



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

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RESOLUTION 1

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Priests with 50 Years of Service

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society of Catholic gentlemen founded by a parish priest; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus stands in solidarity with our bishops and priests; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus takes note of significant milestones of priests in the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, The achievement of fifty years of priestly service to the Catholic Church is one such milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council recognizes and congratulates the following priests who attain this milestone during the 2026 calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Secretary shall send a copy of this resolution to each priest congratulating him on attaining this milestone.

Archdiocese of Hartford Rev. Michael DeVito Most Rev. Leonard P. Blair Rev. John W. McHugh Rev. Edward M. Moran Rev. Joseph V. Napolitano Rev. Thomas J. Sas	Diocese of Bridgeport Rev. Roger F. McDonough Rev. Msgr. Martin P. Ryan Rev. Thomas P. Thorne
Diocese of Norwich Rev. Joseph C. Ashe Rev. Rene L. Parent, M.S.	Eparchy of Stamford Very Rev. Msgr. John Terlecky

RESOLUTION 2

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Priests with 25 Years of Service

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society of Catholic gentlemen founded by a parish priest; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus stands in solidarity with our bishops and priests; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus takes note of significant milestones of the priests in the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, The achievement of twenty-five years of priestly service to the Catholic Church is one such milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus recognizes and congratulates the following priests who attain this milestone during the 2026 calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Secretary shall send a copy of this resolution to each priest congratulating him on attaining this milestone.

Archdiocese of Hartford	Diocese of Bridgeport
Rev. Dairo Diaz	Rev. Ciprian Bejan Very Rev. Peter F. Lenox Rev. Nicholas S. Pavia Rev. Rogerio S. Perri Rev. F. John Ringley Rev. Andrew M. Walter
Diocese of Norwich	Eparchy of Stamford
Rev. Christopher Zmuda	Rev Kiril Manolev

RESOLUTION 3

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Per Capita Assessment

WHEREAS, The Connecticut State Council must work within its financial limits each fraternal year; and

WHEREAS, The current per capita assessment rate charged by the State Council on councils in Connecticut is \$10.00 per member, with a \$5.50 discount per inactive insurance member; and

WHEREAS, College councils are currently discounted 50% of the annual per capita assessment to assist in their fraternal and charitable programs on their respective campuses; and

WHEREAS, Seminary-based college councils are discounted 100% of the annual per capita assessment; and

WHEREAS, The monies collected through the current per capita assessment have allowed the Connecticut State Council to properly promote the work and mission of the Order during the past fraternal year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the per capita assessment rate levied by the Connecticut State Council shall remain at \$10.00 per member, with a \$5.50 discount per inactive insurance member; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That college councils will now be discounted 100% of the annual per capita assessment to further assist in their fraternal and charitable programs on their respective campuses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That seminary-based college councils will continue to be discounted 100% of the annual per capita assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any newly-chartered or reactivated council will have its assessment discounted 100% in the year it is chartered or reactivated, and any such council that attains its membership growth goal in the subsequent year will have its assessment discounted 100% upon attaining said goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment of the per capita assessment by local councils to the Connecticut State Council shall be due on or before July 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION 4

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Councils with 125 Years of Service

WHEREAS, The Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus duly takes note of the important and significant milestones of its local councils; and

WHEREAS, The achievement of a One-Hundred twenty-five year anniversary is such a milestone; and

WHEREAS, One council in the State of Connecticut will attain One-Hundred twenty-five years of service to the Church, community, and the Order during the calendar year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus recognizes the following Connecticut council on its 125th Anniversary and congratulates its members for One-Hundred twenty-five years of charity, unity, and fraternity:

<u>Council Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Founding Date</u>
Campbell	573	Manchester	April 14, 1901

RESOLUTION 5

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Councils with 100 Years of Service

WHEREAS, The Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus duly takes note of the important and significant milestones of its local councils; and

WHEREAS, The achievement of a One-Hundred year anniversary is such a milestone; and

WHEREAS, One council in the State of Connecticut will attain One-Hundred years of service to the Church, community, and the Order during the calendar year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus recognizes the following Connecticut council on its 100th Anniversary and congratulates its members for One-Hundred years of charity, unity, and fraternity:

<u>Council Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Founding Date</u>
Father Coleman	2616	Fairfield	July 7, 1926

