



**Minutes of the 124th Annual Meeting of the
Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus
Convened May 16th, 2025**

State Deputy Patrick Reiff, presiding

**KI Convention Center
Green Bay, Wisconsin**

**Including Minutes of the 19th Annual Meeting of
Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.**

May 16th, 2025

Friday, May 16th, 2025

4:30 pm The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Holy Hour – Votive for the intention of honoring all Men and Women in uniform – St Francis Xavier Cathedral

8:00 pm State Secretary (SS) Larson gaveled the assembly to order
SS Larson invited Councils to present their banners
State Warden (SW) Vosters presented dignitaries and escorted to their seats
SS Larson transferred gavel to State Deputy (SD) Reiff
SD Reiff welcome Guests and called upon Marquette Province Eastern Master to present the Colors and lead the assembly in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance
SD Reiff called upon State Chaplain (SC), the Reverend Father Brian Dulli to lead an opening prayer
SW Vosters presented Supreme Representative Sean Pott and escorted him to his seat
SD Reiff introduced dignitaries:
State Chaplain – Reverend Father Brian Dulli
Our Supreme Council Representative – Sean Pott
Wisconsin First Lady – Therese Reiff
State Secretary – Ross Larson and Lady Rebecca
State Treasurer – Ernie Reinhart and Lady Melissa
State Advocate – Dr David Kreutz and Lady Indus
State Warden – James Vosters
Immediate Past State Deputy – John Huttenhoff and Lady Linda
Supreme Fraternal Trainer – Jon Olson
Marquette Eastern Master – SK Jack Wrbanich and Lady Lisa
Marquette Western Master – SK Duan Zaborowski and Lady Linda
General Agent of the Southern Agency – Ken Basel

General Agent of the Northern Agency – Chris Massoglia and Lady Dr Leslie

Past State Chaplain – Reverend Father Andrew Kurz

Past State Chaplain – Reverend Father Richard Heilman

Past State Chaplain – Reverend Father Peter Renard

Past State Deputy – Corey Coonen and Lady Lindsey

Past State Deputy – Jack Wrbanich and Lady Lisa

Past State Deputy – Ron Faust

Past State Deputy – Tim Genthe and Lady MaryJo

Former State Advocate – Dr Jim Froh

Former State Treasurer – Roland Breunig

Former State Warden – Michael Tennies

Former Master Eastern District – Jim TenPas

Former Master Western District – Tim Genthe

Former Master Western District – Jacob Grzywacz

SD Reiff asked to have all Diocesan Chaplains, Assembly Faithful Friars and Council Chaplains to stand and be introduced

8:15 pm SS Larson announced the commencement of the Award Presentation Segment and invited **State Program Director Jim Burkhardt** to the lower dais to assist SD Reiff

SS Larson asked **State Family Coordinator (SFC)James Vosters** to announce the Diocesan Families of the Year. SFC Vosters announced the Diocesan Family of the Year winners and read their profiles.

Green Bay Diocese:

Pat and Pam Lennon Family

La Crosse Diocese:

Dan and Carla Gilchrist Family

Madison Diocese:

Mile and Sharon Schoepp Family

Milwaukee Archdiocese:

Greg and Kathy Armstrong Family

Superior Diocese:

Dennis and Jackie Mitchell Family

SFC Vosters announced that The State Family of the Year will be announced at tomorrow night's State Deputy Banquet

SS Larson introduced the State Service Program Awards.

State Service	<u>Msgr. E. C. O'Reilly Council #746 - Baraboo</u>
Program Award - FAITH	Grand Knight Robert Kappel <i>Confessional construction for Saint Joseph's Church</i>
State Service	<u>Saint Croix Council #1762 – Hudson</u>
Program - FAMILY	Grand Knight Russell Jensen <i>Monday morning food giveaway.</i>
State Service	<u>Cathedral of St Bernard of Clairvaux Council #9082 – Madison</u>
Program - COMMUNITY	Grand Knight Timothy Zeier <i>Blue Mass. Recruited 15 new Knights</i>
State Service	<u>Saint Croix Council #1762 – Hudson</u>
Program - LIFE	Grand Knight Russell Jensen <i>Novena for life.</i>
Supreme College Service Program Award – FAITH	<u>UW Catholic Center Council #6568 – Madison</u>
Award to be presented by the Supreme Council at a later time	Grand Knight Andrew Hodgson <i>Divine Mercy Festival</i>

History Book Preparation Award

Division I	3rd - Milwaukee Pope John XXIII Council #5438 2nd - Superior Our North Woods Catholic Cluster Cncl #12609 1st - Green Bay Father Francis Jordan Council #16729
Division II	3rd - Superior Cardinal Albert Meyer Council #499 2nd - Green Bay Saint Bernadette Council #12269 1st - LaCrosse Emer - Quinn Council #3249
Division III	3rd – Milwaukee Kettle Moraine Council #3562 2nd - Madison Msgr. Condon Council #3805 1st - Green Bay Abbot Pennings Council #3955

**Outstanding
Roundtable Award**

**Milwaukee – Cardinal Stritch Council # #4614
Grand Knight – Joel Spraitz**

SS Larson thanked SPD Jim Burkhart and invited State ID Chairman (SIDC) **Bennie Green** to the lower dais to assist SD Reiff

Membership Awards Highest Council Collection Award

Green Bay Diocese	Our Lady of Lourdes Council #614 Oshkosh \$14,389.40
La Crosse Diocese	George J Schreier Council #1069 Wausau \$18,381.03
Madison Diocese	St Joseph Council #4586 Madison \$5,351.10
Milwaukee Archdiocese	Fr Casper Rehrl Council #1964 West Bend \$12,726.63
Superior Diocese	St Croix Council #1762 Hudson \$5,704.78

Membership Awards Highest Collection per Member Award

Green Bay Diocese	St Martin of Tours Council # 18366 Shawano \$94.87 / Knight
La Crosse Diocese	George J Schreier Council #1069 Wausau \$93.50 / Knight
Madison Diocese	St Mary Help of Christians Council # 12709 Sullivan \$95.27 / Knight
Milwaukee Archdiocese	St Peter Council # 12588 Slinger \$76.84 / Knight

Superior Diocese

Bishop Joseph Annabring Council # 7848 Turtle Lake
\$66.52 / Knight

SS Larson thanked SIDC Bennie Green and invited State Membership Director (SMD) **Corey Coonen** to the lower dais to assist SD Reiff

State Membership Awards

Green Bay Diocese

Abbot Pennings Council # 3955 Intake 23

William Stephani Council # 710 Percentage 190%

LaCrosse Diocese

John F Kennedy Council # 1257 Intake 17

George J Schreier Council # 1069 Percentage 118%

Madison Diocese

Monsignor John DeRocher Council # 1386 Intake 29

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Milwaukee Archdiocese

St John Neumann Council # 973 Intake 35

Marquette University Council # 6883 Percentage 600%

Superior Diocese

St Croix Council # 1762 Intake 10

Somerset Council # 6759 Percentage 128%

Contest of Champions / Top State Intake

St John Neumann Council # 973 35

Current leader

Contest of Champions / Top State Percentage

Marquette University Council # 6883 600%

Current leader

SS Larson thanked SMD Corey Coonen and invited Supreme Representative **Sean Pott** to the lower dais to assist SD Reiff

District Deputy Rookie of the Year Award

Green Bay Diocese Raymond Berres

LaCrosse Diocese Michael Haight

Madison Diocese Daniel Kelly

Milwaukee Archdiocese David Sytkowski

Superior Diocese Gary Herdahl

Outstanding District Deputy Award

Green Bay Diocese Corey Coonen

LaCrosse Diocese Mark Schaefer

Madison Diocese Michael Plear

Milwaukee Archdiocese Donald McInnes

Superior Diocese Alvin Klein

Retiring District Deputy Award

Green Bay Diocese

District 5 - Luke Rasmussen

District 8 - Corey Coonen

District 9 - Michael Safford

District 11 - James Hooyman

LaCrosse Diocese

District 20 - Michael Haight

District 24 - Tom Eder

District 30 - Scott Frome

District 32 - Dan Wieser

Madison Diocese

District 42 - Dale Emmerton

District 44 - Jerry Mullen

District 50 - Roland Breunig

District 52 - John Huttenhoff

Milwaukee Archdiocese

District 60 - Thomas Block

District 66 - Don Charapata

District 67 - Rich Mich

District 68 - Dr David Kreutz

Superior Diocese

District 81 - Jim Burkhart

District 83 - Michael Morgan

District 89 - John Scheidt

9:10 pm SS Larson announced the location of the Hospitality Room. Stated the Supreme rules for Hospitality Rooms and recapped the agenda items for the following. SS Larson asked SC Reverend Father Dulli to offer a closing prayer and impart his blessing.

Session concluded at 9:15 pm

Saturday, May 17th 2025

9:00 pm SD Reiff gaveled the assembly to order and asked that seats be taken

9:05 pm The 124th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus was declared in session by State Deputy Patrick Reiff and the doors were closed.

SD Reiff called on SC Reverend Father Brian Dulli to lead the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SD Reiff called on the Western and Eastern Masters to lead the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

SD Reiff introduced Supreme Representative Sean Pott.

SD Reiff called on SW Vosters to vouch that all present in the chamber were in possession of a current membership card. SW Vosters responded in the affirmative.

SD Reiff explained who had speaking and voting privileges and how to address the assembly.

SD Reiff asked, for efficiency, to conduct the meeting using unanimous consent, he paused for objection, there being none, he so ordered.

SD Reiff presented the Order of Business

Call to Order

Prayer by State Chaplain and Pledge

Reading of 123rd Convention Minutes

Announcement of Personnel of Annual Meeting Committees

Reading of Communications

Report of State Deputy

Reports of State Officers

Report of Committee on Credentials

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

Reports of Committees

Nomination and Election of State Officers

Nomination and Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Supreme Council

Unfinished Business

New Business

Prayer by State Chaplain

Adjournment

SD Reiff recognized PGK Chris Kachur of #14362 and he motioned that, in order to expedite the continuity of the convention, that the rules for the order of business be suspended. The motion was seconded by Doug Wildes of Council #4648. SD Reiff called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SD ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, the reading of the minutes from the 123rd State Convention.

SD Reiff recognized GK Dustin Beth of #973 and he motioned that, in as much as printed copies of the minutes have been duly mailed to all Councils, the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Stephen DeGroot of Council #7798. SD called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SD ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, the announcement of annual meeting committees. SD Reiff indicated that the assignments were listed in the distributed Convention Book. He then introduced The Honorable Paul Dedinsky as the appointed parliamentarian for the convention

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, the reading of communications. SD Reiff called on SS Larson to read the letters from Christophe Louis Yves Georges Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, The Most Reverend Gerard William Battersby, Bishop of LaCrosse, Patrick E Kelly, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus and SK Gerry Mattix-Wand, Vice Supreme Master of the Marquette Province.

SD Reiff thanked SS Larson and then had the video presentation from Supreme Knight Kelly be played.

SD Reiff yielded the floor to Supreme Representative Sean Pott for his message.

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, the reading of report of the State Deputy and then yielded the gavel to SS Larson.

SS Larson presented SD Reiff, who then made his report. SS Larson thanked SD Reiff for his report.

SS Larson recognized GK Rich Mich of #16022 and he motioned that the report of the State Deputy be accepted and made part of the minutes of the meeting. The motion was seconded by PSD Corey Coonen. SS Larson called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SS ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent. SS Larson then returned the gavel to SD Reiff. (*The full State Deputy Report can be found in appendix A of these minutes*).

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, the reading of the reports from the State Officers and Committee Chairmen.

