



# Knights of Columbus

## West Virginia State Council

BRIAN L. GORDON, STATE SECRETARY

**To: Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Program Directors, Committee Chairmen, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, and Past State Deputies**

**From: Brian Gordon, WV State Secretary**

**Date: February 24, 2025**

**Re: State Convention Notification, Necrology, and Resolutions Presented at State and Supreme Council Meetings**

In fulfillment of Article I Section 3 of the WV Knights of Columbus State Council by-laws, I hereby notify you that our annual State Council meeting, the 2025 State Convention, will be held on May 17 and 18 in St. Albans, WV. Information regarding the agenda, accommodations, and credentials will be sent out in the near future.

The first order of business is the preparation of the necrology for the Mass. The necrology is a means of giving formal recognition to the families of deceased leaders from across the State so that the works of these great men are not forgotten. The necrology shall include, but not be limited to, Chaplains, State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Masters, and Faithful Navigators who have passed away since last year's State Convention. I have enclosed a necrology reporting sheet. Please send the completed form for your council to me at 229 Marwin Drive, Wheeling, WV, 26003 or electronically to [bgordon229@comcast.net](mailto:bgordon229@comcast.net).

Secondly, the Laws of the Knights of Columbus permit State Councils to submit to the Supreme Council resolutions that pertain to issues affecting the entire Order. All such resolutions should be submitted in good faith and in a spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity. If your council wishes to submit a resolution to the State Council for submission to the Supreme Council, please bear in mind that the resolutions process was established to enable subordinate councils to:

1. Express gratitude or support for a person, a fraternal program, or a policy of the Order;
2. Amend the Constitution or Laws of the Order;
3. Express an official position of the Knights of Columbus on matters relevant to the mission and identity of the Order;
4. Submit nominations for Supreme Director; and
5. Offer proposals to enhance the Order's fraternal mission.

State Councils cannot submit resolutions that: (1) concern monetary expenditures by the Supreme Council, such as financial grants to organizations; (2) deal exclusively with matters of local significance that are relevant only to that particular jurisdiction; (3) recognize, commend, denounce, or criticize individual persons or other organizations; (4) propose changes to administrative policies, functions, or procedures of Home Office Departments; or (5) have been rejected by delegates to the Supreme Council in recent years.

Our State Council also uses the resolutions process to amend our own by-laws. Upon adoption of a resolution proposing any changes to its by-laws, the State Council will submit the proposed amendments to the Supreme Secretary, who will forward them to the Supreme Advocate for review and recommendation by a committee of the Board of Directors. The committee will then present the proposed amendments to the full Board of Directors. The Board will consider and vote upon these amendments at its meeting in August. The proposed amendments will not be effective unless and until the Board of Directors has approved them.

All resolutions, including any proposed changes to our by-laws, need to be sent to the WV State Secretary (me), no later than April 12<sup>th</sup>. This is to allow time for me to pass them on to the State Advocate (Carmen Romano) and refer them to the Committee on Resolutions for review prior to the State Convention in May.

Thank you for assisting us in completing these tasks. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (bgordon229@comcast.net or 304-243-5677). I look forward to seeing you in St. Albans on the weekend of May 17-18 for our 123<sup>rd</sup> West Virginia State Convention.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

Best Regards,  
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