

Knights of Columbus Iowa State Council



To the Delegates of the Iowa Knights of Columbus' 120th Annual Meeting:

Enclosed are the 13 resolutions for consideration at the 120th Annual Meeting of the State Council. There were zero resolutions submitted by local councils and 13 submitted by the Executive Committee.

In advance of our abbreviated state council meeting, we will conduct discussion on the proposed resolutions in advance on Sunday, April 11, 2021 beginning at 3:00 PM.

You can join the meeting one of two ways-

Video Conference

Link to join-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184489087?pwd=R1pjcUMxNjFvZVZaczd6dSt0YUIkUT09>
Password- IAKnights

Phone call

Number to dial- 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 891 8448 9087

Passcode: 964131498

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at stateadvocate@iowakofc.org.

Fraternally,

John McGee
State Advocate

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Dedication of Convention and Declaration of Principles

WHEREAS, the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus is in session at the 120th Annual Meeting pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Order, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus meets in the desire that its deliberations will arouse greater interest and perpetuate greater areas of apostolic and socially aware activities by members of the Order, and

WHEREAS, as the Knights of Columbus should work in a unified and efficient manner toward strengthening a more just society for the benefit of the church, community, members and all people, and

WHEREAS, as citizens of the United States of America, we turn for intercession to our Blessed Mother under the title of the Immaculate Conception and to Our Lady of Guadalupe as patroness of the Americas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus, duly assembled at this 120th Annual Meeting, humbly dedicate its deliberations to the improvement of society according to Catholic Christian principles and in so deliberating on all resolutions utilizes the principles of wisdom, patience and fraternal charity to promote the common good according to Catholic Christian principles in union with Jesus our Savior and Mary our Holy Mother, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus reaffirm the following declarations of purposes as espoused within the Charter of the Knights of Columbus to render pecuniary aid to members and their families; to render mutual aid and assistance to sick, disabled and needy members and their families; to promote social and intellectual intercourse among members and their families; and to promote and conduct educational work, charitable work, religious work, social welfare, war relief, and welfare, and public relief work.

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

Beatification of Blessed Michael J. McGivney

WHEREAS, Father Michael Joseph McGivney was a parish priest in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882 when he enlisted the aid of others to establish an organization for the purpose of (i) rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled, and needy members and their families, and (ii) for the promotion of the social and intellectual intercourse among members and their families, and (iii) promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious, social welfare and relief work, and

WHEREAS, the Order is the embodiment of Fr. McGivney's vision, fulfilling its purpose of charity and evangelization, and

WHEREAS, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI recognized the heroic virtues of Fr. McGivney, advancing the Vatican’s process towards his sainthood and giving him the distinction of being a “Venerable Servant of God.” and

WHEREAS, the Vatican has confirmed the miracle brought upon through the intercession of Father Michael McGivney healing the preborn Mikey Schachle of a life-threatening condition, paving the way for Father McGivney's Beautification, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus hereby prays that Father Michael J. McGivney will soon be numbered among God's saints, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during one session of this and subsequent annual business meetings of the State Council the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney shall be prayed by those in attendance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution by the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus at the 120th Annual Meeting, that the same be presented for consideration by delegates to the 2021 Supreme Council Meeting.

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

Salutations and Felicitations to the Clergy and Religious

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

Salutation to the Local Bishop, the Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless

WHEREAS, Bishop Nickless has enthusiastically supported the Knights of Columbus during his tenure as the chief shepherd and teacher of the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Sioux City, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Nickless and the staff of the Diocese of Sioux City have continued to be a gracious host to the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus for many initiatives.

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

RESOLUTION NO. 5
Salutation to the Worthy Supreme Knight

WHEREAS, Patrick E. Kelly was elected to serve as Worthy Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus March 2021, and

WHEREAS, our Supreme Knight is a man of exemplary virtue, who for over 25 years has demonstrated a track record of service to Church and Country, which will serve him well in advancing the Order's Mission, and whose actions are deeply appreciated by the members of the Iowa State Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus hereby extends welcome, congratulations, and commitment to service to Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly heartfelt and sincere thanks for his service to the Knights of Columbus and hereby heartily supports his continued leadership of our Order, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution by the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus at the 120th Annual Meeting, that the same be presented for consideration by delegates to the 2021 Supreme Council Meeting.