SD Reiff recognized PGK Chris Kachur of #14362 and he motioned that, in as much as printed copies of these reports have been duly mailed to all Councils, the reading of these reports be dispensed with, with the exception of the State Chaplain's Report and Good of the Order Committee and these reports be made part of the minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Frank of Council #7370. SD Reiff called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SD ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent. (*The Reports of the State Officers and Committee Chairmen can be found in appendices B-T of these minutes*). SD Reiff then called upon SC Reverend Father Dulli to give his State Chaplain's Report.

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, the Report of the Committee of Credentials and called on SS Larson to make his report. SS Larson stated that he and committee had reviewed the registration list of seated Delegates and found the totals to be:

6	State Officers
1	Immediate Past State Deputy
260	Voting Delegates

267	TOTAL VOTING DELEGATES

SD Reiff asked for any objection to the roll of delegates submitted by the Credentials Committee be the official voting members of the convention. There being no objection raised, SD Reiff ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent. SD Reiff then ordered the Election Tellers to meet LaCrosse Diocesan Director Scott Frome in the back of the chamber to prepare for elections.

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, the Report of the Committee on Resolutions. SD Reiff explained that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee will act as an active and seconded motion and that any Delegate wishing to speak on a resolution, should appear at the microphone and be prepared to be recognized. The State Advocate will read each resolution and if no Delegate wishes to speak, the Parliamentarian will drop the gavel to signal of the committee's recommendation. SD Reiff called on SA Kreutz to make the report of the resolutions committee.

SA Kreutz then presented changes to Resolutions in Section 1.

Section I: Courtesy Resolutions

1. PURPOSE OF CONVENTION

WHEREAS, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order; and

WHEREAS, our fraternal organization was founded on the principle of the faith of the Catholic Church by Blessed Michael J. McGivney, a dedicated priest, and has the endorsement of Bishop David L. Ricken; and

WHEREAS, we meet in the desire that our deliberations will arouse greater interest and perpetuate greater areas of apostolic and social awareness activity by members of our Order; and

WHEREAS, we are earnestly concerned regarding the crises that face the world and problems of the Church that confront us; and

WHEREAS, as members of the Knights of Columbus, we should all work in a unified and efficient manner toward strengthening a more just society, through the four principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, for the benefit of our Church, Country, Community, Members and all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, humbly

dedicate our deliberations to the improvement of society according to the fullness of Christian principles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we deliberate on all resolutions submitted with fraternal charity and patience as we humbly petition God for His gifts of wisdom to guide us in these deliberations.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the members of the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus, to annually affirm and clearly set forth the principles and objectives upon which our Order was founded and upon which it has prospered; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the diversity of our membership, the communities that we serve, and the universality of the Catholic Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, reaffirm the following declarations of principles to the greater honor and glory of God, to the welfare of the Church and to the continuing strength of our Lord; Vivat Jesus.

- To assist in the mission of the Catholic Church.
- To continue in the works of charity, education, and patriotic endeavors for the benefit of all people.
- To continue to provide an atmosphere of brotherly love among its members.
- To be sensitive to the feelings, dignity, and needs of all people regardless of race, nationality, or creed.
- To provide a system of fraternal insurance to care for members and their family needs.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

3. APPRECIATION OF HOST COMMITTEE WIVES AND FAMILIES

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus members, wives and families from District 6, which includes Bishop Stanislaus V Bona Council 4439, Fr. Al Heitpas Council 6764, Flintville Council 10260, and Fr. Claude Allouez Council 10714; also, District 8 led by District Deputy Corey Coonen, which includes, Green Bay Council 617, Abbot Pennings

Council 3955, Msgr. Basche Council 4505, Fr. Vissers Council 6464, Ashwaubenon Council 7498, and St. Francis Xavier Council 17348; and finally, District 13, led by District Deputy Paul Schlies which includes, Fr. Platta Council 4735, Fort Howard Council 5382, Luxemburg Council 5844, Msgr. Sylvester Borusky Council 10243, St. Peter & St. Paul Council 10552, Vincent T. Lombardi Council 11834, and Prince of Peace Council 16333; and

WHEREAS, these councils, as our hosts, have extended to us a warm and sincere greeting, and hospitality as well as consistent cooperation in all requirements, making the duties of all officers and convention staff easier to discharge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, do hereby extend to the members, wives and families of these councils our sincere appreciation and profound thanks for the cordial welcome, excellent workmanship and fine hospitality shown to all in attendance.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

4. APPRECIATION OF THE CLERGY

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus is deeply grateful for the many benefits rendered to the 124th State Convention by the Bishops and Clergy located in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, we wish to renew our pledge of continued love, loyalty, and submission, to assure the clergy that the Knights of Columbus will always be at their service; promising unswerving loyalty to the hierarchy and clergy of the Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, express our heartfelt appreciation to all bishops and clergy. We extend particular thanks to the Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay; the Reverend Brian Dulli, our State Chaplain; the Diocesan Chaplains; the Council Chaplains of our hosting Councils; the Council Chaplains throughout Wisconsin; and all the priests who contribute to the spiritual significance of this Convention. Your outstanding cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

5. APPRECIATION OF CATHOLIC NEWS AND INFORMATION MEDIA

WHEREAS, the Catholic and secular news media provides a method of disseminating the news that is otherwise unavailable to the people. Without their reporting, we would not have the knowledge of the activities of those whom we cherish as brothers in fraternal charity. They further serve as an educational force in the community and provide expressions directly from the Holy Father himself, which are not otherwise conveniently available; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, the Milwaukee, Madison, and Superior editions of the Catholic Herald, The Catholic Times of La Crosse, and On Mission of Green Bay are all newspapers through which our Church speaks to both priests and laity; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, the Eternal Word Television Network, Relevant Radio, and Real Presence Radio are television and radio mediums through which Catholic teachings are made accessible; and

WHEREAS, many radio and television broadcasters and web publishers in the state present worthwhile programs teaching and promoting Catholic principles; and

WHEREAS, we should all recognize the work and attention of the media to presenting worthwhile programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus, duly assembled in the Annual Convention, commend and offer thanks to the Milwaukee, Madison, and Superior editions of the Catholic Herald, The Catholic Times of La Crosse, and On Mission of Green Bay and acknowledge the valiant service they provide to our Catholic faith in Wisconsin, and urge every member of the Order in Wisconsin to subscribe to his Diocesan newspaper; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus give their wholehearted moral support to all news media which accurately present Catholic teachings and principles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, express our gratitude to the television and radio broadcasters throughout Wisconsin who make public services available to State Council, local Councils and Assemblies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the five Diocesan newspapers and relevant media outlets within Wisconsin.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

6. APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS OF THE SUPREME KNIGHT

WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly should be commended for his untiring effort to enhance the image and status of our Order throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, under his guidance the four principles upon which our Order is based, truly reflect the dream of Blessed Michael McGivney's idea of service to the Church and society; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the intrinsic values of life, from conception to natural death, is unparalleled for leadership compared to any other Catholic fraternal organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay express our deep and sincere thanks and appreciation to Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly for his leadership and guidance of the Order, particularly his untiring and selfless dedication to our Crusade for Life and that we further extend to the Supreme Officers, the Board of Directors and the Supreme Council staff our sincere thanks and appreciation for their efforts on behalf of this great Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, reaffirming our solidarity with Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, be sent to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, on August 5 to 7, 2025

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

7. CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

WHEREAS, the cause of the canonization of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, has been initiated; and

WHEREAS, the life work of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, has been a marvelous inspiration for Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and his concept of the Order has grown in over a century to a great magnitude;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, do hereby support the Supreme Council in this cause, through the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, and pledge our prayers to determine God's will for the canonization of this great and noble priest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each member of the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus is strongly encouraged to support this effort by joining the Guild; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, on August 5 to 7, 2025.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

8. APPRECIATION OF THE WISCONSIN BISHOPS

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are committed to fidelity to the Holy See, Pope Francis; and

WHEREAS, the Bishops of Wisconsin occupy the chair of the Holy See in their Diocese; and

WHEREAS, our Bishops are instituted by Christ as Shepherds for the salvation of our souls; and

WHEREAS, the Bishops of Wisconsin express the Church's concern for the well-being of all the people of Wisconsin by initiating and supporting positive action for the common good; and

WHEREAS, the Bishops of Wisconsin exchange ideas relating to proposed civil laws and legislation, and facilitate the development of expressed opinions on behalf of the Catholic Church in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Bishops of Wisconsin continue to serve the Catholics of Wisconsin by furnishing information to help them apply Christian teachings to their responsibilities as citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, do hereby express our appreciation and commendation to the Bishops of Wisconsin Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, Bishop David L. Ricken of the Green Bay Diocese, Bishop James P. Powers of the Superior Diocese, Bishop Donald J. Hying of the Madison Diocese, and Bishop Gerard W. Battersby of La Crosse Diocese for their outstanding efforts and continued accomplishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be sent to each of the Bishops serving Wisconsin.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

9. APPRECIATION OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

WHEREAS, the Ordinaries (Bishops) of Wisconsin have sanctioned formation programs designed to train Catholic laymen for the role of Permanent Deacon in their respective dioceses; and

WHEREAS, the men who complete this rigorous training and are ultimately ordained as Permanent Deacons have committed significant amounts of time and personal resources to achieve this leadership milestone; and

WHEREAS, a priest serving as a Council Chaplain may assign a Permanent Deacon to fulfill a spiritual leadership role for the Council, in addition to their other parish ministerial functions; and

WHEREAS, Permanent Deacons are ordained clergy who bring to us the grace of the Sacraments of Baptism, and Marriage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, in the Diocese of Green Bay, recognizes the valuable service provided to Holy Mother Church and extends our sincere appreciation to these committed and selfless Permanent Deacons, their wives and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to exhibit our appreciation, the State Advocate shall contact the Diaconate office of each Diocese for the purpose of sending to that office, before the end of this fraternal year, a copy of this resolution and shall ask that they send it on to every Permanent Deacon in their Diocese; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it shall be left to the discretion of the membership of each council and assembly whether or not to absolve these active Deacons from annual dues.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz recognized GK Dustin Beth of #973 and he motioned that the report of the Resolutions Committee, for Section 1, was mailed, that reading being dispensed and moved for adoption of Section 1. The motion was seconded by DD Al Klein. SA Kreutz called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

SA Kreutz then presented changes to Resolutions in Section 2.

