

ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL
OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2011-2012 STATE CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS
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RESOLUTION 1

IN HONOR OF FATHER ERNEST R. HYNDMAN JR.

To Whom This May Come:

Whereas Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to aid and protect our Brothers,

And Whereas Father Ernest R. Hyndman, Jr., Truly believed in the work of the Knights of Columbus as taught by Father Michael J. McGivney

And Whereas Father Hyndman had a great gift of Laughter and Loved to share it,

And Whereas He put his own pain and suffering aside to make sure that others were cared for,

And Whereas He had a true calling to the Priesthood and lived it,

And Whereas He loved our Holy Mother Church and showed it,

And Whereas Father Hyndman had a love of Christ in his heart and a strong desire to share that love,

And Whereas He let Christ's light shine through Himself,

And Whereas Father Hyndman knew Our God is a Merciful God,

And Whereas Father made a difference in all the lives of those he met and knew Him,

Be It Resolved That the Alabama State Council meeting on April 28, 2012 wishes to remember Father Ernest Hyndman as its Chaplain of this State Council and is asking all Knights to pray for the repose of his soul and all the souls of the Faithful departed.

Unanimously Passed
By Council 9676 meeting
On January 15, 2012

Ronald Holmes
Grand Knight Council 9676

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 2

IN SUPPORT OF MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the primary impetus for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney was concern for the welfare of the families of departed brothers; and

WHEREAS, our deceased members, because of their service to the Order and the Church are deserving of continued remembrance and recognition; and

WHEREAS, our deceased members and their families are still today honored in our prayers, Masses, and ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the names of deceased members for the current fraternal year are collected at the Alabama State Convention;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the names of those deceased members for the current fraternal year that have been collected at the Alabama State Convention will be read to the delegates at the state meeting held during the convention; and be It

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a moment of prayer accompany the reading and recognition of our deceased brother Knights

Adopted FEBRUARY 12, 2012 by Council 9550

Attested by:

GRAND KNIGHT bryan Daniel

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 3

IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA

WHEREAS, Charity, for the Holy Catholic Church, is not a kind of ACTIVITY which could equally well be left to others, but is a part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her very being; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus supports the Church in this mandate by incorporating Charity as the first principal of our Order; and

WHEREAS, recently the Knights of Columbus has been at the forefront in areas of natural disasters, exemplifying our lessons of charity; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities USA's Disaster Operations assists and coordinates the Catholic Church's response to disasters in the United States; and

WHEREAS, coordination between the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Charities USA would enhance each other's ability to respond to natural disasters and maximize the charitable aid and assistance provided to those hurting and in need; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities USA and the Knights of Columbus would both benefit from the strengths and expertise of the other;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus will reach out to Catholic Charities USA to become a member partner; and be IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus will begin a dialogue with Catholic Charities USA to explore ways in which the two organizations could complement each other in times of need and thereby ultimately better aid our impacted communities when natural disasters occur; and be IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus will seek to establish a joint response plan with Catholic Charities USA to best utilize the talents, abilities, and resources of each organization.

Adopted FEBRUARY 12, 2012 by Council 9550

Attested by GRAND KNIGHT BRYAN DANIEL

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 4

DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

To whom this may come:

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus takes all its principles from our Holy Mother Church,

And whereas: The Knights of Columbus has as its principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism,

And whereas: The Holy Mother Church teaches that a Marriage is Between One Man and One Woman,

And whereas: It is this teaching that our Beloved Order takes its stand that a Marriage is between One Man and One Woman,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Alabama State Council, meeting on April 28, 2012 Florence. Alabama unanimously passed this resolution and is petitioning the Supreme Council to ask the U. S. Congress to defeat this upcoming debate and ask the U. S. Congress to help defeat any and all attempts to change the Law of God and Nature.

Unanimously Passed

ON January 15, 2012

Ronald Holmes.

Grand Knight, Council 9676

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 5

GRATITUDE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL

To Whom This May Come

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus is the leading Fraternal Organization In the world,

And Whereas: The Knights of Columbus is enjoying growth in its Membership and Insurance in force,

And Whereas: The State of Alabama could not be a Leader in the Knights of Columbus without the leadership and assistance from the Supreme Knight and his staff,

And Whereas: The dedication of all those working at the Supreme Council Is displayed everyday through assistance to our State Council and its membership,

Be it resolved that:

The Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 28, 2012 in Florence, Alabama, wishes to thank the Supreme Knight, the Supreme Officers, the Board of Directors and the Staff of the Supreme Council for a job well done, and ask the Supreme Knight to relay our gratitude to all those who work tirelessly for the success of our State.

Unanimously Passed
On January 15, 2012

Ronald Holmes
Grand Knight
Council 9676

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 6

GRATITUDE TO JOHN STICE AND THE STICE AGENCY

To Whom This May Come:

Whereas Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus
To aid and protect our Brothers.