RESOLUTION 6

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Councils with 50 Years of Service

WHEREAS, The Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus duly takes note of the important and significant milestones of its local councils; and

WHEREAS, The achievement of a fifty-year anniversary is such a milestone; and

WHEREAS, One council in the State of Connecticut will attain fifty years of service to the Church, community, and the Order during the calendar year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus recognizes the following Connecticut council on its 50th anniversary and congratulates its members for fifty years of charity, unity, and fraternity:

<u>Council Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Founding Date</u>
St. Ambrose	6801	North Branford	April 29, 1976

RESOLUTION 7

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Councils with 25 Years of Service

WHEREAS, The Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus duly takes note of the important and significant milestones of its local councils; and

WHEREAS, The achievement of a twenty-five-year anniversary is such a milestone; and

WHEREAS, One council in the State of Connecticut will attain twenty-five years of service to the Church, community, and the Order during the calendar year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus recognizes the following Connecticut council on its 25th anniversary and congratulates its members for twenty-five years of charity, unity, and fraternity:

<u>Council Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Founding Date</u>
St. Edward	12968	New Fairfield	July 7, 2001

RESOLUTION 8

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Members with 50 Years of Service

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic gentlemen who take note of significant milestones of its members; and

WHEREAS, The achievement of fifty continuous years of service in our honored Order is one such milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus recognizes and congratulates the following Brother Knights who attain this milestone during the 2026 calendar year, noting in particular any priests:

COUNCIL	MEMBER NAME	COUNCIL	MEMBER NAME
2	WESTERMEYER, WILLIAM A	35	CARENZO, LARRY J
2	SANTANELLO, SALVATORE	37	ALEXANDER, STANLEY F
2	DOYLE III, DENNIS A	37	BACHMAN, ROBERT E
2	MORENZ, JOHN A	39	SILVA, JEFFREY E
2	BARILLARO, FRANCIS R	39	MANDRAS JR, PETER J
3	HUBBARD, ROBERT E	39	REPIK, JOHN J
3	BERGAN, RICHARD T	39	LALLY, MICHAEL J
3	PAGANO, JAMES S	39	MC CARTHY, JOHN H
6	PRZEKOPSKI JR, RICHARD M	39	DE ANGELO, MICHAEL
7	RYAN, MR THOMAS A	39	WALTERS, FREDERICK J
7	KUZMINSKI, MR DAVID T	39	LEWIS JR, RICHARD J
10	PIRTEL III, JOHN C	39	CONNORS, GERARD M
12	PEPIN, PHILIBERT L	39	CATALANO JR, PHILIP C
12	WALUK, KAZIMIERZ	39	RYAN, JOHN P
14	ATKINS, BARRY A	39	GRABARZ, MICHAEL J
15	VITALI, MR ROBERT A	39	MARDULA, TERRY
15	SIMONE, GREGORY J	39	FRANGIONE JR, LUKE T
15	GIAMMATTEO, PAUL J	40	WHITFIELD, BRIAN J
15	BOISSONNEAULT, MICHAEL	40	SAMOSKA JR, JOSEPH J
16	RAMIREZ, HERIBERTO L	41	NOSAL, DANIEL F
16	DOWD, JAMES T	41	KERSTEN, RODNEY E
17	BERGERON, PETER J	44	DI SORBO, LUIGI
24	MARINO, MR JOSEPH J	44	PELLICCIO, ANTHONY G J
26	GIULIANO, VINCENT	44	MAZZOLA JR, LAWRENCE M
26	CIPARELLI, ARTHUR T	46	VERTUCCI SR, ALAN R
29	SHOOK, WINFIELD A	46	PRINCE SR, KENNETH A
29	CANN, DEACON JOSEPH P	46	GRANATA, CRESCENZO
32	MC CAFFREY, JAY F	46	EHRISMANN, FRANCIS P
34	JEWELL, MR MICHAEL E	46	LAJOIE, ROGER J
35	LEMOINE, ROBERT E	46	BOONE, THOMAS F