Section II: Recurring Resolutions

10. RECOGNITION OF LONGSTANDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus is committed to dedicated membership; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is a charitable service organization; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize long-standing members of the Order at the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin State Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, in the Diocese of Green Bay, to the following members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that future recognition of members who have attained the Anniversaries of 50, 60, 70, 75 or 80 years of service and continuous membership in the Order be given at the Annual Meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certificate of recognition will be awarded to the aforementioned Brothers from the Wisconsin State Council, for their outstanding achievement.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

50 Years

499 Superior

*Robert P. Daigle
Donald L. Carlson*

531 Madison

Larry R. Kleinheinz

596 Janesville

*John J. Collins
William R. Hanrahan
Kenneth A. Provot
John D. Ransom
Paul F. Cunningham
John S. Peterson
James C. Schneider
Jerry R. Cords
Thomas M. Freund
Bruce D. Donovan
Jerome A. Wagner
John W. Wagner*

605 Beloit

William J. Flanigan

607 Appleton

*Jeffrey V. Del Ponte Gerald K.
Sosalla*

614 Oshkosh

*Thomas Gavin
Gregory S. Holub*

974 Chippewa Falls

*Donald A. De Rusha
Richard Schemenauer
Robert J. Koehler
Allen E. Schemenauer
Gerald F. Schneider*

1002 Antigo

*Stephen J. Bradley
William J. Heinen*

664 Fond Du Lac

*Dennis J. Dudzinski
William R. Sawyer
Donald M. Sabel
Leo B. Crowley
Rolland W. Wolff
Steven J. Makowski
Ronald L. Kurzynski
Phil P. Stoll
Bruno A. Tagliapietra
Gary J. Hilbert*

1558 Wisconsin Rapids

*Ronald R. Lorbeck
Dennis A. Sweeney
Leland J. Weber*

1578 Burlington

*James M. Mucci
Kenneth P. Yanny*

<i>Thomas R. Sabel</i>	1069 Wausau	1609 Columbus
<i>John M. Schuppe</i>	<i>James E. Andreas</i>	<i>Edward W. Kessenich</i>
<i>Paul F. Beisbier</i>	<i>John V. Prey</i>	<i>Robert C. Unertl</i>
<i>Wayne R. Schingen</i>	<i>Gerald B. Budzynski</i>	<i>Thomas A. Weisensel</i>
<i>Donald L. Wilhelms</i>		<i>Michael H. Frodel</i>
<i>Jerome A. Wagner</i>		<i>Steven Kortendick</i>
 669 Hurley	 1080 Darlington	 1612 Delevan
<i>Joseph P. Simonich</i>	<i>Robert J. Gille</i>	<i>Richard E. Schultz</i>
 710 Manitowoc	 1133 Kaukauna	 1637 Portage
<i>James F. Lax</i>	<i>Paul C. Proulx</i>	<i>Joseph F. Weber</i>
<i>Gerald M. Lax</i>		 1654 Arcadia
<i>Rahlf J. Proulx</i>		<i>Duane A. Kupietz</i>
 722 Sheboygan	 1170 Stevens Point	<i>George F. Salwey</i>
<i>George Souik</i>	<i>John F. Krupka</i>	 1669 Waterloo
 746 Baraboo	<i>Edward S. Horgan</i>	<i>John T. Wells</i>
<i>Norman C. Raddatz</i>	<i>Charles H. Kraklow</i>	 1709 South Milwaukee
<i>Donald H. Zimmerman</i>	<i>Garry Grzesiak</i>	<i>Merlin G. Klemme</i>
 832 Ashland	<i>Richard W. Glodowski</i>	<i>Kevin J. Nelson</i>
<i>Clarence L. Campbell</i>	<i>Laurence L. Zimmerman</i>	<i>1744 Medford</i>
<i>Herbert J. Adler</i>	<i>Jerome M. Friday</i>	<i>Raymond W. Synol</i>
<i>Stephen M. Barnes</i>		<i>Joseph A. Bach</i>
<i>William R. Blake</i>	 1257 Eau Claire	 1762 Hudson
 839 Lacrosse	<i>Michael P. Bauer</i>	<i>Jon M. Schiltgen</i>
<i>Bob J. Blaschke</i>		<i>Lawrence J. Larsen</i>
<i>Robert J. Cook</i>	 1471 Monroe	<i>Richard L. Fey</i>
<i>Michael J. Hammes</i>	<i>Timothy R. Kubly</i>	 1789 Plymouth
<i>Edward J. Bauer</i>	<i>Joseph W. Drye</i>	<i>Francis W. Kohlmann</i>
<i>Thomas W. Arlt</i>		<i>William G. Rusch</i>
 1799 Marshfield	 1478 Watertown	 1797 New London
<i>Kenneth H. Breit</i>	<i>Thomas P. Marr</i>	<i>Denis J. Van Straten</i>
<i>Ben C. Knoll</i>		 2963 Phillips
 1799 Marshfield	 1547 Berlin	<i>William G. Heindl</i>
<i>Robert P. Merkel</i>	<i>Dale G. Kuklinski</i>	<i>Joseph D. Wolf</i>
<i>Jerome J. Theurer</i>	<i>Thomas M. Pionke</i>	 2984 Kewaunee
<i>John H. Schmidkamp</i>	<i>Harold D. Featherston</i>	<i>Paul L. Kinjerski</i>
<i>Gerhard A. Braun</i>	<i>Richard J. Trochinski</i>	<i>James E. Dworak</i>
<i>Thomas F. Knauf</i>		<i>Leroy P. Kultgen</i>
<i>Mark J. Nowack</i>	 2055 Menomonie	<i>Jerome L. Sinkula</i>
<i>Thomas J. Palecek</i>	<i>Melvin W. Sundby</i>	<i>Charles J. Ratajczak</i>
<i>Robert G. Sanders</i>	<i>Laverne W. Weber</i>	<i>Allen H. Baumgartner</i>
<i>John A. Scheuer</i>		<i>2990 Seymour</i>
 1837 Beaver Dam	 2066 Tomahawk	<i>Edward F. Machacek</i>
<i>Terrence L. Sabel</i>	<i>Joseph W. Zahringer</i>	 3095 West Allis
 1838 Menasha	 2137 Rice Lake	<i>Donald A. Falk</i>
<i>Dennis P. Berken</i>	<i>James M. Kriska</i>	<i>Frederick J. Smith</i>
		<i>Wilfred J. Falk</i>
	 2422 Durand	
	<i>Dennis J. Prissel</i>	
	 2481 Ladysmith	
	<i>Matthew D. Sieg</i>	
	<i>John W. Sieg</i>	
	<i>Gerald E. Mujwid</i>	
	<i>Richard C. Verdegan</i>	
	 2487 Oconomowoc	
	<i>Robert J. Ambrose</i>	

1840 Prairie Du Chien Thomas F. Farrell	<i>Hugh P. Morehead Larry L. Lange</i>	<i>William H. Schmid</i>
1909 Highland Charles F. Scullion Alan G. Mc Carthy	2639 Park Falls Peter G. Bushman	3249 Stanley Vaughn J. Forster
1922 Clintonville John P. Fandrey John T. Janusiak	2787 Independence Robert J. Gunderson Charles J. Walek Timothy J. Maulé Gary A. Walek	3396 Fort Atkinson Curtis PMc Culley William J. Metcalf James A. Schmitt John E. Kammer
1957 Two Rivers Wayne G. Schleis	2820 Lancaster Robert A. Schmidt Patrick D. Becker	3432 Waupaca Jerry L. Williams
1964 West Bend James F Becker Ronald F. Morgan Dennis Larsen Peter J. Waldkirch	2845 New Richmond James E Mitchell Greg A. Moe	3450 Spring Green Donald J. Ederer Gary Kraemer Thomas S. Swinehart Gerald A. Sprecher
2032 Rhinelander Michael S. Piasecki Kevin R. Farrell John H. Schiek	2847 Niagara Lawrence J. Neuens	3492 Richland Center Randal S. Leonard William L. Hilleman
3805 Reedsburg Martin T. Meister	2854 Mineral Point Douglas J. Schmitz	3702 Brookfield Michael C. Chmurski Delbert H. Dettmann Daniel J. Zeidler
3825 Whitehall Michael C. Burkart	4527 Madison Richard S. Goedjen Arthur J. Benzschawel	4877 Ripon Patrick J. Kubisiak
3924 Cross Plains James P. Garfoot Richard A. Sauer	4549 Middleton Jerome H. Maly Donald Kratcha	4879 Sun Prairie Michael J. Butler 4896 Oconto Falls Douglas J. Wheaton
3955 DePere Patrick J. Besaw John G. Mueller Michael H. Vieau Thomas A. De Lair	4579 East Troy Arthur A. Verick	4897 Waupun David R. Weber Michael H. Reilley
4106 Union Grove Philip H. Trimberger Timothy R. Lynch Randy J. Jasperson Richard J. Fettes Charles B. Mealy Don A. Storck James R. Storck Thomas J. Mutter	4580 Hales Corners Gerald F. Malo Mark D. Koncki Anthony Fischer	4902 River Falls David J. Fehringer Gary M. Senn Peter J. Sykora
4125 Tomah Thomas R. Baumgarten Lawrence A. Scheckel Robert A. Zupancich Michael M. Steidl	4592 Sparta Clyde C. Kuennen	4954 Glenwood City Douglas J. Swanson
	4671 Crivitz Arlin G. Grandaw John J. Croft Albert J. Croft	4963 Loyal Thomas H. Bauer Brent J. Ahlgren
	4692 Robert S. O'Brien	5008 Tigerton Jerry D. Kiedrowski Steven A. Ostrowski

4295 Union Center Matthew F. Stanek	4774 Princeton Mark A. Slabosheski	Gregory Ostrowski
4392 Wisconsin Dells John D. Montgomery	4831 Sturtevant Placid L. Stroik Desal Sal Wisniewski	5193 Mondovi David A. Bauer
4439 Pulaski William E. Derricks Sylvester Wesoloski Kevin P. Sampo Randall N. Wesolowski	4869 Oconto Falls Leonard J. Pelisheh Dennis J. Wellens Thomas J. Koos	5456 Ellsworth Gary R. Huppert
4489 Kimberly Gary L. Sanderfoot Richard H. Klingeisen Charles R. Reis James A. Svacina William G. Marsicek	4871 Dodgeville Jerome P. Weier	5488 Mosinee Donald Prohaska Francis A. Stieber
5844 Luxemburg Lawrence P. Rand William G. O'Brien	6599 Elmwood John P. Schwebach	5514 Neenah Timothy G. Hewitt David F. Bolle Lloyd A. Delveaux
6279 Howard Wayne R. Olejniczak	6646 Brown Deer Herbert L. Phelps James R. Palzewicz Leslie Palzewicz	5798 Reedsville Kenneth P. Marsicek
6370 Frederic John H. Miller 6371 Waunakee Ronald P. Paar Joseph G. Lauer	6690 Lake Mills Denis R. Wiedenfeller James A. Reek Eugene R. Mess Charles H. Kuehl Mark L. Christenson Delaine E. Budig Larry L. Christianson	7895 Hortonville James P. Mc Hugh
6463 Lodi Virgil H. Ripp Patrick A. Lochner Richard M. Beck	6718 Adams Friendship Ronald F. Pufall R. Jame Schindlbeck Verne L. Twachtman Frank W. Cwikla	8108 Wilmot Dennis L. Graczyk
6464 Oneida Eugene D. Geurts	6719 Milwaukee Pedro Gonzalez Guadalupe B. Alba	8172 Waterford James G. Barnhart
6487 Galesville Donald J. Teska Larry L. Sonsalla Robert J. Stellpflug	7048 Mukwonago Lyle J. Boucher	8985 Webster Dennis M. Mc Devitt Leo D. Muller
6508 Edgerton Jerome R. Stockheimer	7132 Butternut John M. Rybak	9546 Birchwood Harold J. Nevin Ronald A. Frosch Gregory G. Layton
6547 Milton Lawrence L. Kapheim Ronald H. Kaiser Robert T. Mussey	7319 Bruce Alexander Samardzich	10260 Suamico Raymond A J. Talbot
6567 Osceola Michael A. Montgomery	7798 Hubertus Keith B. Lussier Dennis H. Ganser	10522 Pittsville Floyd E. Kumm
		10559 Mount Horeb Dennis C. Garfoot Wayne F. Sutter
		10893 Madison Richard J. Salm Gary L. Karsten
		10920 Evansville Steven J. Scherber

