



**Prince Edward Island
Knights of Columbus
State Convention
April 18-19, 2008**

Resolutions

- 1. Resolved, that we extend to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, his fellow Supreme Officers, and Board of Directors our thanks and appreciation for their tireless efforts on behalf of our great Order.**
- 2. Resolved, that we pledge our full support to our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, the Most Reverend Vernon Fougere, Bishop of the Diocese of Charlottetown, and to our clergy.**
- 3. Resolved that we continue to encourage all Brother Knights to pray for Fr. McGivney's elevation to the honours of the altar; to join the Father McGivney Guild, and to continue to pursue the cause of Fr. McGivney.**
- 4. Resolved, that we designate State Chaplains regardless of their ecclesiastical rank as guests of the Supreme Council at the Supreme Council's annual meeting; and**

Further Resolved, that State Chaplains be entitled to a per diem and the reimbursement of their travel expenses equal to that received by other delegates from their jurisdiction attending the Supreme Council annual meeting.

- 5. Resolved that subsection 168(6) of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order be reviewed and redrafted to reflect the language of the criminal law of all jurisdictions in which our Order is located and not just the law of the United States.**

6. **WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is a catholic, family, fraternal organization with membership in twenty councils across Prince Edward Island;**

AND WHEREAS, it is recognized that volunteers are the foundation of the work which we do;

AND WHEREAS, it is recognized that many other volunteer organizations are dependent on the valuable contribution of volunteers to their organizations;

AND WHEREAS, volunteers are becoming increasingly concerned of their personal liability from ‘becoming involved’ and are examining options to protect themselves from personal liability, in appropriate circumstances;

RESOLVED, that the Government of Prince Edward Island be encouraged to enact legislation in this province similar to that contained in the *Volunteer Protection Act*, S.N.S., c.14, a copy of which is attached to this resolution;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Government of Prince Edward Island be encouraged to treat the enactment of such legislation as a legislative priority;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the leaders of the political parties and the Attorney General of the province of Prince Edward Island.

7. **Resolved that each Council within the jurisdiction promote the fact that the Knights of Columbus is unambiguously and proudly pro-life, in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church, defending human life from the moment of conception until natural death, thereby building a new *Culture of Life* where every human life is welcomed, respected and protected by law.**

8. **That Councils within our jurisdiction promote the 49th International Eucharistic Congress to be held June 15-22, 2008 in Quebec City, with the theme *The Eucharist: Gift of God for the Life of the World*.**
9. **Resolved that the following Policy and Procedures shall be applicable to in-province and out of province travel for our members:**

Travel Policy & Procedures

1. That the transportation costs of the State Deputy, Past State Deputy and their wives to attend the Supreme Convention shall be paid as follows:
 - a) Except in exceptional circumstances, the State Treasurer shall, within 30 days following the State Convention, determine the economy airfare to attend the site of the Supreme Convention by flying from the Charlottetown airport. The amount so determined shall be the maximum amount of ‘transportation costs’ that will be paid to each person attending the Supreme Convention by means other than a flight from the Charlottetown Airport and/or that will be paid by the State for air travel.
 - b) Subject to paragraph 1(d), if a person chooses to drive to the Supreme Convention, they shall be entitled to claim their personal expenses and their spouse’s personal expenses for:
 - Mileage at the provincial government rate
 - Meals at the rates set out herein in para. 7
 - Tolls – bridges, ferries, highways
 - Parking – hotel, site
 - Hotel – standard room

c.) Subject to paragraph 1(d), if a person chooses to fly from an alternate airport, they will be entitled to claim their personal expenses and their spouses personal expenses for:

- Mileage at the provincial government rate
- Meals at the rates set out herein in para. 7
- Tolls – bridges, ferries, highways
- Parking – hotel, airport, site
- Hotel – standard room

d.) The expenses set out in sub-paragraphs 1(b) or ©), shall not exceed the total dollar amount determined in para. 1(a).

e.) The parking costs at the Charlottetown airport shall be covered, if used.

f.) The transportation costs to and from the Convention Hotel to the airport shall be covered.

g.) If travel occurs on a day during which no *per diem* is paid by Supreme, meals may be claimed at the rates as set out herein.

h.) The Supreme Convention Banquet tickets shall be paid (e.g. in 2007 they were \$75.00 each) for the Delegates, Alternates if applicable, and their wives.

