



**Prince Edward Island
Knights of Columbus
State Convention
April 20-21, 2007**

Resolutions

The following resolutions were adopted by the delegates attending the 87th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention for the Province of Prince Edward Island, held on April 20-21, 2007 at Alberton, Prince Edward Island.

- 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. Whereas, our Great Order is celebrating its 125th anniversary;**

And Whereas, it is recognized that it was through the tireless efforts of a parish priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney that led to the formation of our Great Order;

And Whereas, it is believed that State Chaplains form an integral part of our Order within the jurisdictions and at the Supreme Council;

And Whereas, it is believed that the Supreme Convention could benefit from the spiritual guidance of the State Chaplains if they were present;

And Whereas it is further believed that their presence would be a tangible sign that we are truly in solidarity with our priests;

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. Whereas, the current Form 100 sets out all relevant information for members attaining the Honours of the First, Second and Third Degrees of our Order;**

And Whereas, the Fourth Degree uses a separate form for their members which does not contain the detail as set out on the Form100;

And Whereas, The Faithful Comptroller, in maintaining and updating their membership records concerning suspensions, deaths, re-admissions, change of address etc., could benefit from receiving the information contained on the Form 100;

Resolved that, the Supreme Council Board of Directors consider amendments to and/or the re-drafting of, the current Form 100 to ensure that the Faithful Controllers of the Assemblies, receive the information contained on the Form 100 for members within their Assemblies.

Members of the Resolution Committee:

David P. O'Brien, Q.C., State Advocate, Chair

Clare Birch, Grand Knight, St. Joachim's Council # 7105 (Vernon River)

John Cameron, Grand Knight, Rev. T.P. Butler Council # 7617 (Morell)

Russell Jones, Grand Knight, Bloomfield Council #13143 (Bloomfield)

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