<i>Thomas P. Hinz</i> Kevin J. Berg	7827 Woodruff Gary J. Huck David Assmann Robert B. Flannery Edward L. Wagner	11305 Oshkosh James R. Denning
6585 Bloomer Richard Pecha		11657 Fredonia Mathew F. Linden
12609 Balsam Lake / Centuria Michael X. Morris Raymond J. Tourville 12709 Sullivan Leonard J. Ruder	664 Fond du Lac Ambrose T. Giebel Howard S. Bleuel	12269 Appleton Ryan D. Baldwin
13083 Redgranite Neil A. Hillstrom	669 Hurley James Reed	12491 Stoughton William R. Weiss
13733 Big Bend Michael R. O Leary	697 Racine Stephen R. Jansta Kenneth L. Sack Rev. Richard J. Molter	1133 Merrill Carl J. Carlson
13880 Plover Dennis G. Koehler	710 Manitowoc Patrick A. Dewane Edwin P. Brey Thomas M. Hoffman Ronald A. Wagner Anthony Fruzyna	1170 Stevens Point Joel Nicholas Stanley A. Polebitski David J. Wachowiak James J. Golla J T. Sievwright
15276 Genesee Depot Elio Vicenzi	722 Sheboygan Adalbert C. Miller	1257 Eau Claire Robert A. Walske
15659 Racine Patrick L. Metzker	746 Baraboo Edward R. Waddell	1478 Watertown David R. Breunig
16280 Marathon City James P. Somers	765 Cuba City James H. Brant	1558 Wisconsin Rapids Jerome J. Mancl Donald A. Bemke Dr. Thomas H. Raabe Richard J. Ashenbrenner Ronald M. Borre Donald J. Huser Charles R. Vos
16900 Wrightstown Richard C. Sharkey	832 Ashland Richard J. Berweger	1637 Portage Jerome J. Braun John P. Grzenia John T. Huml
17135 River Falls Philip J. Jacobs	839 La Crosse Duane J. Mara	1797 New London Walter D. Heise Michael R. Barrington
<u>60 Years</u>		
499 Superior Thomas J. Peterman	1002 Antigo Donald V. Dorzeski	1799 Marshfield Marvin C. Fait Theodore Gripentrog James J. Peroutka
524 New Berlin Eugene L. Kaluzny James H. Schlagenhaft	1033 Kaukauna Gerald R. Haen Fred Brochtrup Kenneth D. Vande Hey	William H. Reigel Donald M. Stangl William A. Draxler John R. Kastern James A. Kosmicki Leonard E. Kortuem
614 Oshkosh Henry J. Schmidt Clarence N. Kunde	1069 Wausau Gerald Albrecht Robert L. Reissmann	
617 Green Bay Arland J. Delvaux	2689 Hartford Joseph C. Barbieri	
1825 Waukesha Anthony J. Natalizio Joseph L. Marion Victor W. Fracaro		

1837 Beaver Dam Wayne O. Bruessel	2787 Independence Gerald J. Halama	4416 Bloomington Robert R. Reuter
1864 Jefferson Thomas L. Atkinson Robert W. Niebler	2820 Lancaster Thomas R. Block Timothy D. Block Robert M. Schaefer	4489 Kimberly Gerald Lee Weiland
1909 Highland Richard C. Laufenberg	2963 Phillips David P. Baratka	4527 Madison Paul E. Steinmetz
1957 Two Rivers James J. Zach	2990 Seymour John C. Cumicek	4579 East Troy John C. Frymark David C. Klaehn
1964 West Bend Paul L. Hetebrueg John W. Heisdorf	3095 West Allis John J. Schmitz	4671 Crivitz Elmer A. Banaszak Darrell J. Van Beek
2032 Rhinelander John E. Schilleman	3099 Sauk City Russell P. Clemens Robert M. Pings Roman E. Haas	4706 Whitefish Bay Eugene L. Jamrozy
2055 Menominee Mark T. Peddecord	3492 Richland Center George B. Overbeek	4877 Ripon William G. Schultz
2066 Tomahawk Thomas V. Wakely	3702 Brookfield Thomas A. Zalewski Joseph A. Iannelli	4896 Sister Bay Michel Y. Roy
2137 Rice Lake Robert J. Fox	3955 DePere John G. Schmidt Richard N. Baeten Nathan W. Abts	4902 River Falls Charles B. Meyer
2210 Algoma Francis A. Bero Peter B. Kashik	4106 Union Grove Raymond A. Gromacki	4948 Cornell Donald L. Schulze
2478 Sturgeon Bay Dale P. Blasier	4125 Tomah Lamont J. Dechant	4963 Loyal Richard O. Backaus
2481 Ladysmith Roman T. Kostick	4240 Menomonee Falls Ralph N. Krueger Emmanuel V. Devera Rev T. Dougherty	5127 Colby Edward W. Haas Daniel J. Writz David A. Gasch
2639 Park Falls Ronald Ernst	10552 Pittsville David J. Demro	5397 Spooner Frank R. Zadra
5488 Mosinee James D. Martin Lloyd E. Makela	10714 Green Bay John W. Utrie	5415 Eagle River Gerald T. Adler
6279 Howard Ronald E. Tremi Rev. G A. Biondolillo Donald G. Kreutzer Robert J. Young	10914 Onalaska Dale P. Weber	70 years
6547 Milton Bernard F. Pehl		697 Racine Donald D. Burant Richard C. Fortier
		719 Marinette Glenn F. Stansfield

6567 Osceola Roger A. Mussell	10919 Little Chute James W. Van Boxtel	722 Sheboygan Robert C. Weber
6646 Brown Deer Walter J. Denuszek	10976 Sussex Kenneth J. Meske	973 Kenosha Frank S. Stella
6754 Chetek John E. Bowe	11834 Green Bay James R. Lemke	1170 Stevens Point Jerome D. Repinski
7048 Mukwonago Robert P. Budzien Peter J. Koterba	12185 Keshena Rev. David S. Barrett	1471 Monroe Robert W. Bradley
7106 Superior James R. Fredrickson	12588 Slinger Allen P. Spaeth	1558 Wisconsin Rapids Leo J. Welling Robert G. Raboine James G. Crowley
7370 Hazel Green Rev. William J. Hower John A. Hoppman	12596 Mackville James A. Smejkal	1609 Columbus Lawrence J. Lins Gerald A. Andler
7498 Ashwaubenon Alex J. Bryczynski	13480 Oregon Thomas B. Wiedholz	1637 Portage Harry E. Curtis David W. Eulberg Rev. Charles Hoffmann
7848 Turtle Lake Frank T. Maas	13583 Milwaukee Alan A. Todryk	1797 New London David L. Rusch
8946 Cazenovia Dr. Joseph J. Donovan	15090 Waukesha Peter A. Puetz	1825 Waukesha David L. Boehmke William J. Gramann John T. Nadolny
10243 Green Bay Dennis P. Niess	16298 Amery Gary M. Dado	1837 Beaver Dam David L. Johnsen
1864 Jefferson William H. Schiferl	4527 Madison Marvin F. Meissen	1471 Monroe James E. Crotty William N. Didier
2035 Port Washington Paul M. Ehrlich	4586 Madison William G. Donohue	1690 Whitewater John J. Willegal
2066 Tomahawk Francis U. Seroogy	4646 Junction City John O. O'Donnell	1799 Marshfield Arthur G. Schneider
2137 Rice Lake Albert H. Trotalli James R. Lucas	5514 Neenah Richard J. Liedel	2137 Rice Lake James A. Ebner
2481 Ladysmith Nicholas D. Boss	6279 Howard Dr. Donald M. Martens	2820 Lancaster Raymond Brandemuehl
2487 Independence Dennis M. Houk	6371 Waunakee Keith L. Cronk	2847 Niagara Raymond F. Waitrovich Leroy J. Brault
2639 Park Falls Robert A. Weber Dea. Chester E. Ball	6702 Washburn George D. Eder	

2770 Mauston John L. Cafferty	7827 Woodruff Richard F. Giebel	4416 Bloomington Donald N. Walz
2990 Seymour Franklin Vanden Heuvel Wilfred Theobald Jerome S. Theobald	8810 Winneconne Leo R. Kinney	4520 Cedarburg William E. Raymond
3464 Elkhorn James H. Ehlen	9546 Birchwood Galen C. Radle	4869 Oconto Falls Robert B. Metzler
3805 Reedsburg John E. Hickey	10243 Green Bay Leon L. Janowski	6460 DeForest John G. Marhoefer
3924 Cross Plains Robert H. Farrell	12677 Reeseville Joseph E. Roche	<u>80 years</u>
4125 Tomah Donald S. Tralmer	16863 Monona John F. O'Donnell	524 Milwaukee Wilbur C. Bishop
4505 Green Bay Dale F. Ihlenfeldt	75 years	2639 Park Falls Vernon E. Palachock
	524 Milwaukee Richard C. Tesmer	3464 Elkhorn Raymond L. Cucchi

11. SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have been longtime supporters of Special Olympics at all levels; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Knights of Columbus generously donated \$4.6 million to the Special Olympics, with \$180,000 of this amount designated for local jurisdictions. These funds are allocated by the number of completed forms #10784, submitted online following each volunteer event and/or monetary contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council has encouraged councils to actively support Special Olympics at the local, state, and national levels through fundraising and volunteerism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, that all Councils be strongly encouraged to actively support Special Olympics, at the local, state, and Team Wisconsin both financially and through volunteerism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all councils be encouraged to monetarily support the participation of the Wisconsin Team of Special Olympians in the national games held every 4 years, through donations, fundraisers, and other creative means; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds designated for the Team Wisconsin drive are to be made payable to "Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities Inc." and sent to the Wisconsin State Council office or the Special Olympics Coordinator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Special Olympics activity by councils, including state councils, should be submitted through the online #10784 and a copy be sent to the Wisconsin Special Olympics Coordinator.

Submitted by: State Officers on behalf of the State Coordinator for Special Olympics

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

12. SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN

WHEREAS, Marriage is a natural institution created by God and rooted in ancient and intrinsic human values that provides a unique and deeply rooted social, legal, and religious institution; and

WHEREAS, Marriage reflects the natural biological complementarities between men and women, which predates the state and which is woven into the social and religious fabric of every major culture and society; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church, based on Scripture and the Judeo-Christian tradition, teaches that marriage is a faithful, exclusive, and lifelong union between one man and one woman joined in an intimate partnership of life and love; and

WHEREAS, marriage provides for the mutual fulfillment of spouses as well as the procreation and education of children; and

WHEREAS, this mutual bond creates the most favorable environment in which to protect the rights and best interests of children; and

WHEREAS, during his apostolic journey to the United States in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI described marriage as an unconditional and unreserved “yes” to love and to the aspirations at the heart of our common humanity and implored us to proclaim boldly the arguments based on faith and reason that marriage is a “lifelong commitment between a man and a woman that is open to the transmission of life.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, that the Knights of Columbus will never waver in our efforts to promote the Church’s understanding of marriage as the faithful, exclusive, and lifelong union of one man and one woman joined in an intimate partnership of life and love; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will pray that the Holy Spirit enlighten elected officials to adopt laws, and judges to make judicial decisions that affirm the family and the authentic nature of marriage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we join with the Bishops throughout the world in their efforts to achieve legal and constitutional protection at the national, state, provincial,

and local levels for the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, on August 5 to 7, 2025.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

13. THE EFFORT TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

WHEREAS, there are those who want to remove Christ from Christmas; and

WHEREAS, we, as Knights of Columbus, fully understand the threat to Christianity; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Council's Faith Development Committee has the responsibility to remind and assist the Knights in the promotion of our faith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 In the Diocese of Green Bay; that the Wisconsin State Council's Faith Development Committee embark upon a program to advise our members of their responsibility in Keeping Christ in Christmas, with emphasis on participation in Holy Mass, especially during the Christmas Season, thereby keeping Mass in Christmas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this committee shall utilize the monthly newsletter, Badger Bulletin, and other forms of communication, to get pertinent information to Knights throughout the State of Wisconsin and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus enthusiastically support this decision to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

