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State Council

# **RESOLUTIONS**

**126<sup>TH</sup> STATE CONVENTION**

**OHIO STATE  
COUNCIL KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

**CLEVELAND, OHIO – MAY 24, 2025**

**JEFF KILIANY  
STATE DEPUTY**

**CHRISTOPHER SARKA  
STATE ADVOCATE**

## **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 126th Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, 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,**

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**The Ohio State Council Officers**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.2**

- WHEREAS,** the Ohio Knights of Columbus would like to take a moment to honor and commemorate the life of His Holiness, Pope Francis. A humble leader, Christ-like life of prayer, and study of God's Word, that resulted in his election as the Supreme Pontiff, the Bishop of Rome, the 266th successor of Peter; and
- WHEREAS,** Pope Francis, throughout his time as the head of the Catholic Church, was known for representing and caring for those who were most vulnerable—the poor, victims of war, and those displaced and marginalized.; 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; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 21, 2025, following a life of service, sacrifice, and prayer, he entered into eternal life relying upon the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

that the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 126th Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, to remain forever grateful for our late Holy Father Pope Francis and continually encouraged Knights to our charitable mission, especially our humanitarian efforts around the world.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**/s/**

**The Ohio State Council Officers**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.3**

**WHEREAS,** Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected to the papacy on Thursday, May 8, 2025, using the papal name Leo XIV; and

**WHEREAS,** Pope Leo XIV was born in Chicago, Illinois and who became a friar of the Order of Saint Augustine in 1977 and was ordained a priest in 1982; and

**WHEREAS,** Pope Leo XIV joined the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985, as his missionary work included being a defender of human rights and against political violence; and

**WHEREAS,** On September 26, 2015, Pope Francis appointed then Prior Provincial of the Order of St. Augustine as Bishop of the Diocese of Chiclayo, eventually leading to the appointment of cardinal-bishop on February 6, 2025; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

that we, the Knights of Columbus, acknowledge Pope Leo XIV as the new Supreme Pontiff; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

that the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 126th Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, join Catholics worldwide in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**The Ohio State Council Officers**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.4**

- 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 collaborated 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.; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

that the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, 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**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.5**

***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 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, 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**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.6**

**WHEREAS,** Father James Lang was born in 1944 and raised in faith by Claude and Dorthy Lang in Randolph, Ohio. Fr. Lang was a member of the United States Army from 1965 to 1967 and received an honorable discharge; and

**WHEREAS,** Father Lang entered the seminary in 1967 and was ordained by Bishop James W. Malone in 1975. Fr. Lang has served as Associate Pastor or Pastor of several parishes throughout the Youngstown Diocese including Immaculate Conception in Ravenna, St. Luke Parish in Boardman, St. Patrick Parish in Kent, St. Brendan Parish in Youngstown, St. James in Waynesburg, St. Michael Parish in Windham, St. George in Lisbon, St. Phillip in Dungannon, and St. John in Summitville. Fr. Lang also served as Chaplain for the Ohio National Guard and retired with the rank of Major; and

**WHEREAS,** Father Lang joined the Knights of Columbus in 1976 where he served as Council Chaplain in Rootstown, Windham, and Youngstown. Fr. Lang retired in 2015 but continues to serve the people of God and the Knights of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS,** Father Lang strives to enrich the faith of the Knights in Ohio with timely spiritual messages at meetings in connection with the “Let Us Be Worthy” general program; and

**WHEREAS,** we are truly grateful and appreciative of his time and dedication to serving 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 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, offer sincere and heartfelt thanks to Father James Lang for his service and dedication to the Catholic church for the past 50 years.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**/s/**

**The Ohio State Council Officers**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.7**

**WHEREAS,** Father Edward J. Janoch, is a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland, was ordained by Bishop Anthony M. Pilla on May 20, 2000, has served in various parishes in the diocese during the past 25 years, and is presently the parochial vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Parma, and

**WHEREAS,** Father Janoch has been Council Chaplain for Western Reserve/Fr. Bedell Council 5559 in Northfield, for St. Charles Borromeo Council 16137 in Parma, and for Valley Council 4893 in Solon; and

**WHEREAS,** Father Janoch has shown much dedication to the Knights of Columbus wherever he has been assigned with Holy Hours, spiritual director to the Northeast Ohio St. Padre Pio Prayer Group, and has worked closely with the bishops and pastors around the state in scheduling and promoting the Silver Rose program and the Holy Family Icon program during his time as State Chaplain under Past State Deputy Robert F. Collins Jr.; Father Janoch also provided timely spiritual messages in the Buckeye Bulletin and the monthly Voice of the Spirit electronic newsletter that have educated us and lifted our hearts; and

**WHEREAS,** we appreciate the time that he has dedicated to serving the Ohio State Council and the Knights of Columbus.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

that the Ohio State Council officers and delegates attending the 126th Annual Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus Convention meeting in Cleveland on this May 24, 2025, offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Father Edward Janoch for his service and dedication to the Catholic church for the past 25 years.