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

RESOLUTION NO. 6

In Appreciation of Worthy Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

WHEREAS, Carl A. Anderson has served as Worthy Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus for the past twenty-one years, and

WHEREAS, our Past Supreme Knight is a man of exemplary virtue, whose leadership and guidance has greatly advanced the causes and principles of the Order, and whose actions are deeply appreciated by the members of the Iowa State Council, and

WHEREAS, under Past Supreme Knight Anderson's leadership, a few Past State Deputies of the Iowa jurisdiction were elected and served as a member of the Board of Directors, including James Murphy, David Bellendier, and Antonio Banuelos, and

WHEREAS, Past Supreme Knight Anderson edified the 2019 State Convention of the Iowa Knights of Columbus with his personal attendance and moving addresses on our need to be faithful Knights, true to the devotion of our Catholic faith and steadfast in our commitment to being Knights for our church and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus hereby extends to the Past Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, his wife Dorian, and the Anderson family our heartfelt and sincere thanks for their meritorious service to the Knights of Columbus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution by the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus at the 120th Annual Meeting, that the same be presented for consideration by delegates to the 2021 Supreme Council Meeting.

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Salutation to the Supreme Director Antonio Banuelos

WHEREAS, Antonio Banuelos is a member of Fr. Tom Pfeffer Council 14267 in Des Moines, IA, and

WHEREAS, Antonio has been an exemplary Catholic husband, father, and loyal son of the Church through his involvement with the Hispanic ministry throughout the Des Moines Diocese, and

WHEREAS, he was elected and served two terms as State Deputy for the Iowa jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus, here he led the council and state leadership to be recognized with the membership in the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor for the 2018-2019 fraternal year, and

WHEREAS, During the 2019 Supreme Convention held in Minneapolis, Antoniowas elected to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors for the Knights of Columbus with the title of Supreme Director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus extends to Antonio Banuelos a heartfelt and sincere thanks for his meritorious service to the Knights of Columbus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution by the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus at the 120th Annual Meeting, that the same be presented for consideration by delegates to the 2021 Supreme Council Meeting.

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

Salutation to State Deputy and state leadership

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Order permits the Iowa State Council to elect a brother Knight to serve in the role of Worthy State Deputy, and

WHEREAS, Paul Lee, a brother Knight of the St. Stephen the Witness Council 14987 in Cedar Falls was elected as the forty-ninth person to occupy the role of State Deputy, and

WHEREAS, under his leadership a team of state officers and fraternal leaders, state leadership, district deputies, and wardens have worked to advance the membership, program, and fraternal protection programs of the Order while displaying virtues of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, and

WHEREAS, many members of the state leadership are blessed with a wife and kids who, in turn, sacrifice and give much for the service of both the state council and of the Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus extends to Worthy State Deputy Paul Lee, First Lady Amanda Lee, and their family its sincere appreciation and well wishes for a job well done and continued prayers to the Holy Family for their protection, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appreciation of the State Council also be extended to all past and present state and district leadership and their families for the work done to advance the Order across Iowa.

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

RESOLUTION NO. 9
Salutation to Council leadership

WHEREAS, the work of the Knights of Columbus has occurred and does occur at the local council level, and

WHEREAS, each local council elected a slate of officers to lead the action of the council, and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Grand Knight, a group of men are appointed as directors and chairmen to share in the workload of the council and to ensure its' success in supporting the parish, its' leadership, and the local community, and

WHEREAS, in consultation between the Grand Knight and the Board of Trustees, a Financial Secretary is recommended for appointment by the Supreme Knight to serve as a direct administrative link between the supreme office and the subordinate local council, and

WHEREAS, many brother Knights step into positions of responsibility without obtaining a formal title or appointment, simply because the work needs to be done and they have the skills needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus extends its gratitude to every local council officer, director, and chairman, along with their families, for the time, talent, and treasure invested in the name of the Knights of Columbus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon passage of this resolution by the delegates to this 120th Annual Business Meeting of the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus, a signed copy of this resolution be transmitted to each Grand Knight on record as a token of our appreciation.