14. PRAYING THE LIVING ROSARY TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS AND CULTURE OF LIFE

WHEREAS, during his early life, Jesus taught his disciples how to pray and promised in Mathew 18:20: "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them" ; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic faith has, for approximately six centuries, included the Rosary as an integral part of personal and community prayer; and

WHEREAS, at Fatima and Lourdes, the Blessed Mother requested Catholics to pray the Rosary for the needs of the world, and the conversion of sinners; and

WHEREAS, Catholics have a longstanding tradition of promoting an increase in priestly and religious vocations and respect for life through prayer; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have committed to always carry a Rosary and pray it often; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have developed programs to support the Church in its efforts to emphasize the importance of ordained clergy and professed religious in Catholic education, the practice of our faith and to maintain the sanctity of life from conception to natural death; and

WHEREAS, the Lord Jesus Christ instructed His disciples to ask the Lord to send laborers to His harvest and that the Catholic faith community is currently experiencing a shortage of ordained clergy and professed religious; and

WHEREAS, due to the breakdown of families, society witnesses daily the destruction of human life through abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and human trafficking, along with all forms of unnatural death;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, promote and encourage members and the Catholic faith communities of Wisconsin to participate in the Living Rosary, whereby Knights of Columbus and/or parish members agree to be scheduled to pray one decade of the 20-decade Rosary daily, wherever they happen to be, at any time of the day. In the scheduled manner each group of 20 will complete one 20-decade Rosary daily; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intention for which the Living Rosary is offered shall be to increase vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to seek an end to abortion, contraception, euthanasia, assisted suicide, human trafficking, along with all forms of unnatural death; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED those members of subordinate councils in the Wisconsin jurisdiction, as committed Catholics, pledge to be active in promoting vocations and in fostering respect for human life at all stages from conception to natural death; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will, individually and collectively, work for the protection of lives at risk by supporting legislation to repeal laws permitting abortion, enacting laws to protect life at all stages, and using other nonviolent means to overcome the “Culture of Death” by the promotion of the “Culture of Life”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, on August 5 to 7, 2025.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

15. CONTINUING PRAYERS TO END ABORTION

WHEREAS, for many years Catholics have asked our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, through her intercession, to convert the people of oppressed countries to Christianity; and

WHEREAS, the chain of events in recent years has demonstrated the efficacy of our Blessed Mother's gentle care for all of humankind, reflected in the removal of numerous dictators and the revitalization of the Catholic Church in regions where its followers have previously been persecuted; and

WHEREAS, in today's society we face the threat of the "Culture of Death," visible in the terrible plagues known as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and other forms of unnatural death; and

WHEREAS, our experience of the Blessed Mother, through scripture and occasions when she has revealed herself to specially chosen spokespersons, shows that she deeply loves all humankind, especially children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, reaffirm their commitment to asking the Blessed Virgin Mary, to intercede to enable the "Culture of Life" to overcome the "Culture of Death", and to end the terrible and senseless slaughter of preborn persons; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that all subordinate councils and assemblies in the Wisconsin jurisdiction be encouraged to pray a Rosary together before each council and assembly meeting to promote the Culture of Life.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

16. ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

WHEREAS, as first ordered by Pope Leo XIII in 1884, the prayer to St. Michael has been prayed for the protection of the Church and the defense of the Holy See; and

WHEREAS, Pope St. John Paul II in the spring of 1984, as a response to the grave evils of the time, including abortion, euthanasia, terrorism, and genocide, asked the faithful to offer the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are called to be in solidarity with the Holy See, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus in fidelity to the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, strengthen the Catholic Church and build the domestic church; and

WHEREAS, the Bishops of Wisconsin have requested that this prayer be prayed at all masses,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, encourages all members throughout the State of Wisconsin to facilitate the implementation of the Bishops' request and pray the prayer to St. Michael in their personal devotions in their parishes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Knights of Columbus, called to be in solidarity with the Holy See, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious, offer this prayer to St. Michael the Archangel in reparation, defense, and healing of the Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, on August 5 to 7, 2025.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

17. SUPPORT OF MORALITY IN SCHOOLS, MEDIA AND ON INTERNET

WHEREAS, it is well known and understood that the schools, media, newspapers, radio, television programming, and internet can be and are powerful educational tools, whether for good or evil; and

WHEREAS, many websites promote extreme immorality, vulgarity, and pornography; and

WHEREAS, there is an extreme amount of immoral programming in most areas of the media, even including advertising obsessed with near-nudity, sexual overtones, sexually explicit scenes, photos, and other expressions of "free" sex, immorality, terror and vulgarity; and

WHEREAS, such programming enhances and increases the incidence of immorality, promiscuity, adultery, rape, human trafficking, and other sex crimes in our communities, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states in:

2394—Christ is the model of chastity. Every baptized person is called to lead a chaste life, each according to his particular state of life.

2395—Chastity means the integration of sexuality within the person. It includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery.

2396—Among the sins gravely contrary to chastity are masturbation, fornication, pornography, and homosexual practices; and

WHEREAS, because of the above, there is also increased tolerance of abortion, contraception, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and a multitude of other aberrations against the sanctity of life and an ever-increasing violation and denial of God's love; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal, family-oriented Order of Catholic men, are dedicated to the promotion of love of God, respect for women, children, and family, and living morally respectable lives, to teaching and guiding our children in morality, love of God, and to guiding them on the road to an eternity with God, deem such publishing and programming to be directly opposed to the goal we have for ourselves, our wives and families; and

WHEREAS, there are many great options for quality family programming;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, that every member and every subordinate council be encouraged to take positive action in selecting family television programs, radio stations, and print and digital media in our own homes and schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will use and circulate to our friends readily available lists of appropriate movies, TV programs, and faith-based radio stations to select appropriate content for our family's entertainment and education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will lead and encourage our membership and communities, with the help of God, to take action to oppose and reject immoral programming and publishing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such action be taken on a continuing basis including letters, phone calls, or other communications to the offending programmers and publishers, and that all councils and members be encouraged to contribute to the support of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (formally Morality in the Media), and likewise support Morality in Media of Wisconsin (MIMW).

Submitted by: State Officers on Behalf of the Life Committee

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

18. EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

WHEREAS, our Lord, Jesus Christ, has taught that He is the Bread of Life in the Gospel of John 6:51-52, saying, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world”; and

WHEREAS, our Lord, Jesus Christ, instituted the most Holy Eucharist with His 12 Apostles, at the Last Supper by commanding them: “Do this in memory of Me”; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has called all Knights, at this time of faith crisis in the most Holy Eucharist, to aid the church in bringing about a revival in Eucharistic faith and understanding by assisting in Solemn Eucharistic Processions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all Knights of Columbus supports and assist Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and parish leaders in elevating the solemnity and reverence of Eucharistic Processions through active participation in their planning and execution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, in the Diocese of Green Bay, invites all members to participate in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage, encouraging everyone to pray before the Blessed Sacrament along the way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, scheduled for August 5 to 7, 2025.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

19. RESTORATION OF WORLD PEACE

WHEREAS, there are many conflicts ongoing throughout the world during these uncertain times; and

WHEREAS, in today's American society we face the threat of indifference to the violence taking place in the world;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, that all subordinate councils and assemblies in Wisconsin to pray the rosary before council and assembly meetings with the intention to end violence and restore peace throughout the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, on August 5 to 7, 2025.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

20. SUPPORT OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, there are many children in foster care and waiting for adoptive families in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, adoption is an option when married couples decide to begin or add to their family; and

WHEREAS, the cost of preparing a family home for adoption approval can be prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, C. F. Schmit Council 2137 of Rice Lake has honored a Past State Chaplain by establishing the Fr. Dennis Mullen Adoption Initiative to assist families with funds to prepare for adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, in the Diocese of Green Bay, that the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus include adoption as a component of the Life Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council encourage all Councils to promote the adoption of children in Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council assist with the dissemination of promotional materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds designated for the Fr. Dennis Mullen Adoption Initiative are to be made payable to "Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities Inc." and sent to the Wisconsin State Council office.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

21. SUPPORT FOR OUR CATHOLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus consistently and generously support Catholic ministries and programs that foster vocations, evangelization and spiritual discernment of Catholic youth; and

WHEREAS, we have many Catholic educational institutions in our State; and

WHEREAS, the Bishops of the Dioceses in the State of Wisconsin have recognized the importance of promoting and nurturing vocations among families and young men and women as priests, sisters and religious and actively evangelizing our Catholic youth; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus promote Building the Domestic Church through advocating for vocations and developing strong Catholic families;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, that the members of the State of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus are requested to help support our Catholic education institutions annually, not exclusively through financial support but also through prayer, advocacy and support of our teachers and faculty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each subordinate council strongly encourage its members, their families, and fellow parishioners to support Catholic educational institutions annually through their individual prayers.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz recognized GK Rich Mich of #16022 and he motioned that the report of the Resolutions Committee, for Section 2, was mailed, that reading being dispensed and moved for adoption of Section 2. The motion was seconded by Larry Leonhardt. SA Kreutz called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

SA Kreutz then presented each resolution in Section 3.

Section III: Newly Submitted Resolutions

22. Supporting and Recognizing Pope Francis' 2025 Jubilee Year theme "Pilgrims of Hope" and Encouraging Knights of Columbus Members in Wisconsin to Make a Pilgrimage.

WHEREAS, His Holiness, Pope Francis, the 266th Bishop of Rome, has declared 2025, a Jubilee Year, a time of grace, reflection, and spiritual renewal for Catholics around the world; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis initiated the 2025 Jubilee Year with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve 2024, focusing on renewing hope in Christ and trusting in God's grace; and

WHEREAS, Jubilee Years are occasions for deepening faith, engaging in acts of mercy, and fostering a spirit of communion within the Church; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus, as a lay Catholic fraternal organization, holds the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism that resonate deeply with the themes of this Jubilee Year; and

WHEREAS, undertaking a pilgrimage provides an opportunity for personal growth, spiritual enrichment, and a commitment to the values espoused by the Church and the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the pilgrimage serves not only as a personal journey but also as a communal experience that fosters brotherhood among members and strengthens the bonds of faith within our communities; and

WHEREAS, special Jubilee pilgrimages will be conducted by Bishops of Rome, including: the Jubilee for Young People from July 28 to August 3, 2025, in Rome; the Jubilee of Justice Pilgrimage scheduled for September 18 to 25, 2025, also in Rome; and the Jubilee of Catechists Pilgrimage taking place from September 23 to October 2, 2025, in Rome; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to a diverse array of significant pilgrimage sites, including the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Champion, the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill, the Archdiocesan Marian Shrine in Milwaukee, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, the Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay, and the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior, as well as numerous other sacred locations scattered throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin, formally acknowledge and support Pope Francis' Jubilee Year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all Knights of Columbus members, their families, and the wider Catholic community in Wisconsin to participate in pilgrimage activities during this sacred time, engaging in prayer, reflection, and acts of charity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that councils across the state be urged to organize and promote pilgrimage events, collaborate with parishes, and offer resources to aid members in their spiritual journeys; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to the values of this Jubilee Year, striving to live out the message of mercy, compassion, and community as entrusted to us by our Holy Father and by our faith.

Submitted by: The Resolutions Committee.

