

RESOLUTION NO 2026-01

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

WHEREAS, the 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 on December 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Most Reverend Donald DeGrood was installed and ordained as Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls on February 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood faces 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 of Most Reverend Donald DeGrood;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and all of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus, especially those members of the Knights of Columbus within the Diocese of Sioux Falls, extend its most sincere appreciation to Bishop Donald E. DeGrood for his commitment to the and leadership of the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

Proposed by:

The Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

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

WHEREAS, the 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 Scott Bullock as Bishop for the Diocese of Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, Most Reverend Scott Bullock was consecrated and ordained as Bishop of the Diocese of Rapid City on September 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the entirety of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus is grateful and honored by the leadership supplied by Most Reverend Scott Bullock;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and all of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus, especially those members of the Knights of Columbus within the Diocese of Rapid City, extend its most sincere appreciation to Bishop Scott Bullock for his commitment to and leadership of the Diocese of Rapid City, and pray for his continued guidance over the Diocese of Rapid City.

Proposed by:

The Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

WHEREAS, the Pierre Knights of Columbus Council have come together to plan this Great Convention, and under the leadership of Tim Pugh, Gaylen Jordre, and Pat Thompson have put in considerable time and hard work to make this 122nd Annual Convention of the South Dakota Knights of Columbus a great success; and

WHEREAS, all those members of the above Council, 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 the Knights of Pierre, especially Tim Pugh, Gaylen Jordre, Pat Thompson, and all members of the above Council, and their wives, for making this convention successful and enjoyable.

Proposed By:

The Resolution Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

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 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 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. 2026-05

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. To take action in every way available through the South Dakota State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the local Knights of Columbus Councils, including encouraging prayer and presentations, for the advancement to canonization of Nicholas Black Elk.

Proposed By:

The Resolution Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

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

WHEREAS, the East River Diocese is in the process of using Set Ablaze to reinvigorate the churches and people within the Diocese, and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are vitally interested in the success of the Catholic Church across the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are honored to support the Bishop and the Church in the Set Ablaze program; therefore

IT IS RESOLVED by the South Dakota Knights of Columbus that each and every local Knights of Columbus Council and member shall be encouraged to:

1. Pray for the success of the Set Ablaze program;
2. To share their skills and talents to help make Set Ablaze successful in South Dakota;
3. To use their skills and talents and the resources of their Council and of themselves as individuals to make Set Ablaze successful in encouraging the present Catholics, those who are falling away, and those who are not yet Catholics to join in the benefits of the Set Ablaze program in the Church.

Proposed by:

The Resolution Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-7

Whereas the State per capita has been at \$10 for an extended time;

Whereas the work at the South Dakota Knights of Columbus continues to grow and serve the people of South Dakota;

Whereas the expenses of the State in doing its good work have continued to grow;

Whereas the State has in every way possible, been conservative in the use of the state resources but finds a small increase is necessary;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the State Per capita shall be raised to \$12 to continue and support the good works of the Knights of Columbus in South Dakota.

Proposed by:

The Past State Deputies

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