted bronze to one Silver Star, Normandy Invasion Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, and Knighted as a Chevalier with the French Legion of Honor Medal from France for his efforts to help liberate France from tyranny; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus hold Patriotism as a core principle of the Knights, and more than 75,000 Knights served in World War II, including Father Joseph LaFleur who is now on the path of sainthood; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Knights of Columbus memorialize a life well lived in the core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism by recognizing with a moment of silence the passing on February 21, 2023, of Lawrence Henry McCauley as well as all deceased Knights of Columbus members who served in the Armed Forces to protect the freedom for all, and.

AND THEREFORE, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,

For the Good of the Order, that we honor with a moment of silence, at each Knights of Columbus State Convention, all deceased Knights of Columbus members who have served in the Armed Forces.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
Lancaster Council #1016
April 12, 2023

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RESOLUTION NO. 14

WHEREAS On May 7, 1898, fifty-four Catholic gentlemen receiving their Third Degree, became charter members of Canton Council #341; and

WHEREAS Canton Council #341 stands as the oldest Council in Stark County and the third oldest Council in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS Canton Council #341 continues to follow the ideas of Father McGivney and the Order with the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity by supporting its families, its parishes, and its community local and globally; and

WHEREAS On Saturday, May 6, 2023, Canton Council #341 will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary Celebration held at the Metropolitan Event Centre's Grand Ballroom in Canton, Ohio.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Ohio State Council Officers and delegates attending the 124th Annual Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus Convention meeting in Columbus, Ohio on May 19-21, 2023, offer sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Canton Council #341 for their 125 years of service and dedication to its parishes, its community, and our Order.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

The Officers of Canton Council # 341

April 18, 2023