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read Resolution 22. Supporting and Recognizing Pope Francis' 2025 Jubilee Year theme "Pilgrims of Hope" and Encouraging Knights of Columbus Members in Wisconsin to Make a Pilgrimage he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

23. WELCOMING THE MOST REVEREND JEFFREY SCOTT GROB, TWELFTH ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE

WHEREAS, His Holiness Pope Francis, the 266th Bishop of Rome, appointed Auxiliary Bishop Jeffrey Grob to succeed the Most Reverend Archbishop Jerome Listecki as the Twelfth Archbishop of Milwaukee on November 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Jeffrey Scott Grob was installed as Archbishop of Milwaukee on January 14, 2025, by His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, during a solemn ceremony held at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Grob, born on March 19, 1961, in Madison, Wisconsin, is proud of his roots, having grown up on a dairy farm in the nearby community of Cross Plains; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus joins together to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Archbishop Grob, expressing our profound honor and humility in witnessing his installation, and reaffirming our commitment to serve him in the spirit of fraternity within the 3rd and 4th degrees; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop has chosen the inspiring Episcopal motto, "Jesus the Vine," reflecting the words from the Gospel of John (John 15:5): "I am the vine, you are the branches";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, humbly thank God and express our deepest appreciation to Archbishop Grob for graciously accepting the sacred role of Twelfth Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Archbishop Grob, accompanied by the heartfelt gratitude of the State Officers and the entire membership of the Wisconsin Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

Submitted by: The Resolutions Committee.

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read Resolution 23. Welcoming the Most Reverend Jeffrey Scott Grob, Twelfth Archbishop of Milwaukee he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

24. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus, founded by the Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, has provided an enduring legacy of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism for over 140 years; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was established in 1900 to exemplify patriotism and to encourage faithful citizenship among its members; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Degree, as the patriotic arm of the Order, has consistently promoted and upheld the values of God and country, fostering a deep sense of national pride and respect for the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, over the past 125 years, the Fourth Degree has grown to include countless Sir Knights who have demonstrated unwavering commitment to their faith, families, communities, and nations through acts of service, charitable outreach, and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree offers an opportunity to celebrate its rich history, honor the legacy of its founders, and inspire future generations to continue its noble mission; and

WHEREAS, this milestone serves as a testament to the enduring relevance of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree in promoting patriotism, supporting our Church, and building a better society;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, hereby recognizes and commemorates the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, expressing gratitude for its significant contributions to the Church, community, and nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be recorded in the official minutes of this Convention and copies be forwarded to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America on August 5 to 7, 2025, State Council, and local Fourth Degree assemblies in recognition of this historic occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of this State Convention commit to continuing the mission of the Fourth Degree by exemplifying patriotism, promoting civic responsibility, and serving as faithful citizens and Catholics in all endeavors.

Submitted by: State Officers on behalf of the Fourth Degree Masters of the State of Wisconsin

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read Resolution 24. - Resolution Supporting the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

25. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF "UNDER GOD" IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WHEREAS, the Pledge of Allegiance is a solemn expression of patriotism and unity that reflects the principles upon which the United States was founded; and

WHEREAS, the phrase "under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954 by an act of Congress, recognizing the foundational role of faith and the acknowledgment of divine providence in the history and governance of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus played a pivotal role in advocating for the inclusion of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, reflecting the Order's commitment to the principles of faith, patriotism, and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the phrase "under God" affirms the inherent dignity of every individual and the moral principles that underpin a just and free society; and

WHEREAS, efforts to remove or diminish the phrase "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance undermine the historical and cultural significance of this expression of national unity and shared values; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus remain steadfast in its defense of religious liberty, the sanctity of faith, and the preservation of moral and spiritual principles in public life;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin on this May 17, 2025, reaffirms its unwavering support for the inclusion of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance as a reflection of our nation's heritage and commitment to faith and freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Wisconsin State Council calls upon all members of the Knights of Columbus, as well as all citizens of goodwill, to defend and promote the continued use of the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance as an essential expression of our shared national values; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be recorded in the official minutes of this Convention and copies be forwarded to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, on August 5 to 7, 2025, as well as to elected officials, urging their support for preserving the integrity of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Submitted by: State Officers on behalf of the Fourth Degree Masters of the State of Wisconsin

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read Resolution 25. Resolution Supporting the Inclusion of "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

26. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus, through its Fourth Degree, exemplifies the principle of patriotism by supporting the spiritual needs of Catholic men and women serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the Order's fundraising initiative, led by the Fourth Degree, has successfully provided \$1 million in scholarship funds to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, over a five-year period, distributing \$200,000 annually to support the education of co-sponsored seminarians; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, recognizing the increasing cost of educating seminarians, the Knights of Columbus established a new goal of raising \$2 million to further sustain and expand the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, this initiative has resulted in significant growth in the number of co-sponsored seminarians, producing 51 priests and supporting 47 seminarians currently studying for the priesthood from 37 dioceses and one

congregation, with nine men ordained deacons and eight ordained priests in 2020 alone; and

WHEREAS, the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program ensures the development of Catholic chaplains who provide vital spiritual care to the men and women serving in uniform, addressing the critical need for clergy within the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, continues to recruit young men to serve as military chaplains at great cost, and the Order's ongoing fundraising efforts are essential to sustaining this program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin on this May 17, 2025, strongly supports the Knights of Columbus' initiative to raise \$2 million for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, to ensure the continued success of the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Assembly recognizes and commends the Fourth Degree's leadership in spearheading this Order-wide effort, embodying the principles of patriotism and faithful service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Assemblies and Councils within the Wisconsin Jurisdiction are encouraged to actively participate in fundraising efforts to help achieve this goal and support the education of future Catholic chaplains; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution should be distributed to the Supreme Council, State Councils, and local Assemblies as a call to action for continued generosity and commitment to this vital mission.

Submitted by: State Officers on behalf of the Fourth Degree Masters of the State of Wisconsin

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read Resolution 26. Resolution Supporting the Knights of Columbus Fundraising Initiative for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

27. CONSECRATION OF THE WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

WHEREAS, in the post-synodal apostolic exhortation, "Ecclesia in America", issued by His Holiness, Pope St. John Paul II, in Mexico City, Mexico on January 22nd, 1999, Our Lady of Guadalupe is acclaimed as "Patroness of All America and Star of the First and New Evangelization"; and

WHEREAS, on February 3rd, 2001, under the leadership of Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and inspired by “Ecclesia in America”, our Order was consecrated to Mary under the title our Lady of Guadalupe”; and

WHEREAS, on February 3rd 2023, under the leadership of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and with the assistance of Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, the consecration of our Order to “Our Lady of Guadalupe” was renewed; and

WHEREAS, since 1900 when our Wisconsin state council was founded, we have always piously and prayerfully encountered Our Lord Jesus through His Holy Mother, Mary;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus Wisconsin State Council is hereby consecrated to “Our Lady of Guadalupe” and that a consecration Mass will be organized during the year, 2025.

Submitted by: Madison Council 531, State of Wisconsin

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read Resolution 27. Consecration of the Wisconsin State Council to Our Lady of Guadalupe he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

28. RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ALBERT CARDINAL MEYER COUNCIL 499 ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Albert Cardinal Meyer Council 499, formerly known as West Superior Council and hereinafter referred to as “Council 499”, was chartered on June 17, 1900; and

WHEREAS, Council 499 was the first chartered council of the Knights of Columbus in the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Council 499 in the year of our Lord, 2025, is celebrating its quasquicentennial anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Council 499 has existed for 125 years to serve the Catholic Church, its family, and its communities; and

WHEREAS, Council 499 successfully serves our Lord Jesus Christ in His Church, exercising its talents and gifts to the best of its collective ability; and

WHEREAS, Council 499 endures in charity, fraternity, and unity;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus duly assembled at the 124th Annual State Convention, recognizes Council

499 for its perseverance and commitment of 125 years as it gratefully continues service to the heavenly court.

Submitted by: Council 499, 125th Anniversary Committee

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 28. Resolution to Recognize the Albert Cardinal Meyer Council 499 on its 125th Anniversary he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

29 (a). RESOLUTION TO INSPIRE VENERATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the order of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Our Lady to magnify the greatness of the Lord in the Church, the Diocese of La Crosse launched the new Catholic Apostolate, entitled: The Marian Messengers; and

WHEREAS, a chaplain of a council in Wisconsin, Rev. Tim Oudenhoven, has been appointed, as of July 1, 2024, as the Director of this new Catholic Apostolate; and

WHEREAS, having been granted exclusive access to the tilma of Saint Juan Diego, Mary's messenger, Father Oudenhoven applied his considerable skills in photography to discover previously undisclosed details within the image on the tilma, which significantly enrich and enliven Our Lady's timeless message; and

WHEREAS, Father Oudenhoven is being sent to take these discoveries and Our Lady's message nationwide to all who will receive it through presentations, parish missions, and retreats; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful to God for the opportunity to support this great mission of our brother Wisconsin Knight and Council Chaplain through our prayers and by making his mission more widely known; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady's message is much needed and relevant to our times;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, humbly thanks God for this unique honor bestowed upon one of our chaplains; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we invite all to support this new Apostolate through prayer and with donations through its website, <https://mariannmessengers.org>; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that councils be encouraged to seek the permission of their pastor to invite The Marian Messengers to their parishes to conduct parish missions.

Submitted by: Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 6719, Milwaukee, Divina Misericordia Council 16994, Sauk City, Cristeros Council 17035, Abbotsford, San Francisco Javier Council 17348 of Green Bay

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

29 (b). Translated to Spanish: RESOLUCIÓN PARA INSPIRAR LA VENERACIÓN DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

CONSIDERANDO QUE, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es la Patrona de nuestra orden; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, inspirada en Guadalupe para magnificar la grandeza del Señor en la Iglesia, la Diócesis de La Crosse lanzó el nuevo apostolado católico: Los Mensajeros Marianos; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, un capellán de un consejo en Wisconsin, el Padre Tim Oudenhoven, ha sido nombrado, a partir del 1 de julio de 2024, como Director de este nuevo Apostolado Católico; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, habiéndosele concedido acceso exclusivo a la tilma de San Juan Diego, mensajero de María, el Padre Oudenhoven aplicó sus considerables habilidades en fotografía para descubrir detalles previamente no revelados, dentro de la imagen de la tilma, que enriquecen y animan significativamente el mensaje eterno de Nuestra Señora; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Padre Oudenhoven está siendo enviado para llevar estos descubrimientos y el mensaje de Nuestra Señora a todo el país a todos los que lo reciban, a través de presentaciones, misiones parroquiales y retiros; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, estamos agradecidos a Dios por la oportunidad de apoyar esta gran misión de nuestro hermano Caballero de Wisconsin y Capellán del Consejo a través de nuestras oraciones y dando a conocer su misión más ampliamente; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el mensaje de Nuestra Señora es muy necesario y relevante para nuestros tiempos;

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, QUE LOS Caballeros de Colón del Consejo Estatal de Wisconsin, debidamente reunidos, en la 124^a Convención Estatal Anual en Green Bay, Wisconsin, del 16 al 17 de mayo de 2025 en la Diócesis de Green

Bay, agradezcan humildemente a Dios por este honor único otorgado a uno de nuestros capellanes; y

RESUÉLVASE, ADEMÁS, que se aliente a los consejos a solicitar el permiso de su párroco para invitar al Padre Oudenoven a su parroquia para llevar a cabo una misión parroquial.

