



Knights of Columbus **133rd Annual Convention**
Connecticut State Council **Bristol • April 24-26, 2026**

Date: January 1st, 2026
To: Council Grand Knights
From: Thomas J. Perretta, Jr., State Advocate
Re: Resolutions submitted to the State Convention

Worthy Grand Knight,

This year's State Convention will be held on April 24th – April 26th, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bristol. If you wish to submit a resolution for consideration at the State Council meeting, it is imperative that you adhere to the requirements below.

Article II, Section 14 of the Connecticut State Council Bylaws state: *“All proposed resolutions, or changes and amendments of these laws, and any other matter that may be brought before the State Council, shall be submitted in writing to the State Secretary at least sixty days before the scheduled date of the Annual Meeting...”*

In accordance with the above referenced section, all resolutions to be considered at the 2026 State Council meeting must be submitted to:

Michael A. Gimmelli
State Secretary,
456 Atwater St, Apt. 17
Plantville, CT 06479-1671
state.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org

All resolutions must be received by the State Secretary by **Monday, February 23rd, 2026**, and must be signed by both the Grand Knight and Recorder of the Council and include the date the council adopted the resolution. Resolutions not received by the State Secretary by this date will not be considered.

To assist you in preparing a resolution, enclosed/attached is a sample from a previous year.

Fraternally yours,

Thomas J. Perretta, Jr.

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CC: State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, District Wardens

Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

- WHEREAS,** Patrick E. Kelly joined the Knights of Columbus in 1983; and
- WHEREAS,** Patrick E. Kelly was a Captain in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps Reserve where he specialized in international and operational law, and he retired in 2016 after 24 years of service. He also served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the United States Naval War College; and
- WHEREAS,** Patrick E. Kelly in 2006 he became the Order's Vice President for Public Policy, and served as the executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS,** Patrick E. Kelly is the Past State Deputy of the District of Columbia and was elected to the board of directors in 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** Patrick E. Kelly was elected by the board of directors and on March 1, 2021 became the fourteenth and current Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Connecticut State Council congratulates Patrick E. Kelly and his family on his new position as our new Supreme Knight; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that on behalf of its 23,000 members, the Connecticut State Council wishes him continued success and a pledge our assistance to the mission of the Knights of Columbus and our Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the delegates of the 129th Annual Convention of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus fully endorse and support the election of Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the State Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the family of Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the State Secretary of the Connecticut State Council forward a copy of this Resolution to the Supreme Secretary for consideration at the 141th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.

This Resolution was adopted in accordance with rules of the Connecticut State Council at a duly called meeting of “Council Name” Council “Council Number” on “Date of Meeting”.

Grand Knight

Recorder