2. If the Canadian Association of State Deputies convenes a meeting for which Supreme does not provide a *per diem*, the State Deputy shall be entitled to claim only the meals, as set out herein, and hotel accommodation for the day/night on which the meeting is held.

3.) The State Deputy and his wife shall have the following expenses paid to attend the June organizational meeting:

- Economy airfare from the Charlottetown and the equivalent amounts in paragraphs 1 (e), (f), and G; or
- Expenses as determined by applying the equivalent amounts as set out in paragraphs 1(b), ©) and (d).

4.) Recognizing the limited funds of the State Council, during the commencement of each fraternal year, there shall be a determination of the total amount of monies that should be expended to offset the expenses to attend Supreme meetings. This will be a fixed dollar amount that cannot exceed 35% of the total revenues of State Council (to include normal operations and fundraisers) unless, such excess is required to attend the previous meetings as set out herein i.e., the Supreme Convention and the June Organization Meeting, in which case, the amount may be exceeded.

5.) If the dollar amount set out in paragraph 4 will be exceeded, the State Deputy's wife expenses will not be covered to attend the November meeting. If the dollar amounts are still exceeded, the State Deputy's expenses to attend the November meeting shall not be covered.

6.) If the attendance at the November meeting is to be paid for, the following expenses will be covered:

- Economy airfare from the Charlottetown airport and the equivalent amounts in paragraphs 1 (e), (f), and (g); or
- Expenses as determined by applying the equivalent amounts as set out in paragraphs 1(b), ©), and (d).

7.) If meals are to be paid for, i.e., they occur on a day when no *per diem* is paid by Supreme and are payable in accordance with the previous policies, they shall be paid at the following rates, in Canadian funds provided that, a meal is actually consumed:

Breakfast	10.00
Lunch	10.00
Dinner	<u>25.00</u>
Total	45.00 per day

No receipts shall be required to claim these amounts.

8.) If a person is required to 'over night' at a private residence in order to obtain transportation in another province, they shall be entitled to claim an expense of \$20.00 for each required night.

In-Province Travel

No State Council Funds shall be paid for in-province travel with the exception that, an honorarium may be paid to a member, if the payment has been approved by the State Executive. Such honorarium payments shall be reported to the State Council at the meeting following the approval and shall be reported as a separate budgetary line account in the financial records of the State.

10. Whereas, all members benefit from members attending Supreme Council meetings;

And Whereas, we are a fraternal association whereby all members are to be treated equally and fairly;

Resolved That, the Prince Edward Island State Council charge a \$5.00 assessment to each member of a Subordinate Council, excluding those members designated Honorary, Honorary Life and/or disabled for out-of-province travel provided that, a Subordinate Council can sell State lottery tickets or participate in

other State fundraisers and have the share normally payable to State Council offset the assessment amount that would be owing in whole or in part.

11. Resolution - State Deputy Honorarium

Resolved that, the State Deputy's honorarium be increased from \$1000.00 per fraternal year to \$1350.00 per fraternal year and to be paid at the commencement of each fraternal year.

(N.B. because of Article XI, section 3 of our State Council Bylaws, this increase will become effective during the 2008-2009 fraternal year.)

12. Resolution - Payment for Alcohol

Resolved that, no State Council funds shall be expended for the purchase of alcohol.