46	OTTOCHIAN, GABRIEL A	5987	BATH, JOHN F
47	RAYNOR, RICHARD L	6119	VIEL, OVIDE
47	ZORZA, REV LARRY	6119	BOUTOT, ARMAND P
50	HOULE, DENIS	6119	MICHAUD, GILBERT
50	COURNOYER, DANIEL	6119	LAMONTAGNE, GHISLAIN
50	HARGRAVES, BRUCE A	6119	L'ARCHE, REV JEFFREY M
50	BURNS, JOHN J	6119	DESROSIERS, DONALD
50	RICHARDS, CURTIS P	6190	ZAWISZA, PETER F
53	BELSKE, WALTER D	6199	CAMPOSEO, JOSEPH R
53	OSTASZESKI, M RICHARD	6199	PRINDIVILLE, DAVID E
53	WARDOWSKI, HENRY J	6305	REGAN SR, JOHN F
53	OSTASZESKI, G STANLEY	6376	RESINO, JOHN R
56	MC CANN, REV JOHN H	6376	MANNIX, CHARLES G
65	HELLYAR, E MICHAEL	6723	ROY, JOSEPH A
65	ZULLO, JOHN M	6723	PINARD, ROBERT R
65	ZULLO III, ALFRED J	6723	SCHULTZ, KENNETH P
1090	DZIEDZIC, GERALD H	6801	RENFREW, RICHARD A
1253	CONSAVAGE, ALFRED G	6801	DONADIO, EDWARD P
2370	MC NAMARA, FRANCIS R	6801	SCHMITT, DANIEL P
2370	DANIELCZUK, BENEDICT J	7054	GILLESPIE, GEORGE F
2370	DANIELCZUK, GEORGE T	8882	MORAN, MYLES W
2533	BLACK, JAMES D	8882	TRACZ, RONALD J
2758	LAURENO, LAURENCE M	9505	CURTISS, THOMAS H
2758	DANEK, DENNIS	10817	LAURETTI, STEVEN M
3181	SPONZO, MICHAEL J	11077	PABIS, THOMAS M
3675	SYLVESTRO, ALEXANDER S	11173	SHAW, GERALD L
3675	ROY, ANDREW F	11405	GLOWACKI, JAMES A
3733	REILLY, TIMOTHY J	98006	SHORT, JAMES
3884	PELLETIER, GUY R		
3884	KALLAUGHER, PHILLIP P		
3884	LEVESQUE, ALFRED S		
3901	SOUSA, ROBERT M		
3901	CUSCOVITCH JR, JOHN F		
4096	ROBINSON, ROBERT C		
4096	O CONNOR, E JAMES		
4096	DESLAURIERS, CLAUDE R		
4096	KLINE, WILLIAM P		
4193	GILEAU, RONALD A		
4303	URBANOWSKI, ANTHONY F		
4303	DOBOSZ, DAVID S		
5633	MCKEON, ROBERT		
5779	VIEL, REJEAN		
5779	DOUCETTE, LOUIS J		
5779	TURGEON, YVAN G		
5780	MATHIEU, JOHN L		
5780	CIOTTI, LAWRENCE N		

RESOLUTION 9

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Support for Joseph C. Rahtelli

WHEREAS, Joseph C. Rahtelli is a member of Sandy Hook Council #185 in Newtown and a Fourth Degree Knight of Saint Rose of Lima Assembly 3230; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, at the request of his youngest son, then a high school sophomore, Joe reestablished Columbian Squires Circle #1307, growing it within eighteen months to 129 HS men, the largest in North America, a distinction it maintained for four additional years, ultimately reaching 169 members during his tenure as Chief Counselor; and

WHEREAS, after serving two years as Deputy Grand Knight, he was elected Grand Knight in 2014 and transformed his council into a model of excellence, achieving Star Council in both years of his term, winning the Contest of Champions for net membership growth, and becoming only the fourth Grand Knight in nearly forty years to lead the council to Star Council status, with the council remaining a perennial Star Council and a leading contributor to membership growth in Connecticut. Since 2014 no other council in CT has brought in more new members; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, upon the resignation of his District Deputy due to illness, he was asked to assumed leadership of a district that had no record having achieved Star District status and led it to that distinction in both years of his service while leading the state in intake as well, with four of five councils achieving Star Council at least once; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, following one of the most challenging membership years in state history, he was appointed State Membership Director and increased membership intake by nearly twenty percent in his first year; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, he was elected State Warden while continuing as Membership Director, positioning the State Council for Circle of Honor recognition prior to the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, during which time Connecticut nevertheless set new records for Star Councils and Star Districts; and