Presentado por: Consejo de la Divina Misericordia 16994, ciudad de Sauk, Consejo de Cristeros 17035, Abbotsford,

Consejo de San Francisco Javier 17348, Green Bay

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 29 (a). Resolution to Inspire Veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

30. IN SUPPORT OF SPIRITUS EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus consistently and generously support Catholic ministries that foster vocations and evangelize Catholic youth; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis stated at World Youth Day 2013, “The best tool for evangelizing the young is another young person”; and

WHEREAS, the mission of SPIRITUS is to inspire young Catholics to spread the Gospel and renew the Church through evangelizing young Catholics by forming missionaries for leadership in the Church; and

WHEREAS, SPIRITUS evangelization ministry are young adult Catholics who give nine months of service evangelizing Catholic youth in grades 2 -12 through dynamic retreats given in each diocese of the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, in the first 15 years, SPIRITUS has inspired 76,000 young Catholics on 150 yearly retreats and formed 143 missionaries for leadership in the Church. Ninety-six former team members are working in ministry and, 33 have pursued religious life or priesthood. Three hundred and twelve Catholic parishes and schools in Wisconsin have benefited from retreats and programs led by SPIRITUS; and

WHEREAS, SPIRITUS has proven to effectively evangelize large numbers of young Catholics throughout the state of Wisconsin and prepare missionaries to enter religious life, priesthood and professional ministry in the Church; and

WHEREAS, Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay has consistently supported SPIRITUS, provided formation classes and is aware of the great impact SPIRITUS is making in the lives of young Catholics; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have previously resolved to support the mission of SPIRITUS at Wisconsin State Council State Conventions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the State of Wisconsin, Knights of Columbus, should endeavor to continue to support this vital ministry that is inspiring young Catholics and forming leaders for the Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each subordinate council pray for the success of SPIRITUS.

Submitted by: Council #5514, Neenah

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 30. In Support of Spiritus Evangelization Ministry he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

31. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MILWAUKEE PERE MARQUETTE COUNCIL 524 ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is an organization rich in tradition and historical significance; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus continually honors its members and subordinate councils as they commemorate significant milestones in their affiliation with the Order; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Pere Marquette Council 524 of New Berlin, Wisconsin, will celebrate its 125th anniversary during the fraternal year of 2024-2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, hereby congratulate and commend Council 524 on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin State Council expresses its sincere congratulations to the members of Pere Marquette Council and acknowledges their countless hours of service and dedication in celebrating 125 years of community and fellowship in Wisconsin.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 31. Resolution Recognizing Milwaukee Pere Marquette Council 524 On Its 125th Anniversary of Service he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

32. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MADISON COUNCIL 531 ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is an organization rich in tradition and historical significance; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus continually honors its members and subordinate councils as they commemorate significant milestones in their affiliation with the Order; and

WHEREAS, Madison Council 531 of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, will celebrate its 125th anniversary during the fraternal year of 2024-2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, assembled in Green Bay, Wisconsin, hereby congratulate and commend Council 531 on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin State Council expresses its sincere congratulations to the members of the Madison Council and acknowledges their countless hours of service and dedication in celebrating 125 years of community and fellowship in Wisconsin.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 32. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MADISON COUNCIL 531 ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

33. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADAPTATION OF "BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE" IN THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

WHEREAS, The Star-Spangled Banner is a revered symbol of American patriotism, unity, and resilience, embodying the nation's enduring values of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the phrase "home of the brave" in the national anthem honors the courage and sacrifice of those who have defended the United States throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, the adaptation of the phrase "Because of the Brave" serves as an acknowledgment of the dedication and sacrifices of military service members, first responders, and all individuals who have safeguarded the nation's freedoms; and

WHEREAS, this adaptation does not seek to replace or alter the historical significance of The Star-Spangled Banner but rather to enhance its meaning by emphasizing the profound contributions of those who have served; and

WHEREAS, recognizing "Because of the Brave" in appropriate settings, such as military ceremonies, patriotic events, and community gatherings, provides an opportunity to honor and express gratitude to those who have defended the nation; and

WHEREAS, many Americans and organizations have embraced this adaptation as a meaningful tribute, reinforcing national pride and appreciation for the sacrifices made by those in uniform;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, hereby recognizes and supports the adaptation of "Because of the Brave" as an alternative or supplementary phrase in renditions of The Star-Spangled Banner where appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council encourages communities, schools, and institutions to recognize and appreciate the significance of this adaptation as a tribute to those who have served; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be shared with local, state, and national leaders, veteran organizations, and other relevant institutions to raise awareness and foster support for this patriotic adaptation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be recorded in the official minutes of this Convention and copies be forwarded to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America on August 5 to 7, 2025; and as well as to State Councils and Assemblies urging their support for this resolution.

Submitted by: Council 4614

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Rejection

SA Kreutz read resolution 33. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADAPTATION OF "BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE" IN THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER he then called for discussion, Joel Spraitz of Council #4614, spoke in favor of adoption, citing the patriotic tone, support of those who served and the likening to that of the KC initiative to add "Under God" to the pledge of allegiance. Tim Soderman of

Council #1609, spoke in favor of rejection, citing the National anthem is based on a poem and not amendable, that the term “Because of the Brave” limits patriotism to just the military service personnel. There being only discussion and no motion, SA Kreutz ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent, affirming the rejection of the resolution.

34. COMPENSATION OF DELEGATES TO THE 2026 STATE CONVENTION

WHEREAS, Chapter II, Section 12, of the Supreme Constitution, provides that the State Council shall consist of two delegates of each of the subordinate councils within the State, and it is beneficial that each of the subordinate councils in good standing have two delegates at the State Convention meeting each year; and

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the Wisconsin State Council, Knights of Columbus, provide that State Officers, Coordinators, Committee Chairmen, and others who travel at the State Deputy's behest on approved State Knights of Columbus business are to be reimbursed for mileage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, that each subordinate council in the Wisconsin jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus in good standing at the time of the 2026 State Council meeting shall be entitled to reimbursement of two delegates, who attend said State Council meeting at the rate of 30 cents per mile; for the distance traveled from their respective city to the convention city and back; reimbursement will be paid directly to the said council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Officers, Coordinators, and others who travel at the State Deputy's behest on approved State Knights of Columbus business are, for the 2026 fraternal year to be reimbursed at the same rate.

Submitted by State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 34. COMPENSATION OF DELEGATES TO THE 2026 STATE CONVENTION he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

35. PER CAPITA TAX (NO INCREASE 2025-2026)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise sufficient funds to defray the necessary operating costs of the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus, for the 2025 –2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the per capita tax assessment is to be effective upon the Supreme Council rolls as of September 1st and March 1 of each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025 in the Diocese of Green Bay, that a per capita tax of \$10.00 be levied and assessed on each taxable member of the order of the Knights of Columbus in the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin State Council for the fiscal year of 2026, and each subordinate council shall be liable for the payment for taxable members of its council reported to the State Council by Supreme Council as of September 1, 2025, and March 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said assessment of \$10.00 per taxable member shall be collected by the State Council from each local council in two installments of \$5.00 each, with the first installment being based upon the taxable membership rolls as of September 1, 2025, and billed by October 1, 2025, and such assessment shall be due and payable no later than December 1, 2025. The second installment shall be based upon the taxable membership as of March 1, 2026, and billed by April 1, 2026, and payable no later than June 1, 2026.

Submitted by State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 35. PER CAPITA TAX (NO INCREASE 2025-2026) he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

36. OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus to effectively perform its assigned duties and provide necessary services to its members, and such services and duties have companion expenses which have now been converted into a budget, and a copy distributed to each of the delegates; and

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus provide for strict budgetary controls;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, in the Diocese of Green Bay, that the delegates of this State Convention of the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus, appropriates funds not to exceed \$543,300 to operate the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Submitted by State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 36. OPERATING BUDGET he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

37. PARTICIPATION IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2025

WHEREAS, our Lord, Jesus Christ, has taught that He is the Bread of Life in the Gospel of John 6:51-52, saying, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world”; and

WHEREAS, our Lord, Jesus Christ, instituted the most Holy Eucharist with His 12 Apostles, at the Last Supper by commanding them: “Do this in memory of Me”; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has called all Knights, at this time of faith crisis in the most Holy Eucharist, to aid the church in bringing about a revival in Eucharistic faith and understanding by assisting in Solemn Eucharistic Processions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all Knights of Columbus supports and assist Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and parish leaders in elevating the solemnity and reverence of Eucharistic Processions through active participation in their planning and execution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, in the Diocese of Green Bay, invites all members to participate in the St. Katharine Drexel Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which travels from Indianapolis to Los Angeles, encouraging everyone to pray before the Blessed Sacrament along the way. The St. Katharine Drexel route culminates in a meaningful celebration during Corpus Christi weekend in Los Angeles, where we will process with our Lord around the downtown Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council to be included with similar resolutions from jurisdictions of the Order at the 2025 Supreme Convention in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, scheduled for August 5 to 7, 2025.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 37. PARTICIPATION IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2025 he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

38. SUPPORT OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, there are many children in foster care and waiting for adoptive families in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, adoption is an option when married couples decide to begin or add to their family; and

WHEREAS, the cost of preparing a family home for adoption approval can be prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, C. F. Schmit Council 2137 of Rice Lake has honored a Past State Chaplain by establishing the Fr. Dennis Mullen Adoption Initiative to assist families with funds to prepare for adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on this May 17, 2025, in the Diocese of Green Bay, that the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus include adoption as a component of the Life Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council encourage all Councils to promote the adoption of children in Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council assist with the dissemination of promotional materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds designated for the Fr. Dennis Mullen Adoption Initiative are to be made payable to "Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities Inc." and sent to the Wisconsin State Council office.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adoption

SA Kreutz read resolution 38. SUPPORT OF ADOPTION he then called for discussion, DD Michael Morgan requested the donations be encouraged to go to Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities Inc, there being no further discussion, the SA ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

39. CELEBRATING THE LEGACY AND COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

WHEREAS, Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, was elected as the 266th Bishop of Rome during the conclave of March 2013, taking his name in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, exemplifying a commitment to humility, service, and care for the marginalized; and

WHEREAS, as the first Jesuit Pope and the first Pope of Latin America, Pope Francis has profoundly impacted the Catholic Church and the world by promoting the core teachings of Jesus Christ, advocating for Christian values, and emphasizing the importance of theology that resonates with the faithful; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis's legacy includes eloquent and profound instructions that have enriched the spiritual lives of many, especially members of the Knights of Columbus, whose values of charity, unity, and fraternity align seamlessly with his teachings and writings; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis was instrumental in publicly supporting the beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, declaring him Blessed on October 31, 2020, thus affirming the legacy of service and commitment to the Church that exemplify our Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2025, following a remarkable life dedicated to service, sacrifice, and prayer, Pope Francis entered into eternal glory, leaving behind a legacy of faith and inspiration that will guide the Church for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus praise Pope Francis as a humble, compassionate and empathetic shepherd whose faithful life and ministry served as a spiritual model and a blessing for Knights and all of the 1.4 billion Catholics globally, particularly during times of adversity and conflict; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis exemplified the values of humility, service, and love, demonstrating the essence of Christian discipleship to the world;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Knights of Columbus, honor Pope Francis for his extraordinary contributions to the Church and society. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for his leadership, support, and spiritual guidance, recognizing his lasting impact on the faithful and our Order. We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope

Francis, and that like him, we are guided by the Holy Spirit in modeling our lives after Christ, and introducing Christ to those around us by our actions and words.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adopted

SA Kreutz read resolution 39. CELEBRATING THE LEGACY AND COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS (noting that because of the most recent passing of His Holiness, this resolution was not included in the previously distributed Resolutions Book) he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA called for a voice vote, the Ayes won and SA Kreutz ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by voice consent.