13. Resolution Adopting the Vests as the official Dress Code for Third Degree Functions

Whereas there is confusion within our jurisdiction as to whether the vest or a jacket and tie is the appropriate dress code for Third Degree Functions;

And Whereas the vests provide an immediate and highly visible identification of our members as members of the Knights of Columbus;

Resolved that the official dress code for all Third Degree functions including, but not limited to, State Installation of Officers and

State Council meetings, but excluding the State Convention Banquet, shall be the Knights of Columbus vests. Provided that, Fourth Degree members attending such events have the option of wearing their Fourth Degree regalia.

14.Christopher Fund Resolution

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council has established a **Matching Fund Program** whereby contributions from the Prince Edward Island State Council will be matched by the Supreme Council on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to a maximum of \$5.00 per member in Prince Edward Island, said funds to be contributed to Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc., and the earnings thereon to be paid annually for charitable purposes as established in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed beneficial to charitable programs of the Prince Edward Island State Council to avail itself of such a matching fund program and thereby enter into a cooperative arrangement with the Supreme Council whereby the charities of the Prince Edward Island State Council will receive greater benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2008 meeting of the Prince Edward Island State Council hereby adopts this resolution so as to re-affirm its participation in the **Matching Fund Program** proposed by resolution No.134 adopted at the 1992 Supreme Council Meeting which was agreed to by the Prince Edward Island State Council at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island State Council;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Prince Edward Island State Council shall donate to Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc. an amount of monies determined to be appropriate at each succeeding annual meeting, said monies to be transmitted to Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc. As soon as practicable after the conclusion of the annual

meeting, it being understood that the monies will be received and credited as of June 30 and December 31 of each year only;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby designate the following to be the recipient of the earnings on our portion of the Christopher Fund:

Name: Catholic Family Services Bureau Inc.
Address: 129 Pownall Street
PO Box 698
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Canada C1A 7L3
Charitable Tax #: 87579 2905 RR0001

it being understood that the earnings will be disbursed by cheque payable to these recipients but forwarded after April 1 of each year to the State Deputy of Prince Edward Island for appropriate presentation, it being further understood that the recipients may be changed from time to time by a State Council Resolution; and

Further Resolved, that we hereby establish a special committee consisting of the following State Officers: State Chaplain, State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden and the serving Past State Deputy to administer the Prince Edward Island State Council participation in the Christopher Fund, said committee to be known as the Christopher Fund Committee and to be composed of not more than seven (7) members, said Committee to perform all acts that are necessary in administering the Prince Edward Island State Council's participation in the Christopher Fund.

Resolution 15: Payment of State Deputy/Past State Deputies Expenses

RESOLVED THAT, no further expenditures be made by the Prince Edward State Council of the Knights of Columbus for any expenses of

State Deputies/Past State Deputies for past travel to any Supreme Council meeting, beyond that which has already been paid.

**RESOLUTION OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is most concerned that the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada are prepared to accept the execution of Canadians by the jurisdictions of other countries.

It is a basic Catholic teaching that the life and dignity of each human person must be respected and protected without exception. This should especially be true for democracies which are founded on respect for the rights and dignity of each person.

As taught in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2267, civil authorities should limit themselves to non-lethal means to defend and protect people's safety from an aggressor, "as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person."

The Permanent Council calls on the Government of Canada to reconsider its present stance and to return to the earlier policy of strenuously intervening with other governments when Canadians face a sentence of execution.

28 November 2007

Resolution 16: Support for CCCB Position on Capital Punishment

WHEREAS, the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, unanimously passed the following resolution:

AND WHEREAS, Most Reverend V. James Weisgerber, the President of The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has forwarded the attached correspondence to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P., the Prime Minister of Canada;

RESOLVED, that the State Council of the Prince Edward Island Knights of Columbus hereby endorses, without any reservations whatsoever, the said

resolution of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and urges all Knights of Columbus members to let their voices be heard, by the public and the members of the Parliament of Canada, of their opposition to this significant change in the Government's position on the execution of Canadians by the jurisdictions of other countries.

Volunteer Protection Act

CHAPTER 14 OF THE ACTS OF 2002 amended 2003 (2nd Sess.), c. 8

An Act to Limit the Liability of Volunteer Serving Non-profit Organizations

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the Volunteer Protection Act. 2002, c. 14, s. 1.