And Whereas Father Michael J. McGivney founded OUR insurance program to give relief to
members and families of our Beloved Order,

And whereas this insurance program has grown to over \$80 Billion of Insurance in force,

And Whereas The State of Alabama enjoys an active insurance agency with over \$250 million
of insurance in force,

And Whereas The State of Alabama has one of the leading General Agents, John Stice,
overseeing this program,

And WHEREAS Through the Stice Agency, Alabama has grown and prospered both in
Membership and insured Brother Knights.

Be IT Resolved That the Alabama State Council meeting on April 28, 2012 wishes to thank John
Stice and the Stice Agency for its dedication and sacrifices made in order to
protect our Brother Knights and families of our Beloved Order.

Unanimously Passed

By Council 9676 meeting

On January 15, 2012

Ronald Holmes

Grand Knight Council 9676

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 7

GRATITUDE FOR STORM AID

To Whom This May Come:

- Whereas On April 27, 2011, the State of Alabama sustained the worst
Outbreak of tornados in its history
- And Whereas The State had over 65 tornados with a classification of
F-1 to an F-5,
- And Whereas The State lost over 275 people and over 1000 homes damaged
Or destroyed,
- And Whereas The State of Alabama received help from the Knights of
Columbus from all over the Order,
- And Whereas the State of Alabama Knights of Columbus State Council
Implemented a plan to help all the people of Alabama,
- And Whereas The State Council of Alabama could not have performed such an outstanding job
without the aid it received from throughout the Order,
- Be It Resolved That the Alabama State Council meeting on April 28, 2012
Wishes to thank the Supreme Council, the Supreme Board of Directors, All the
State Councils who sent aid and prayers and to those Knights who made personal
sacrifices to help the people of the Great State of Alabama.

Unanimously Passed

By Council 9676 meeting

On January 15, 2012

Ronald Holmes

Grand Knight Council 9676

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 8

IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY

To Whom This May Come:

- Whereas The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has supported our Military
since the beginning of our Beloved Order;
- And Whereas The Supreme Council has worked diligently to aid our Warriors on active
duty, in the reserves, and in the guard;
- And Whereas The Supreme Council has programs to aid our Wounded

Warriors as they returned home to their families;

And Whereas The Supreme Council holds a special place in the hearts and Minds of all Brother Knights;

Be It Resolved That the Alabama State Council meeting ON April 28, 2012 wishes to thank all our servicemen and women for standing watch and keeping the United States free and safe from all harm. And ask the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to thank these brave men and women for the service to the United States of America.

Unanimously Passed

By Council 9676 meeting

On January 15, 2012

Ronald Holmes

Grand Knight Council 9676

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 9

IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

To whom this may come:

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus takes all its principles from our Holy Mother Church,

And whereas: The Knights of Columbus has as its principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism,

And whereas: The Holy Mother Church teaches that the taking the life of An unborn child is wrong and a sin against humanity,

And whereas: it is this teaching that our Beloved Order takes its stand That we will protect God's children from conception to natural death.

Therefore, be it Resolved:

That the Alabama State Council, meeting on April 28, 2012 IN Florence, Alabama unanimously passed this resolution and is petitioning the Supreme Council to ask the U. S. Congress to defeat this upcoming debate and ask the U. S. Congress to help defeat any and all attempts to change the Law of God and Humanity.

Unanimously Passed

On January 15, 2012

Ronald Holmes.

Grand Knight, Council 9676

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 10

IN SUPPORT OF ALL POLICE MEN and WOMEN

WHEREAS, the four watchwords of the Knights of Columbus are CHARITY, UNITY, Fraternity and PATRIOTISM; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus, as a fraternal order, promotes brotherhood through CHARITY and UNITY; and

WHEREAS, PATRIOTISM is an extension of both CHARITY and UNITY; and

WHEREAS, recently policemen in many of the communities throughout, not only the State of Alabama, but throughout the nation have come under attack and many have been lost due to senseless violence;

NOW THEREFORE BE it RESOLVED, the Alabama State Council, along with the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, will reach out to the families of the fallen heroes through continued prayer for the souls of their lost loved ones; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alabama State Council, along with the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, will continue to support those in service to our communities, especially those who are members of our honored order.

Adopted MARCH 19, 2012 by Council 13085

Attested by:

TONY GIATTINA

GRAND KNIGHT

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION12

“BE FERTILE AND MULTIPLY”

Whereas the very first words God spoke to Adam and Eve were, “Be fertile and multiply,” thus constituting His first divine command to His new creation;

And whereas the very first right enumerated in our nation’s Bill of Rights protects our God–given right to exercise our religion freely;

And Whereas the recent mandate of the Affordable Health Care Act mandating full coverage for contraceptives, abortion inducing drugs, and sterilizations threatens to impinge upon both;

And Whereas God sent His Son to save us from sin and leave us a Church through which He would teach us until the end of time through shepherds guided by the Holy Spirit;

And Whereas the Lord, in the last moment before ascending into Heaven, instructed His Apostles, and thus their successors, to teach all nations;

And Whereas the flock has the right to freely and without interference from any human authority to follow their Lord, His Church, and His shepherds;

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Alabama State Council of the Knights of Columbus, by unanimous consent, petitions the Supreme Council to implore all members of the Congress of the United States of America to recognize the rights of man, given by God, and enshrined in our Nation’s Bill of Rights, by passing Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179) and enacting it into law.