WHEREAS, while serving successively as State Advocate, State Treasurer, and State Secretary, he continued involvement with membership, Star Councils and Star Districts. The state set additional multiple records for Star Councils, Star Districts and achieving Pinnacle Award recognition in 2021; and

WHEREAS, as State Deputy (2023–2025), his leadership resulted in significant accomplishments, including:

- Record-setting Star Councils (48 and then 57)
- An annual record 14 Star Districts
- Intake over 950 every year as SD (only second CT SD in over thirty years)
- The highest annual number of members added to councils in a decade
- Two Connecticut Record-breaking charitable impact years, first \$1.9 million and 430,000 service hours and then exceeding them with \$2.6 million and 507,000 service hours
- Achievement of both Circle of Honor and Pinnacle Awards, each once; and

WHEREAS, over the past eight years, the Connecticut State Council has risen from near the bottom of Circle of Honor rankings for several years to achieving Circle of Honor or Pinnacle recognition in each of the past five years, while also restoring a strong and collaborative relationship with the Supreme Council and strengthening ties across other branches of the Order, the fourth degree and insurance agency. Many are of the opinion that the Connecticut State Council is now one of the premier jurisdictions in the Order; and

WHEREAS, Joe holds a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from Manhattan University and has over thirty years of professional experience in process automation, leading a successful engineering business and contributing expertise across multiple industries, including pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, and advanced manufacturing. His expertise is in providing plans to automate chemical plants or being brought in to solve efficiency, safety or production issues; and

WHEREAS, Joe has been married to his wife Donna for forty years, is a devoted parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Church in Newtown for over thirty-five years, and is a dedicated family man, father, and grandfather; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 133rd Annual Convention of the Connecticut State Council, Knights of Columbus, hereby express their full endorsement and unwavering support of Joseph C. Rahtelli in all his future endeavors within the Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Connecticut State Council strongly recommends Joseph C. Rahtelli for election to the Board of Directors, and directs the State Secretary to forward this Resolution to the Supreme Secretary for consideration at the 144th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.

RESOLUTION 10

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Necrology of Priests

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus stands in solidarity with our bishops and priests; and

WHEREAS, Those bishops and priests listed below served their respective dioceses, parishes and parishioners; and

WHEREAS, These servants of God were called home by their loving Creator since our last Annual Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the delegates to the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus extend our deepest sympathy to the families and colleagues of these departed priests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That at the conclusion of the reading of this resolution the delegates and members present will stand for a prayer in remembrance for our departed shepherds who are listed below.

Let us pray. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

O God, you raised your servants to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ, according to the Order of Melchizedek, giving them the sublime power to offer the Eternal Sacrifice, to bring the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, down upon the altar, and to absolve the sins of men in your own Holy Name. We beseech you to reward their faithfulness and to forget their faults, admitting them speedily into your Holy Presence, there to enjoy forever the recompense of their labors.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Archdiocese of Hartford

Rev. Philip A. Sheridan
Rev. John T. Moskus
Rev. Paul J. Mangiafico
Rev. Hugh J. MacDonald
Rev. Roland M. LaPlante
Rev. Chacko Kumplam
Rev. Alan J. Hill
Rev. Joseph J. Cretella, Jr.
Rev. Henry P. Cody
Rev. Eugene J. Charman
Rev. Msgr. John H. Bevins
Rev. Paul J. Halovatch
Rev. Gerald H. Dziedzic

Diocese of Bridgeport

Rev. Msgr. Jerald A. Doyle
Rev. Patrick Mooney
Rev. Ordure Pitchai
Rev. Msgr. Joseph D. Potter
Rev. William J. Scheyd
Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Shea
Rev. Philip Sheridan
Rev. David W. Tracy

Diocese of Norwich

Rev. Msgr. James Carini

RESOLUTION 11

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Death of Former Supreme Director Joseph R. Mauro

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Mauro Sr. was a member for 59 years, having joined the Order on September 1, 1957

WHEREAS Joseph R. Mauro Sr. was an honorary life member of both Sacred Heart Council 5780 in Madison and of Father Philip Sheridan Assembly 1757 in Old Saybrook, and served his council faithfully as its trustee from 1995-2001

