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**Resolution No. 1: Thank-you to Past Supreme Knight**

Whereas, our annual State Convention is a most auspicious and captured moment in time for us to show and share our unique fraternity, and exemplify commitment to our Order; and

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2021 ,hereby convey our thanks to Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson for his years of service to the Knights of Columbus and our Church;

Be It Further Resolved, that on behalf of all councils in the jurisdiction, we extend to Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and his wife Dorian and their five children our sincere best wishes in their future endeavors.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 2: Pledge Support to Supreme Knight**

Whereas, the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus has always been a strong supporter of policies and programs put in place by the Supreme Council Officers and Board of Directors;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2021 reaffirm our loyalty to the Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, the Supreme Council Officers, and the members of the Board of Directors; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that we pledge our total support for the policies and programs which will be developed during Supreme Knight Kelly's administration; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the Worthy State Deputy be requested to convey this message to the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, as soon as possible, following our State Convention.

Submitted by: State Executive Board

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 3: Greetings to Newfoundland and Labrador Bishops**

Whereas, our annual State Convention is a most auspicious and captured moment in time for us to show and share our unique fraternity, and exemplify commitment to our Church, and its leaders;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2021hereby convey our greetings to His Grace Archbishop Peter J. Hundt of St. John's , His Excellency Bishop Robert A. Daniels of Grand Falls, and His Excellency Bishop Bart van Roijen of Corner Brook.

Be It Further Resolved, that on behalf of all councils in the jurisdiction, we affirm our loyalty and continued commitment to their pastoral leadership.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 4: In Honor of Pope Francis**

Whereas, our annual State Convention is a most auspicious and captured moment in time for us to show and share our unique fraternity, and exemplify our commitment to the leader of the Catholic Church;

Be It Resolved that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2021, offer out best wishes and prayers for many years of good health and inspiring leadership to Pope Francis: and

Be It Further Resolved that we affirm our Loyalty and Allegiance, and pledge our continued prayers, support and deep affection to Pope Francis for his continued guidance to the Catholic Church.

Submitted By: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 5: Salutations to the Supreme Chaplain**

Whereas, our annual State Convention is a most auspicious moment to show and share our unique fraternity, and exemplify our commitment to our spiritual leaders;

Be It Resolved that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2021, affirm our fidelity, and express our loyal and full support to Archbishop William E. Lori as he continues to fulfill his duties as Supreme Chaplain.

Submitted By: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 6: Greetings to Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Wheras, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops plays such an integral role in guiding the Church in Canada;

Be It Resolved, that we commend and support our Cardinals and Bishops and thank them for the strength and wisdom they have shown in their leadership and governance of the Church; and

Be It Further Resolved, that we render faithful and loyal service and stand in solidarity with our Cardinals and Bishops in the fulfillment of the duties of the Holy Offices to which they have been called

Submitted By: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 7: Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.**

Whereas, the global COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally changed everyday life necessitating the closure of businesses, churches, governments, and social services while dramatically changing the way we interact with family and friends; and

Whereas, these changes caused drastic increases in unemployment and difficulty responding to the needs of the homeless and impoverished; and

Be it resolved, that the Knights of Columbus will exemplify our first principle of charity and continue responding to the global crisis brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Be it Further Resolved, that we will continue to observe important health and safety requirements, such as social distancing and the use of personal protective equipment, when implementing our programs to ensure our members, and those we serve, are protected from infection; and

Be it Further Resolved, that we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic, for those who are in distress because of its effects, for those who are suffering from COVID-19, and for the repose of the souls of our brother Knights and all those who have perished; and

Be it Further Resolved, that we offer our sincere appreciation for those who face the threat of infection everyday while they continue to provide essential healthcare, retail, and public safety services.

Submitted by: State Executive Board

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 8: Support for Persecuted Christians**

Whereas, Christians of all beliefs are being persecuted for their faith in many parts of the world and,

Whereas, we stand in solidarity with our fellow Christians of all faiths who hold true to the principle of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer and,

Whereas, the Supreme Council of the Order has introduced a new ICON and prayer program and designated it as “Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians” and,

Whereas, the jurisdiction has received three of these ICON’s along with prayer cards and prayer booklets for use within the Province

Be It Resolved that every Council schedule during the year a Marion Hour of Prayer using the prayer booklets and prayer cards while displaying the new ICON of ‘Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians’

Submitted by: Resolution Committee.