**Respectfully submitted,**

/s/

**The Ohio State Council Officers**

**May 11, 2025**



## **RESOLUTION NO.8**

- 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 has had a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has demonstrated a 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, and 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

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

that the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 126th Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 24, 2025, 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**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.9**

**WHEREAS,** Supreme Director John S. Appelbaum was elected to the Supreme Council Board of Directors at the 138th Supreme Convention. He has served with distinction on the audit and appeals committees and is currently Chairman of the Audit Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Appelbaum is a practicing attorney who joined Council 2333 in 1989 and is a member of the 4th Degree. He has held various officer and director positions including Grand Knight, State Life Director, State Community Director, State Advocate, State Secretary, and District Master. He was elected as State Deputy of Missouri in 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Appelbaum has instituted many successful programs for Missouri such as the Bishop's Blast inviting every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus, The Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center expanded to a new facility allowing the center to expand its services to more children with developmental disabilities, the Meet Life Campaign leading Missouri to place 75 ultrasound machines across the jurisdiction. For the 135th Supreme Convention in St. Louis, he served as chairman of the host committee; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Appelbaum has been married to his wife, Carol, for 40 years and they have three children. They are active members of St. Joseph Parish in Imperial, Missouri, where John has served many years on the parish council and in various ministries.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

that the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 126th Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 24, 2025, we do hereby show by enthusiastic acclamation, appreciation for Supreme Director John S. Appelbaum'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**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.10**

- WHEREAS,** Jeffrey T. Kiliany joined the Knights of Columbus on October 01, 1976, at Leetonia Council #1569 and the Patriotic Degree at Father Kermiet Assembly #841 on April 30, 2004; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kiliany has served his council with extraordinary dedication, and accepting numerous positions and offices of importance; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kiliany has served in multiple state positions including that of District Deputy, Diocesan District Deputy Coordinator, State Youth Director, State Church Director, State General Program Director, and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kiliany was elected State Warden at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Columbus, Ohio in 2017 and has since served the State Council with exemplary distinction in every state office including that of Advocate, Treasurer and Secretary; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kiliany was elected to the highest office of State Deputy in 2023 and instituted his “Let Us Be Worthy” state program which has successfully directed our councils and the over 55,000 members in over 400 councils in support of our Catholic tradition and values; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kiliany and wife Judy were married in 1979 and have three children, Jennifer, Beth Anne, and Patrick, and are proud grandparents of two grandsons; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Kiliany are members of St. Patrick Parish in Leetonia, Ohio and have served as Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Youth Ministry Teachers, Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couple, and on Parish Council over many years.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

that the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 126th Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, do hereby congratulate and offer our sincerest thanks to State Deputy Jeffrey T. Kiliany 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,**

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**The Ohio State Council Officers**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.11**

**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,** Mr. Siracusa has served his council with extraordinary dedication, and accepting numerous positions and offices of importance; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Siracusa has served in multiple state positions including that of District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Director, State Community Director, and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Siracusa 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,** Mr. Siracusa 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,** Mr. Siracusa and wife Beth were married in 1976 and have one child Jenny and are proud grandparents of two grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. and Mrs. Siracusa 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 126th Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, do hereby congratulate and offer our sincerest thanks to Immediate Past 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**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.12**

- 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,** Sir Knight 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,** Sir Knight 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 126th Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, 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**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.13**

- 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 126th Annual Ohio State Convention; and
- WHEREAS,** Brother Knights currently serve as Chairmen, Representatives or Deputy Representatives for Center for Development and Civic Engagement 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 26, 2025, to honor our fallen service men and women.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

that the Ohio State Officers, delegates, and guests attending this 126th Annual Ohio State Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this May 24, 2025, 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,**

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**The Ohio State Council Officers**

**May 11, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.14**

**WHEREAS,** on November 29, 1900, Fifty-Two Catholic gentlemen receiving their Third Degree and Twenty-Four gentlemen transferred and became charter members of Akron Council #547; and

**WHEREAS,** Akron Council #547 stands as the oldest Council in Summit County; and

**WHEREAS,** Akron Council #547 continues to follow the ideals 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, November 29, 2025, Akron Council #547 will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary Celebration held at the Akron Woman's City Club.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

that the Ohio State Council Officers and delegates attending the 126th Annual Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus Convention meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on May 24, 2025, offer sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Akron Council #547 for their 125 years of service and dedication to its parishes, its community, and our Order.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**The Akron Council 547 Officers**