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Mauro Sr. served the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in several executive roles, successfully and consistently helping to strengthen our insurance and fraternal benefits programs, while growing our field force of professional insurance agents, and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Mauro Sr. retired as Executive Vice President (Agencies and Marketing) in 2000 after 33 years of service, and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Mauro Sr. served as a member of the Supreme Council's Board of Directors from 1991-2003

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Council recognizes the deep and sincere loss of our Brother Knight, Joseph Mauro, Former Supreme Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on behalf of its 23,000 members, the Connecticut State Council convey to the family of Joseph Mauro our deepest sympathy for their loss and our sincere thank you for his many years of leadership and service to the Supreme Council and the entire Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus honor the memory of Joseph Mauro with a moment of silence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the family of Joseph R. Mauro Sr., Former Supreme Director.

RESOLUTION 12

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Death of Past State Deputy Philip A. Guerrette

- WHEREAS,** Philip A. Guerrette joined Pavia Council 48 in Bethel in March of 1988 and was a faithful member and leader of the Order for 37 years, and
- WHEREAS,** Philip A. Guerrette joined the Fourth Degree in June 1982; and
- WHEREAS,** Philip A. Guerrette faithfully served Council 48 and Assembly 99 in many capacities, including as Grand Knight and Faithful Captain
- WHEREAS,** Philip A. Guerrette faithfully served the Connecticut State Council as District Deputy 1994-1998 and subsequently as State Membership Director, Community Director and New Council Development Chairman, and
- WHEREAS,** Philip A. Guerrette, faithfully served the Connecticut State Council as its State Warden, State Advocate, State Treasurer and State Secretary from 2001 to 2006
- WHEREAS,** Philip A. Guerrette, faithfully served the Connecticut State Council as its State Deputy from 2006-2008, and
- WHEREAS,** Philip A. Guerrette, left this life to be with his heavenly Father on December 11, 2025
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Connecticut State Council recognizes the deep and sincere loss of our Brother Knight, Philip A. Guerrette, Past State Deputy; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that on behalf of its 23,000 members, the Connecticut State Council convey to the family of Philip A. Guerrette our deepest sympathy for their loss and our sincere thank you for his many years of service and leadership to the Order in Connecticut; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the delegates of the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus honor the memory of Philip A. Guerrette, Past State Deputy with a moment of silence; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the State Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the family of Philip A. Guerrette, Past State Deputy.

RESOLUTION 13
Submitted by Fr. James F. Donaher Council 3733

Death of Former General Agent Thomas J. Piscatelli

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Piscatelli entered the Knights of Columbus El Dorado Council 10 in Branford, Connecticut on July 1, 1979, and shortly thereafter transferred to Fr. James F. Donaher Council 3733 in North Haven, Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, During his over 45 years of service to the Order, and to Fr. James F. Donaher Council, Brother Piscatelli was a tireless champion of fraternal efforts, and of our Blessed Founder's cause for canonization; and

WHEREAS, Brother Piscatelli served the Order as both Field Agent for the greater New Haven area and the General Agent for the Eastern portion of Connecticut for nearly 30 years, retiring on January 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Brother Piscatelli entered into eternal rest on April 2, 2025, surrounded by his wife Louise and sons Thomas, Jr., and Matt.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we mourn the loss of our Brother who has been taken from us; and

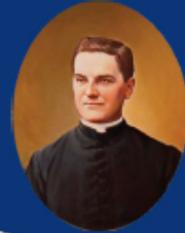
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this testimonial of condolence be offered to the family of our departed Brother Knight as an expression of our heartfelt sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Secretary of the Connecticut State Council forward a copy of this Resolution to the family of our late Brother Thomas J. Piscatelli.

RESOLUTION 14
Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council



Knights of Columbus
Connecticut State Council
Annual
Resolution of
Condolence



In memory of our deceased Brothers named herein.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our beloved Brothers, who departed this life in the last year, and

Whereas, By their deaths, our State Council has sustained the loss of exemplary Catholic gentlemen and worthy Knights of Columbus;

Therefore, be it Resolved,
That our departed Brothers be remembered in a special Mass offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased Brother Knights at our Annual State Meeting and Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we mourn the loss of our Brothers, who have been taken from us, and be it further

Resolved, That this testimonial of condolence, duly signed and sealed, is offered as an expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