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 9: Commitment to Family Life**

Whereas, the fundamental unit of society is the family; and

Whereas, certain philosophies that lessen the values of Christian, Judaic or other traditional world religions, can play havoc with this fundamental and sometimes vulnerable unit of society; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus is committed to Family Life, and being the largest Catholic Family Organization in Newfoundland and Labrador;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2021 ,encourage subordinate councils to participate in the following initiatives for the Columbian Year:

1. Initiate an activity through the general program such as family of the Month/Year to openly and actively engage in bringing 'Family Life' into focus.

2. Endorse and promote 'Family Week' during August and 'National Family Week' in October.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 10: Catholic Missions in Canada**

Whereas, Catholic Missions in Canada seeks to sustain and extend the Catholic Faith in isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in Canada; and

Whereas, these are communities where diocesan resources are insufficient to keep the Church alive; and

Whereas, until last year, the northern dioceses of Canada were given some support financially by the Roman Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Whereas, starting in 2017 these dioceses would be treated like other Canadian Dioceses and no longer receive the support of the Congregation; and

Whereas, the Canadian Association of the Knights of Columbus is encouraging all Knights throughout Canada to support the Catholic Missions in Canada; and

Whereas, Catholic Missions in Canada provides more than $450,000 in grants annually to Dioceses and Parishes in Newfoundland and Labrador;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council, and subordinate Councils, strongly support the Catholic Missions in Canada spiritually and financially and encourage all Brother Knights and their families to provide spiritual and financial support.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 11: RSVP Program (Refund Support Vocations Program)**

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus acknowledges the present shortage of candidates to the priesthood and religious life; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus as 'the strong right arm of the Church' does support the Church and hierarchy in every possible way;

Be It Resolved, that the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador renew the commitment to support and promote vocations to the priesthood and encourage the subordinate councils to take an active role in doing the same through participation in the RSVP program.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 12: Development and Peace**

Whereas, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada; and

Whereas, Development and Peace is widely promoted throughout the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus remains committed to the cause of the poor and underprivileged of the world;

Be It Resolved, that all subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, be encouraged to become actively involved at the Parish level, in the promotion and support of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 13: Rose Sunday**

Whereas, we hold that human life begins at conception; and

Whereas, we support the belief that all human beings have the inalienable right to life from conception to natural death; and

Whereas, abortion is the greatest deliberate threat to the lives of the unborn children of Canada; and

Whereas, the State Council of the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador, renews and again publicly states its solid opposition to abortion and to the use of public money to pay or subsidize abortion;

Be It Resolved, that impelled by our moral conviction about the sanctity of human life, we Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador, solemnly affirm that the right to life is a fundamental human right, which must have the protection of the law. We call upon persons of goodwill to join in the affirmation; also, to renew and continue our solid and unwavering commitment, both individually and collectively to finding and encouraging practical, positive, moral alternatives to the scourge of abortion-alternatives which will respect the dignity of human life and hold high the humanity of both the mother and her baby; and

Be It Resolved, that the State Council, and subordinate Councils, strongly support the Culture for Life association morally, spiritually, financially and generally by carrying out a program to be called 'Rose Sunday' in the 2021-2022 Columbian Year, and that all Knights of Columbus subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, become members, and encourage all their respective members and families to also become members, of the Right to Life Association; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2021, designate Mother's Day as the day to hold 'Rose Sunday', and that 'Rose Sunday' be held on Mother's Day, the Second Sunday of May, throughout the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador each year.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 14: Life**

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus is at the forefront of the battle to promote Life and to restore full legal protection for all human life from conception to natural death; and

Whereas, prayer and public witness are critical and powerful in combating the Culture of Death, and in working to restore the Life;

Be It Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with the Holy Father and our Bishops, hereby designate the Feast of the Annunciation, 25 March, as the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child; and

Be It Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus renew its solid and unwavering commitment against Euthanasia and assisted suicide, and to promote natural death; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that we urge all subordinate Councils and members to participate in Masses, prayers and other Pro-life Activities.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 15: Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Whereas, we hold that every person should be fed and clothed; and

Whereas, we support the belief that all persons have that right; and

Whereas, an organization that supplies those needs should have financial support;

Be It Resolved, that impelled by our moral obligation, we are bound to feed and clothe others according to our corporal works of mercy, we the knights of Columbus, call upon all right-minded people of good will, to join with us in these good works; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the State Council urge all Subordinate Councils to support their Societies of St. Vincent de Paul in our jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador; and

Be It Further Resolved, that we support such a cause in remembrance of former State Advocate Brother Francis Fleming, who served in that capacity; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador, on behalf of all Subordinate Councils, make an annual contribution of One Hundred dollars ($100.00) to each of the St. Vincent de Paul Societies in our jurisdiction of

Newfoundland and Labrador.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 16: Keep Christ in Christmas March**

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador sponsor the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' marches throughout the province; and

Whereas, the march is a significant message to all that Christ needs to remain as an integral part of Christmas; and

Whereas, the march is presently held on various dates throughout Newfoundland and Labrador; and

Whereas, the First Sunday of Advent is a significant date to prepare for Christmas;

Be It Resolved, that the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' march be held throughout the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador on the First Sunday of Advent.