40. CELEBRATING THE INSPIRING LEADERSHIP OF POPE LEO XIV: A FUTURE FILLED WITH FAITH AND PROMISE

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2023, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Robert Prevost as a member of multiple Dicastery, including those for Evangelization, Doctrine of the Faith, Eastern Churches, Clergy, Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, Culture and Education, Legislative Texts, and the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State, further illustrating his commitment to the Church's mission; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his profound leadership, Pope Francis promoted Cardinal Robert Prevost to the Order of Bishops, granting him the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, on February 9, Cardinal Robert Prevost celebrated Mass with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, exemplifying his dedication to the ideals of patriotism and service to others, which are among our core principles; and

WHEREAS, we joyfully recognize Pope Leo XIV as the first Augustinian Pope and the first Pope from the United States, whose leadership brings a unique perspective to the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV has been a steadfast and compassionate leader, embodying the principles of faith, hope, and charity, guiding us toward greater unity and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, in his inaugural message, Pope Leo XIV emphasized the essential commitment to a "daily journey of conversion," calling on all members of the Church to strengthen their bonds of charity and unity, further reflecting the Knights of Columbus' core principles; and

WHEREAS, as the Successor of Saint Peter, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Church leaders to create space for Christ among our brethren, ensuring that our collective actions reflect the teachings of Christ and promote the sanctity of family and life;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus wholeheartedly express our unwavering support for Pope Leo's leadership and vision, as we strive to embody faith, charity, and unity in our pursuits, encouraging our members to embark on a daily journey of conversion and deepen their commitment to serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to fostering an atmosphere of fraternity and charity, standing alongside Pope Leo XIV in addressing the wounds in our society, ensuring our actions and initiatives are directed toward uplifting our communities and promoting dignity for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pledge to stand united with Pope Leo XIV in his mission to lead the Church with faith and compassion, nurturing a future filled with promise and hope, reflecting the person of Christ to those around us, and glorifying God.

Submitted by: State Officers

Resolution Committee Recommendation: Adopted

SA Kreutz read resolution 40. CELEBRATING THE INSPIRING LEADERSHIP OF POPE LEO XIV: A FUTURE FILLED WITH FAITH AND PROMISE (noting that because of the most recent elevation of His Holiness, this resolution was not included in the previously distributed Resolutions Book) he then called for discussion, GK Andrew Hodgson of Council #6568 requested the addition of each elevation with date be added, GK Kenny Lemens seconded that request, friendly correction of dates and request to include 14th was given by DD Doug Wildes, FS George Turba of Council # 18323, and FSA Dr Jim Froh. GK Andrew Hodgson and GK Kenny Lemens agreed to amend the motion and second. There being no further discussion, the SA called for a voice vote, the Ayes won and SA Kreutz ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by voice consent. This vote resulted in a standing ovation by the full delegation.

41. RESOLUTON OF GRATITUDE FOR FATHER BRIAN DAVID DULLI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CHAPLAIN

WHEREAS, Father Brian David Dulli has faithfully served as the Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus State Officers Team and the 34,500 members of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, through his unwavering commitment to faith, community, and service, Father Brian David Dulli has exemplified the spirit of the Knights of Columbus by inspiring brother Knights to live their lives according to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Chaplain is vital in providing spiritual leadership, guidance, and support to the Knights of Columbus, fostering a deep sense of brotherhood among members, and promoting a culture of prayer and ministry within the organization; and

WHEREAS, Father Brian David Dulli has dedicated countless hours to ministering to the needs of the Knights of Columbus, conducting spiritual retreats, celebrating Masses, and offering counsel that has strengthened our bonds as a community of Catholic gentlemen; and

WHEREAS, his compassionate and selfless service has uplifted those in distress, encouraged the faithful, and nurtured the vocation of brotherhood among all members; and

WHEREAS, the profound impact of Father Brian David Dulli's leadership and dedication will be felt for generations to come, ensuring that the ideals of the Knights of Columbus continue to thrive in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of Father Brian David Dulli have not only enriched our fraternity but have also strengthened the Church and the communities we serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin State Council, convened in Green Bay, Wisconsin on this May 17, 2025, strongly supports the Knights of Columbus' initiative that the Knights of Columbus State Officers Team and all members of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Wisconsin extend their deepest gratitude to Father Brian David Dulli for his remarkable service and sacrifice. We acknowledge the extraordinary commitment he has demonstrated in fostering a spiritual environment and guiding us in our mission of charity and service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pray that God continues to bless Father Brian David Dulli in all his endeavors, granting him strength, health, and joy as he continues to serve our Lord and the people of God; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be publicly read and incorporated into the official records of the Knights of Columbus, serving as a lasting testament to the gratitude and esteem in which we hold Father Brian David Dulli.

Adopted this day, May 17, 2025, by the Knights of Columbus State Officers Team and members throughout the State of Wisconsin.

SA Kreutz read resolution 41 RESOLUTON OF GRATITUDE FOR FATHER BRIAN DAVID DULLI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CHAPLAIN (noting that this resolution was not included in the previously distributed Resolutions Book) he then called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SA called for a voice vote, the Ayes won and SA Kreutz ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by voice consent.

SA Kreutz returned the gavel to SD Reiff.

SD Reiff thanked SA Kreutz, Parliamentarian Dedinsky and the members of the Resolutions Committee for their hard work.

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, Nomination and Election of State Officers.

SD Reiff stated that nominations submitted to the State Secretary will be considered as seconded nominations made from the floor for consideration of that respective office. SD further explained that only registered Delegates have the right to the floor and must be recognized to speak. He also further explained that nominations would be limited to a straightforward format of:

“My name is Joe Delegate, from Council #_____, and I nominate Jim Knight for the position of State Warden.”.

SD Reiff explained that the counting and distribution of paper ballots, if needed, he had appointed Election Tellers of Scott Frome, Dale Emmerton and Les Kostera.

SD Reiff then transferred the gavel to SS Larson.

SS Larson announced that the first position to be elected is the State Deputy and that there was a nomination filed for Patrick Reiff, he then asked if there were any other nominations, again asked if there were any other nominations and yet again if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations made, SS Larson ordered the vote to be recorded in favor of the re-election of Brother Patrick Reiff as State Deputy for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2025, as approved by unanimous consent.

SS Larson congratulated SD Reiff on his re-election and then returned the gavel.

SD Reiff announced that the second position to be elected is the State Secretary and that there was a nomination filed for Ross Larson, he then asked if there were any other nominations, again asked if there were any other nominations and yet again if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations made, SD Reiff ordered the vote to be recorded in favor of the re-election of Brother Ross Larson as State Secretary for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2025, as approved by unanimous consent.

SD Reiff announced that the third position to be elected is the State Treasurer and that there was a nomination filed for Ernest Reinhart, he then asked if there were any other nominations, again asked if there were any other nominations and yet again if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations made, SD Reiff ordered the vote to be recorded in favor of the re-election of Brother Ernest Reinhart as State Treasurer for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2025, as approved by unanimous consent.

SD Reiff announced that the fourth position to be elected is the State Advocate and that there was a nomination filed for Dr. David Kreutz, he then asked if there were any other nominations, again asked if there were any other nominations and yet again if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations made, SD Reiff ordered the vote to be recorded in favor of the re-election of Brother Dr David Kreutz as State Advocate for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2025, as approved by unanimous consent.

SD Reiff announced that the fifth position to be elected is the State Warden and that there was a nomination filed for James Vosters, he then asked if there were any other nominations, again asked if there were any other nominations and yet again if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations made, SD Reiff ordered the vote to be recorded in favor of the re-election of Brother James Vosters as State Warden for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2025, as approved by unanimous consent.

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, Nomination and Election of Representatives and Alternates to the Supreme Council.

SD Reiff stated that nominations submitted to the State Secretary will be considered as seconded nominations made from the floor for consideration of Supreme Delegate. SD Reiff reminded members that the State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy are automatic delegates. In addition to these, Wisconsin can elect 8 more Third Degree

members to represent us at the meeting – 4 insurance members and 4 associate members. SD further explained that only registered Delegates have the right to the floor and must be recognized to speak. He also further explained that nominations would be limited to a straightforward format of:

“My name is Joe Delegate, from Council #_____, and I nominate Jim Knight for Supreme Delegate.”.

SD Reiff explained that the counting and distribution of paper ballots, if needed, he had appointed Election Tellers of Scott Frome, Dale Emmerton and Les Kostera.

SD Reiff proceeded to accept nominations for Delegates. Nominations were filed for:

Bob Lapczynski	Council 7048	#02357470	Insurance Member
Harold VondeBur	Council 697	#02444983	Insurance Member
Dave Bohler	Council 9360	#04212973	Insurance Member
Paul Shepherd	Council 4879	#04879893	Insurance Member
Luke Millmann	Council 656	#054269618	Associate Member
Paul Dedinsky	Council 3562	#04960674	Associate Member
Dustin Beth	Council 973	#05317876	Associate Member
Les Kostera	Council 1709	#04269088	Associate Member

SD Reiff requested that all insurance and associate delegates meet with the State Secretary and invite wives to join at the dais after this session.

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, Unfinished Business. There was no unfinished business that came before the Convention.

SD Reiff recognized PGK Chris Kachur of #14362 and he motioned that we recess for lunch. SD called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SD ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

SD Reiff called upon SC Reverend Father Dulli to lead the meal prayer. SC Reverend Father Dulli lead the prayer before meals.

SD Reiff declared the convention in recess and dropped the gavel.

Noon – 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 pm SD Reiff gaveled the meeting back to order

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, New Business. There was no new business that came before the Convention.

SD called on General Agent GA Basel of the Southern Wisconsin Agency for his remarks. GA Basel made his remarks and included the introduction of the new General Agent Chris Massoglia of the Northern Wisconsin Agency.

1:45 pm SD Reiff gaveled the meeting into recess for the purpose of conducting the annual meeting of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

1:45 pm Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc President, Patrick Reiff, convened the 19th annual Board Meeting. President Reiff introduced:

Vice President – Duane Zaborowski

Secretary – Ross Larson

Treasurer – Ernie Reinhart

Members – Dr David Kreutz, Mark Jelinek and Dan Miller

Tim Pierce nominated Duane Zaborowski for reappointment and Tim Genthe to replace the vacancy left by the retirement of Mark Jelinek. President Reiff called for a voice vote and both appointments were approved.

President Reiff indicated that if there was no more business to be brought in front of this meeting of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities Inc, he would entertain a motion to close this business meeting of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

2:00 pm Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc President, Patrick Reiff, called for the adjournment of the 19th annual Board Meeting and called for a voice vote and was approved.

2:00 pm The 124th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus was re-convened by State Deputy Patrick Reiff.

SD Reiff introduced the next order of business, the return to the reports from the State Committee Chairmen.

SD Reiff introduced Deputy Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, Justin Knapp, and Knapp gave his report and presentation on the COR initiative.

SD Reiff Introduced Disaster Response Director Paul Shepherd, and Shepherd gave his report and presentation. He also introduced his Deputy Director, Don McInnes.

SD Reiff introduced State Membership Director Corey Coonen, and Coonen gave his report and presentation.

SD Reiff introduced State Programs Director Jim Burkhart, and Burkhart gave his report and presentation.

SD Reiff introduced Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee Tim Genthe, and Genthe gave his report.

SD Reiff introduced Chairman of the Financial Review Committee Duane Zaborowski, and Zaborowski gave his report and also invited any accounting or financial specialists to please consider joining the Committee.

SD Reiff introduced Marquette Province Master – East – Jack Wrbanich and Marquette Province Master – West – Duane Zaborowski to give their report on the fourth degree.

SD Reiff reminded the Supreme Delegates and any planning to attend the Supreme Convention to meet with SS Larson immediately following the business session.

SD Reiff announced that the 125th Annual Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Convention will be May 15th – 17th, 2026 at the Madison Marriott West – Middleton WI.

SD Reiff then called on SC Reverend Father Dulli to lead the prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney.

SD Reiff recognized GK Dustin Beth of #973 and he motioned that, as we have successfully completed the agenda items of the 124th Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Council – Knights of Columbus, this meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by GK Conner Schlaack of Council #4505. SD Reiff called for discussion, there being no discussion, the SD ordered the vote to be recorded as approved by unanimous consent.

Meeting was Adjourned at **3:30 pm**