Interpretation

2 In this Act,

- (a) "damage" includes both physical and non-physical losses and both economic and non-economic losses;
- (b) "economic loss" means any pecuniary loss resulting from damage, including the loss of earnings or other benefits related to employment, medical expense loss, replacement services loss, loss due to death, burial costs and loss of business or employment opportunities;
- (c) "hospital" means a body designated as a hospital pursuant to the Hospitals Act;
- (d) "municipality" means a municipality as defined in Part XX of the Municipal Government Act;
- (e) "non-economic losses" means losses for physical and emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, physical impairment, mental anguish, disfigurement, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of society and companionship, loss of consortium, other than loss of domestic service, injury to reputation and all other non-pecuniary losses of any kind or nature;
- (f) "non-profit organization" means any non-profit body corporate or society incorporated under the Societies Act organized and conducted for public benefit and operated primarily for charitable, civic, educational, religious, welfare, health, sport, recreation, tourism, heritage or culture purposes, and includes a municipality, a school board, a regional library board or a hospital and, for greater certainty, includes each body designated as a non-profit organization by the Governor in Council in the regulations;
- (g) "school board" means a school board as defined in the Education Act;

(h) "volunteer" means an individual performing services for a non-profit organization who does not receive in respect of those services

(i) compensation, other than reasonable reimbursement or allowance for expenses actually incurred, or

(ii) money or any other thing of value in lieu of compensation in excess of five hundred dollars per year,

and may include a director, officer, trustee or employee of the organization. 2002, c. 14, s. 2.

Limitations on liability

3 (1) Notwithstanding any enactment, no volunteer of a non-profit organization is liable for damage caused by an act or omission of the volunteer on behalf of the organization if

(a) the volunteer was acting within the scope of the volunteer's responsibilities in the non-profit organization at the time of the act or omission; and

(b) the volunteer was properly licensed, certified or authorized, if required by law, by the appropriate authorities for the activities or practice undertaken by the volunteer at the time the damage occurred,

but the limitations on the liability of a volunteer under this Act do not apply if

(c) the damage was caused by willful, reckless or criminal misconduct or gross negligence by the volunteer;

(d) the damage was caused by the volunteer while operating a motor vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other vehicle for which the owner is required by law to maintain insurance;

(e) the act or omission which caused the damage constitutes an offence; or

(f) the volunteer was unlawfully using or impaired by alcohol or drugs at the time of the act or omission which caused the damage.

(2) Nothing in this Section affects the liability of any non-profit organization with respect to damage caused to any person, including damage caused by an act or omission of a volunteer of the organization, for which the volunteer is not liable pursuant to subsection (1).

(3) For greater certainty, where damages are awarded against or any amount is paid by a non-profit organization in respect of damage caused by a volunteer of the organization for which the volunteer is not liable pursuant to subsection (1), the organization has no right of recovery against the volunteer. 2002, c. 14, s. 3.

Solicitor-and-client costs

3A Where an action that is brought against a volunteer for damages caused by an act or omission of the volunteer on behalf of a non-profit organization does not result in a judgment against the volunteer, the volunteer is entitled to costs on a solicitor-and-client basis. 2003 (2nd Sess.), c. 8, s. 1.

Application of Act

4 This Act applies to any claim for damage caused by an act or omission of a volunteer where that claim is filed on or after the coming into force of this Act. 2002, c. 14, s. 4.

Regulations

5 (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations

(a) designating any agency, association, board, commission, corporation, office, society or other body as a non-profit organization;

(b) defining any word or expression used but not defined in this Act;

(c) deemed necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act.

(2) The exercise by the Governor in Council of the authority contained in subsection (1) is regulations within the meaning of the Regulations Act, 2002, c. 14, s. 5.

Proclamation

6 This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation. 2002, c. 14, s. 6.

Proclaimed - December 20, 2002

In force - January 1, 2003