Submitted By: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 17: Catholic Religious Education**

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador, as the 'strong right arm of the Church' is strongly committed to the religious upbringing of our children; and

Whereas, preparation for the Sacraments is no longer available through our schools, but is now the responsibility of parents and Parishes; and

Whereas, there are many young people enrolled in the province's school system that are not exposed to catholic religious education;

Be It Resolved, that the State Council encourage subordinate Councils to financially support and distribute religious articles, pamphlets and posters to catholic children in their communities, to mark special occasions such as First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the cost of such distribution be absorbed by each Subordinate Council as a commitment to our families; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and all Subordinate Councils, support the only existing Catholic Educational Institutions in this province, which are Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Corner Brook, and St. Bonaventure's College in St. John's.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 18: Support of Sick Children's Hostel Fund**

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus Sick Children's Hostel Fund provides assistance to member's families provincially, and

Whereas, the need for assistance is continuous; and

Whereas, the intent of this fund is to be self-supporting through accrued interest;

Be It Resolved, that the Subordinate Councils shall support this fund with a $ 400.00 donation annually.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 19: Devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary**

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus are committed to the devotion of the Virgin Mary;

Be It Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by promoting a weekly public Rosary at the convenience of individual Councils.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 20: Pornography**

Whereas, pornography is a contributing factor to the decay of the moral fabric of society; and

Whereas, the distribution and sale of pornography in print, video, audio and through the Internet is growing at an accelerated rate; and

Whereas, pornography is becoming increasingly evident in regular television programming; and

Whereas, pornography is harmful to moral judgment, especially to that of our youth;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2021, continue to promote purity and decency in our world by taking the following positive actions against pornography:

1. Continue to promote morally and financially, groups who take a stand against pornography, provided that all such groups have been approved by the State executive.

2. Request each council to carry out a project in the council's local community, to show the council's stand against pornography, and further request that the council demonstrate in a tangible way, its support of such local groups that stand against pornography.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 21: State Scholarships**

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador are committed to education in this province; and

Whereas, every year more and more interest is being expressed in the State Scholarship program;

Be It Resolved, that the State Council direct the following initiatives to be undertaken:

Five (5) scholarships of $ 1,000.00 (each) are provided by the State Council to members or children or grand-children of members in good standing, or children or grand-children of deceased members.

1. The names of scholarship winners are released to the media in Newfoundland and Labrador.

2. All winners must be entering the first year of a recognized post-secondary educational institution.

3. Application forms and information for State Scholarships are made available on the Internet at www.kofcnl.org

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 22: K of C Jubilee Scholarships**

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador are committed to education of all our youth; and

Whereas, there are many students in Newfoundland and Labrador who are in great need of financial support; and

Whereas, the people of Newfoundland and Labrador have always supported Knights of Columbus projects at the local and provincial level; and

Whereas, the K of C Jubilee Scholarship is now a recognized scholarship in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

Be It Resolved, that the State Council offer four (4) scholarships, in total, to all students of Newfoundland and Labrador attending a school in Newfoundland and Labrador when applying and who are entering the first year of a recognized post-secondary education institution; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the value of the scholarships be $ 500.00 each, and all literature including applications to be displayed in the schools, be made available to Grand Knights, School Districts, the Department of education and on the Internet, at www.kofcnl.org; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the winners of the State Scholarships, with a value of

$ 1,000.00, be ineligible for these scholarships.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 23: Dorothy M. and William Channing Scholarship** .

Whereas William Channing’s Last Will and Testament provided funds to create a ‘Scholarship’ with the requested name “the Dorothy M. Channing and William Channing Knights of Columbus Scholarship”.

Whereas, the Will defined the “Beneficiary “ of the ‘Scholarship’ to mean a named person residing in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador who is a child or grandchild of a Knights of Columbus member residing in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and is deemed a worthy recipient as determined by The Newfoundland and Labrador State Council Scholarship Committee.

Whereas, two Trustee’s, members of the Knights of Columbus Order in Newfoundland and Labrador, and with the approval of the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council Board shall be appointed to oversee the ‘Trust Property’.