Unanimously Passed
At a Special Meeting
February 24, 2012
Father James E. Coyle

Michael H. Geerts, Grand Knight

Council 9862

Very Reverend Kevin M. Bazzel, J.C.L.
Chaplain, Council 9862

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 13
IN DEFENSE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church teaches that the right to religious freedom is based upon the inherent dignity of the human person, which is known through both reason and divine revelation; and

WHEREAS, the right to religious freedom is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, religious freedom means that all persons are to be free from coercion in matters of belief and conscience, and that no person should be forced to act in a manner contrary to his or her own beliefs or conscience; and

WHEREAS, during his visit to the United States in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that it should never be necessary to deny God in order to enjoy our rights and that it is inconceivable that believers should have to suppress their faith in order to be active citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Church consistently teaches that religious freedom is an inalienable right which should be recognized in the governing laws of each country in such a way that it is acknowledged as a basic civil right; and

WHEREAS, religious freedom is not a benefit that a government confers out of a sense of mere tolerance and that can be removed, but rather it is an inalienable right, rooted in the transcendent dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, religious freedom is at the very heart of human rights because it encompasses freedom of speech, assembly and conscience, which together form the basis of civil society and respect for the individual; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2011, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued preliminary regulations pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that require all Americans to subsidize health insurance plans that provide full coverage for surgical sterilizations and contraception, including abortifacients such as “morning after” pills; and

WHEREAS, these abortion-inducing drugs attack a developing unborn child either before or after implantation in the mother’s womb; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2012, the executive branch finalized this mandate and announced that non-profit religious institutions, including the Catholic Church, would have one year to comply with the rule, and that no exemption would be granted for Catholic hospitals, dioceses, charities, social service agencies, schools, colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the mandate also forces private Catholic employers and businesses — such as the Knights of Columbus — to provide all employees with insurance coverage that includes abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2012, the executive branch offered to religious organizations a so-called “accommodation” which did not change the mandate and was quickly rejected by the U.S. bishops because Catholic organizations and individuals would still be forced to violate their religious convictions; and

WHEREAS, one of the rationales for this mandate — that abortifacients, contraceptives and sterilization are less expensive than child birth — lays the groundwork for the government to one day mandate that all health insurance plans include abortion; and

WHEREAS, this mandate sets a dangerous precedent and represents one of the most serious intrusions on religious freedom in our lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, in a recent meeting with bishops from the United States, Pope Benedict XVI expressed concern over “certain attempts being made to limit that most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we will never waver in our efforts to defend religious freedom as an inherent right of all Americans; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that as American citizens and as Knights of Columbus, we will steadfastly support the free exercise of religion as it is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand in solidarity with our bishops in their call to the Catholic faithful, and to all Americans, to join together in the great struggle to oppose this mandate and to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the executive branch to rescind this mandate which is a clear and direct violation of our religious liberty rights; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that will protect the constitutional right of religious institutions and individuals to be free from government coercion in health care and all other matters; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will remain steadfast in our opposition to any future governmental action or policy that forces Catholic institutions and individuals to violate our most deeply held moral and religious convictions; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that our struggle for religious freedom at this decisive moment in our nation's history is not only for our sake, but for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all future generations, so that they too may know a country that is "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Submitted by the state advocate griffin shreves

Unanimously passed by Alabama state council on april 28, 2012

RESOLUTION 14

TO HONOR REVEREND LEO JOSEPH BLANCHET

Whereas, IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO HONOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE DIVINE CALL TO THE MINISTRY And have served with dedication and enthusiasm to perform god's work for their congregations and their communities; and

Whereas reverend Leo blanchet was one such individual who dedicated his life in service to the church and to the catholic priesthood; and

WHEREAS, IN ADDITION TO HIS MISSIONARY WORK IN THE PHILLIPPINES AS A BROTHER MISSIONARY OF LA SALETTE FROM 1959 TO 1981; AND BEING ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD ON MAY 31, 1986 AND BEING PASTOR OF SAINT BRIDGET PARISH IN WHISTLER, ALABAMA, HE SERVED AS STATE CHAPLAIN OF THE ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROUDLY FROM 1996 TO 2008, AND

WHEREAS, THE PASSING OF REVEREND LEO JOSEPH BLANCHET HAS LEFT US SADDENED, HE WILL BE MISSED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN;

THEREFORE Be It Resolved BY the Alabama State Council meeting on April 28, 2012, WE HEREBY MEMORIALIZE FATHER LEO BLANCHET FOR HIS ABIDING COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FAITH AND SERVICE TO HUMANITY AND REMEMBER HIS LOYAL DEDICATION TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Griffin shreves

State advocate

ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

APRIL 28, 2012

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