

**Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus**  
**Annual State Convention, Mackinac Island**  
**May 27, 2016**

**1-PAGE SUMMARY ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Review and implement these 5 Actions on Resolutions from Supreme Convention in August, 2015, which are posted on the Supreme website. In brief, they are:

1. **Culture of Life.** Support legislation protecting human life in all its stages. Support crisis pregnancies with alternatives to abortion, including adoption. Provide spiritual support to those suffering from the after-effects of abortion. Never invite or permit use of council facilities by any persons who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate for the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia. Pray the Rosary, fast and do penance in reparation for the evils perpetrated against the gift of life.
2. **Culture of Marriage.** Promote the Church's understanding of marriage as the faithful, exclusive and lifelong union of one man and one woman joined in an intimate partnership of life and love. Pray that officials adopt laws and judges make decisions that affirm the family and the authentic nature of marriage. Promote St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* and Pope Francis' *The Joy of Love*, through sponsorship of parish programs or invitation of spouses to council meetings on the family led by the chaplain or pastor.
3. **Defense of Religious Liberty.** Oppose the HHS mandate and protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience.
4. **Solidarity with Persecuted Christians.** Support our persecuted brothers and their families in Middle East. Contribute to relief efforts. Pray God will look with mercy on those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus, who "are in danger of nonexistence."
5. **Honoring our Armed Forces.** Recognize contributions of Active Duty, Guard, Reserves, veterans, retired service members. Support and encourage their families. Recognize contributions of all first responders.

In addition to these five general actions adopted at the Supreme Convention, also:

6. Ask the pastor, "**How can the Knights better serve your parish?**" Carefully listen and prayerfully respond.
7. Volunteer to serve on the ministry of the **Christian Service Commission** and be represented as empowered parishioners with access to council resources.
8. Non-parish based councils must assess how that relationship supports its fulfillment of the core mission of the Knights of Columbus; **establish an active parish presence** through the Parish Round Table Program.
9. Use the monthly themes in **Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive (While Strengthening Our Parish)** program in planning its events and activities. Give priority in Family Activity category to activities related to our Building the Domestic Church program; give priority in Church Activity to programs which more fully integrate council activities within the life of their parish; give priority in Youth Activity to those programs which strengthen/support parish-based youth ministry. Consider how council, Community and Culture of Life activities may have greater participation by the wider parish community.
10. **Three for Life.** Every 3 months contact members with <3 years in the Order. Show concern, listen, inform them of upcoming events, and invite them to participate in council projects.
11. Ask the pastor where he needs the involvement of more Knights in **youth programs**.
12. Include our **fraternal benefits** program whenever you discuss our Order.
13. Work alongside **our clergy/ pastor** on all aspects of the parish as he may request.