Submitted by:

Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Salutation and Appreciation of Convention Host Committee

WHEREAS, this 2021 State Convention of the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus has been hosted by a committee of Knights and their wives from local councils in the Sioux City area, chaired by brother Knights Dennis Kluver and John Staiert, and

WHEREAS, dozens of brother Knights, together with their wives, have worked very hard and have been very gracious in their hospitality extended to the attendees of this 2021 State Convention, and

WHEREAS, the 2020 State Convention was planned to be hosted in Sioux City before it was held virtually due to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus hereby extends to Dennis and John and all other brothers, wives, and friends who assisted in the preparation of this State Convention, its sincere appreciation and profound thanks for the cordial welcome and fine hospitality shown in the preparation and execution of this 2021 State Convention to all members in attendance.

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

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RESOLUTION NO. 12
Supporting a Culture of Life

WHEREAS, the Iowa Knights of Columbus has always held steadfast support for a Culture of Life, and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Bishops of Iowa support the protection of life from conception until natural death, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Catholic Conference, with the support of many Iowans, asks the legislature to stop the use and trafficking of fetal body parts resulting from abortion and to retain Iowa's law rejecting doctor-prescribed suicide and euthanasia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus and its members lend their prayers and support for a Culture of Life, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iowa Knights of Columbus will encourage its members, their families, and parishes in Iowa to be and remain involved in communicating with their elected officials, gathering information from the Iowa Catholic Conference's website and through its Legislature Network, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution by the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus at the 120th Annual Meeting, that the same be presented for consideration by delegates to the 2021 Supreme Council Meeting.

Submitted by: Executive Committee, Iowa State Council

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Supporting Racial Equality

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus was founded with a framework to support membership drawn from the broadest possible diversity of practicing Catholic men and was, at the time of its founding, the only American fraternal society that did not prohibit membership on the basis of race; and

WHEREAS, one of the Order’s original incorporators, Supreme Secretary Daniel Colwell, described a purpose of the Knights of Columbus to be a social and fraternal organization that would “unify American Catholic citizens of every national and racial origin...giving scope and purpose to their aims as Catholics and as Americans;” and

WHEREAS, the Order's commitment to racial diversity was substantially expressed in 1905 with the establishment of the Knights of Columbus in Mexico—paving the way for expansion into the Philippines less than a decade later and continued growth throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, during World War I, the Knights of Columbus hospitality huts were the only integrated facilities available to troops advertising such with their well-known motto, “Everybody Welcome. Everything Free;” and

WHEREAS, in the 1920s and 1930s, the Knights of Columbus banded together with African American, Jewish, and other minority communities to combat the evil actions and propaganda of the Ku Klux Klan leading the Klan to specifically cite the Order as “the organization most interested in [its] destruction;” and

WHEREAS, when it became known that some councils were preventing African American men from joining the Order in violation of the Constitution, Laws, and Rules, the delegates to the 82nd Supreme Convention held in 1964 amended the bylaws to “remove forever the opportunity of prejudice” in admissions, and

WHEREAS, in June 2020, the Knights of Columbus asked all people to come together in solidarity to forge a path forward free of discrimination and hate by calling for a Novena for National Unity and an End to Racism; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2020, the delegates to the 138th Supreme Council meeting adopted, by unanimous consent, a resolution calling for the end of segregation and demoralization of peoples based on their racial background, and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis has been clear that, “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus and its members emphatically supports an end to racial inequality of all types, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we take to heart the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that “injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere,” by pledging to continue supporting projects that create opportunity for people of all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iowa Knights of Columbus will encourage its members, their families, and parishes in Iowa to be and remain involved in communicating with their elected officials, gathering information, and communicating through the Legislature Network of the Iowa Catholic Conference, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution by the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus at the 120th Annual Meeting, that the same be presented for consideration by delegates to the 2021 Supreme Council Meeting.

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