**April 7, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION NO.15**

- WHEREAS,** Dennis Marion Schnurr was ordained a priest on July 20, 1974, by the Most Reverend Frank H. Greteman, Bishop of Sioux City, Iowa, and served in numerous roles including Chancellor, Finance Officer, and Tribunal Judge of the Diocese, as well as the National Executive Director for the 1993 World Youth Day in Denver, Colorado; and
- WHEREAS,** Archbishop Schnurr was named a Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) by Pope St. John Paul II on August 13, 1993, in recognition of his distinguished service to the Church; and
- WHEREAS,** Archbishop Schnurr was ordained a Bishop on April 2, 2001, by the Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, Archbishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS,** Archbishop Schnurr was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Cincinnati on October 17, 2008, and served as Vicar General and Director of the Department of Pastoral Services; and
- WHEREAS,** in October 2021, Archbishop Schnurr introduced the "Beacons of Light" pastoral planning process, a visionary initiative designed to strategically align the resources of the archdiocese to effectively proclaim the Gospel and form disciples in the unique context of the present day; and
- WHEREAS,** in May 2024, Archbishop Schnurr was diagnosed with stage 3 intestinal cancer and immediately began chemotherapy, yet has continued to faithfully serve his role as Archbishop with great courage, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the people of the archdiocese; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 12, 2025, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Archbishop Schnurr after over 15 years of dedicated service to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

that the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Butler Council 968, hereby honor and express our profound gratitude to Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr for his unwavering commitment to the Church, his leadership in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, his tireless service to the faithful of our community, and his courageous perseverance in the face of health challenges.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**The Fr. Butler Council 968 Officers**

**April 3, 2025**



## **RESOLUTION NO.16**

- WHEREAS,** Brother Knight John Fields of St. John Neumann Council 14457 in Sunbury, Ohio has been diagnosed with Bulbar onset Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), for which there is no cure, by the Mayo Clinic in September 2024, and
- WHEREAS,** Brother Knight William Hinger of St. Michael Council 11445 in Worthington, Ohio, who has known Brother Fields for many years through their past membership at Immaculate Conception Council 14962 in Columbus, Ohio, continues to share in our fraternal bond with Brother Knight John Fields, and
- WHEREAS,** Knights of Columbus members, as Practical Catholics, are called “to live a life of prayer and virtue, with love of God and neighbor” (from Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild, [fathermcgivney.org/his-faith](http://fathermcgivney.org/his-faith)), and
- WHEREAS,** Blessed Michael J. McGivney requires one more documented miracle to advance his cause to sainthood, and
- WHEREAS,** Brother Hinger has asked that we pray for Brother Fields by invoking the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,***

that members of St. Michael Council 11445 pray the “Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney” with the specific prayer intention of “total healing of Brother Knight John Fields” daily beginning on Monday, November 11, 2024; and

***THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,***

that St. Michael Council 11445 promote praying the “Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney” with the specific prayer intention of “total healing of Brother Knight John Fields” daily, and 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 FURTHER RESOLVED,***

that Officers, Delegates, and Guests of the 126th Annual Ohio State Council State Convention to be held over the weekend of May 24, 2025, pray the “Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney” with the specific prayer intention of “total healing of Brother Knight John Fields” during the convention.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**/s/**

**The St. Michael Council 11445 Officers**

**November 11, 2024**

## **RESOLUTION NO.17**

- WHEREAS,** by unanimous decision, the delegates of the 96th Annual Ohio State Convention authorized the Ohio State Council Charity Foundation to enter a joint venture with the Supreme Council Christopher Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** the Christopher Fund would generate income for scholarships for Catholic High School students in Ohio; and
- WHEREAS,** up to \$5.00 per member at 60,000 members was matched dollar for dollar and deposited with the Supreme Council; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Resolution No. 134 as adopted at the 1992 Supreme Council meeting, a state council may discontinue participation in the fund by resolution adopted at its Annual Meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** by rules, monies withdrawn must be used for a purpose related to the original fund-raising purpose as stated in the resolution initiating the state council's participation.

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,***

the Ohio State Council formally requests from the office of the Supreme Secretary the withdrawal of the current state council funds (\$303,025.00) from the Supreme Council Christopher Fund; and

***THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,***

the month of August 2025, the withdrawn funds be deposited to the Ohio Charity Foundation, Scholarship Fund, which is invested currently with the Baird Financial group; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

that the funds will become restricted within the Ohio Charity Foundation's Scholarship Fund and will be used exclusively as part of the account corpus to generate interest for the annual Catholic High School student scholarships.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**/s/**

**The Ohio State Council Officers**

**May 11, 2025**