State Deputy

RESOLUTION 15
Submitted by Fr. James F. Donaher Council 3733

Resolution to Support First Responders and Public Safety Officers

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus, founded by Blessed Michael McGivney on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism has a long and storied history of supporting those who serve and protect our communities; and

WHEREAS, the mission of first responders—including police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and paramedics—is one of selfless service, often requiring them to put their own lives at risk to preserve the lives and property of others; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women are frequently the first to respond to scenes of tragedy, natural disasters, and civil unrest, providing hope and assistance in our neighbors' darkest hours; and

WHEREAS, our first responders face increasing physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the line of duty, necessitating the spiritual and communal support of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus recognizes the intercession of **St. Michael the Archangel**, the patron of first responders, as a source of strength and protection for all who wear a uniform in service to the public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut State Council, meeting at its 133rd Annual Convention in Bristol, Connecticut, on April 26, 2026, expresses its deepest appreciation and unwavering support for all first responders within our state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our profound gratitude to the families of North Haven Firefighters Matthias A. Wirtz and Anthony A. DeSimone who died in the line of duty in 2022 and 2023. Whose sacrifice and support enable their loved ones to serve the common good with courage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our support for law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency medical services and recognize all First Responders that are members of the Knights of Columbus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all local councils, within this jurisdiction are urged to continue or initiate the celebration of **Blue Masses** and other liturgical services and works of charity to honor these public servants; 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 141st Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.

RESOLUTION 16
Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council

Resolution celebrating the election of Pope Leo XIV

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2025, following the death of Pope Francis, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected to the Chair of St. Peter as the 267th Bishop of Rome and supreme head of the Holy Roman Church; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chicago, Illinois, His Holiness is the first Pope born in the United States, as well as the first from the Order of St. Augustine,

WHEREAS, in this first year of his pontificate, Pope Leo extolled the virtues of charity, unity and fraternity, principles of the Knights of Columbus which also complement the principles of the Augustinian order; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus received with joy a person video greeting from Pope Leo during the 143rd Supreme Convention in Washington, D.C.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus Connecticut State Council, on behalf of its more than 23,000 members and their families, pledges its constant loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as he leads the Universal Church as the successor of St. Peter and Vicar of Christ on earth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Order will accompany Pope Leo XIV and support him through our prayers, invoking especially the maternal intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the proceedings of this 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council and that at the conclusion of the reading of this resolution the delegates and members present will stand for a prayer for the intentions and ministry of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

Let us pray. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Resolution 17
Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council

**Resolution on the Consecration of the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on
America's 250th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this historic moment the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th the vigil of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

WHEREAS, in preparation for this consecration, the bishops of the United States have called for Catholics to engage in prayer, preparation and hours of adoration and service.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Knights of Columbus desire to celebrate this anniversary milestone and recommit themselves to the principle of Catholic patriotism

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that each member is strongly encouraged to prepare and pray for the nation's consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Knights of Columbus councils in Connecticut are asked to plan and promote "250 Hours" activities of adoration and service as requested by the U.S. bishops in this anniversary year

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Knights of Columbus members in Connecticut are encouraged to consecrate themselves and their families, and to enthrone the Sacred Heart in their homes as a simple and profound act of devotion

RESOLUTION 18

Submitted by the State Officers of the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus

Support for Supreme Secretary John A. Marrella

WHEREAS, John A. Marrella is currently a member of Trinity Council # 5467 in Woodbridge, and a Fourth Degree Knight in the Honorable W. Patrick Donlin Assembly 2459; and

WHEREAS, before becoming Supreme Advocate, John served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Tax Division, in Washington DC. and Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting in February 2009, the Board of Directors elected John as Supreme Advocate and Supreme Director, completing the unexpired term of retiring Supreme Advocate Paul R. Devin, effective February 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the Supreme Convention reelected John to the Board of Directors in 2009, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, and 2023 and

WHEREAS, after successfully serving the Order as Supreme Advocate and General Counsel from 2009 until 2025,

WHEREAS, John was additionally elected by the Board of Directors to serve as Supreme Secretary in October of 2024, and continues to serve in that capacity

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus hereby express their full endorsement and unwavering support of John A. Marrella in all future endeavors in the Knights of Columbus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recommend John A. Marrella for re-election to the Board of Directors and that the State Secretary of the Connecticut State Council forward a copy of this Resolution to the Supreme Secretary for consideration at the 144th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.