Be it Resolved, interest earned be awarded to the recipient(s) a Scholarship for his or her post-secondary education at a University or College with amounts less than $1000.00 being retained and reinvested for the next calendar year and,

Be It Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus Newfoundland and Labrador State Council will award in each calendar year and henceforth each year the scholarship(s) to be named the Dorothy M. Channing and William Channing Knights of Columbus Scholarship.

Submitted By: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 24: Keep Christ in Christmas/Christmas Cards**

Whereas, there is a great deal of concern that Christmas has become too commercialized; and

Whereas, we feel it is important that the focus of Christmas be the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child;

Be It Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus continue to undertake a media campaign at Christmas time depicting the true Christian meaning of Christmas, and this media campaign be funded from the proceeds of the State Lottery; and

Be It Further Resolved, that all Subordinate Councils become active by sending and promoting the use of Religious Christmas cards to spread the message of the true meaning of Christmas, and to raise funds for council charities; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that all Subordinate Councils take a proactive part in the Keep Christ in Christmas/Send Religious Cards campaign.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 25: Member Medical Travel Fund**

Whereas, the Sick Children's Hostel Fund was established in 1984 to contribute to the cost of accommodation for any brother or his wife/guardian who stayed overnight to attend to their child while in hospital; and

Whereas, a large percentage of our membership now have their children raised, and they are no longer living at home; and

Whereas, the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes that many of our members, their spouses and the wives of our deceased members have to travel outside their communities for medical treatment; and

Whereas, the possibility of establishing a fund to assist members, their spouses, and wives of our deceased members with travel expenses or accommodations related to medical treatment has been raised in the past;

Be It Resolved, that the current operating period of the Member Medical Travel Fund is aligned with our Fiscal Year, March 1 to February 28, and with a 30-day grace period for submitted claims; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Member Medical Travel Fund be made available to all members, spouses, wives of deceased members, and dependent children, if they do not draw funds from the Children's Hostel Fund, throughout Newfoundland and Labrador who have to travel more than 100 km return trip for medical treatment, and that they be entitled to a maximum allowable claim of .06 (cents) per kilometer up to a maximum of one Hundred dollars ($100.00) per family per year on the Island portion of Newfoundland, and two Hundred dollars ($200.00) in Labrador; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a member wishing to avail of this fund, must, pursuant to the procedure for reimbursement' guidelines, be in good standing with his council, and his council must be in good standing with State Council; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the member Medical Travel Fund will be funded by monies contributed by Councils and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Member Medical Travel Fund be continued again for the 2021-2022 Columbian Year.

Submitted by: State Council

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 26: Liability Insurance**

Whereas, councils of the Knights of Columbus require comprehensive liability insurance; and

Whereas, the Supreme Council does not underwrite this insurance; and

Whereas, the State Council purchases liability insurance for its Subordinate Councils in an effort to make it more affordable, but yet comprehensive; and

Be It Resolved, that the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador require councils with home corporations to purchase a separate liability insurance policy to cover the day to day business operations; and be it

Be It Further Resolved, that the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador will again purchase a blanket policy this year at the most economical price, and all Subordinate Councils will be advised of the cost of such policy; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a payment policy be put in place that fairly reflects the membership of each council throughout the Jurisdiction as indicated by the Supreme Membership listing as of 1 July 2019; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the Grand Knights and the councils they represent, will diligently strive to ensure that their portion of the liability insurance will be paid promptly by 15 September 2021.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 27: Disposition of Proceeds of Annual Fall Lottery**

Whereas, the Annual State Fall Lottery has provided an important source of funds for both State and subordinate council activity, and

Whereas, the proceeds in the past have been distributed on the basis of a formula whereby the proceeds were split on a 50/50 basis between the State Council and the Subordinate Council after the Councils donation to the Sick Children’s Hostel Fund was satisfied.

Be it Resolved that the formula now be changed whereby the proceeds will be split 50/50 between the State Council and the Subordinate Council with State Council being responsible for all administrative costs

Submitted by: State Council

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved

**Resolution No. 28: Participation in State Lotteries**

Whereas, the State Executive Board annually donates to various charities and awards (Special Olympics, State Scholarships, State Essay Contest, State Free Throw, etc) on behalf of the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, and

Whereas, the State Executive Board’s main source of income is the State Lotteries ,

Be it Resolved, that all Subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction WILL participate in the State Lotteries,

Be it Further Resolved, that if any Subordinate Council(s) fails to participate in the State Lotteries, the State Executive Board may impose administrative action upon that/those council(s) as deemed appropriate by the State Executive Board.

Submitted by: State Executive Board

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved