

The Resolution Committee believes it is of particular importance to express our recognition and appreciation for the leadership of the Catholic Church in the State of South Dakota.

1. The first proposed resolution acknowledges the leadership provided by Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood of the Sioux Falls Diocese.
2. The second proposed resolution recognizes hard work and contributions of Watertown Knights of Columbus, Dennis Martenson, Duane Meyer, David Redder and Michael Roethler in planning and hosting this convention. Under everchanging circumstances, those individuals have sacrificed considerable time and resources in preparation for a successful convention.
3. Proposed Resolution Three recognizes Patrick Kelly as the Order's Fourteenth Supreme Knight and prays for his steadfast leadership as our great organization forges a path forward.
4. Proposed Resolution Four asks for the support of all councils concerning the canonization of Nicholas Black Elk.
5. Resolution Five asks support for the Set Ablaze Initiative.
6. This Resolution acknowledges the leadership of Most Reverend Peter Muhich as Bishop of the Rapid City Diocese.

There will be the opportunity for discussion upon these resolutions at the 120th State Convention. I ask your attention to and consideration of these Proposed Resolutions. Please feel free to contact me regarding these proposed resolutions.

Fraternally,
Albert Steven Fox
State Advocate
VIVAT JESUS

RESOLUTION NO 2024-01

WHEREAS, Bishop of a diocese is a most holy and most important position in teaching the Catholic Doctrine; and

WHEREAS, the position of Bishop is responsible for the government of a particular jurisdiction within the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, upon thoughtful consideration and prayer, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood as Bishop for the Diocese of Sioux Falls was installed and ordained as Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls on February 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood faced the challenge with dignity and with a deep commitment in furthering the teachings and doctrines of the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the entirety of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus is grateful to and honored by the leadership supplied by Most Reverend Donald DeGrood and Most Reverend Peter Muhich;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus, the whole organization of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus, and those members of the Knights of Columbus within the Diocese of Sioux Falls and Rapid City, extend its most sincere appreciation to Bishop Donald E. DeGrood for his commitment to the and leadership of the Diocese of Sioux Falls and pray for his continued guidance over the Sioux Falls Diocese.

Proposed by:

The Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

WHEREAS, the Watertown Knights of Columbus Council have come together to plan this Great Convention, under the leadership of Dennis Martenson, Duane Meyer, David Redder and Michael Roethler, and have put in considerable time and hard work to make this 120th Annual Convention of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus a great success; and

WHEREAS, all those members of the above Councils, who have assisted in hosting this great convention have made a very valuable contribution toward the purposes for which the Knights of Columbus were established;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the South Dakota State Council hereby expresses its most sincere gratitude to Dennis Martenson, Duane Meyer, David Redder and Michael Roethler, and all members of the Council, and their wives, for making this convention so very successful and enjoyable.

Proposed By:

The Resolution Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

WHEREAS, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus is a most holy and a most important position for the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus serves as a leader for the more than 15,000 Councils and nearly 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus across the world; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the Knights of Columbus depends upon the guidance and steady hand of the Supreme Knight; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the Order's Fourteenth Supreme Knight on February 5, 2021, to continue the mission of charity, unity and fraternity established by Blessed Michael McGivney; and

WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly began his tenure as Supreme Knight on March 1, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus, the worthy Delegates attending this great convention, and the whole membership of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus acknowledge, welcome, and are grateful for the appointment of Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, and pray for his guidance and wisdom in his leadership of the Knights of Columbus;

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knights of Columbus across the State of South Dakota send their prayers in support of Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly in his goals for leading the Knights of Columbus and in his efforts to further the mission and values of our Order.

Proposed By:

The Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

The following Resolution is hereby presented by the State of South Dakota Knights of Columbus;

Whereas, Nicholas Black Elk worked tirelessly for the Catholic faith in South Dakota, especially among his people; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus are honored to support canonization of Nicholas Black Elk; and

Whereas, the prayers and support of all of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus should and need to be given in support of the canonization of Nicholas Black Elk;

Therefore, it is resolved that the South Dakota State Knights of Columbus request and encourage every local Knights of Columbus Council to:

1. Pray for the canonization of Nicholas Black Elk at their meetings; and
2. To share the Black Elk documentary "Walking The Good Red Road, Nicholas Black Elk's Journey to Sainthood" both in their councils and in their Church; and
3. In every way available the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the local Knights of Columbus councils are encouraged to take steps in prayer and presentations, for the advancement to canonization of Nicholas Black Elk.

Proposed By:

The Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05

Whereas, the Eastern Diocese of South Dakota has enacted a Set Ablaze Initiative to reinvigorate the Church; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus fully support such initiative; and

Whereas, many Knights are involved in all aspects of the initiative;

Therefore, it is resolved that South Dakota Knights of Columbus:

1. Request and encourage that every local Knights of Columbus Council, especially those on the East River, pray for and support the Set Ablaze Initiative.
2. That they share their talents, time and energy in support of the Set Ablaze Initiative.
3. That in every way possible the State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the local Knights of Columbus take steps for the advancement and success of the Set Ablaze Program.

Proposed By:

The Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06

WHEREAS, Bishop of a diocese is a most holy and most important position in teaching the Catholic Doctrine; and

WHEREAS, the position of Bishop is responsible for the government of a particular jurisdiction with the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, upon thoughtful consideration and prayer, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Most Reverend Peter Muhich as Bishop for the Diocese of Rapid City on May 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Most Reverend Peter Muhich was consecrated and ordained as Bishop of the Diocese of Rapid City on July 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Most Reverend Peter Muhich died on February 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the entirety of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus was grateful and honored by the leadership supplied by Most Reverend Peter Mulich.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of Columbus within the Diocese of Rapid City, extend their most sincere appreciation to Bishop Peter Muhich for his commitment to the and leadership of the Diocese of Rapid City and pray for his soul to be delivered unto heaven.

Proposed by:

The Resolutions Committee