

A Resolution to Disestablish 4th Degree Assemblies and Merge Functions into Councils

Submitted by: St. John the Apostle Council #13467

WHEREAS: the intent of this Resolution is, in good faith, to strengthen and enhance the tenets of the principles of the Knights of Columbus, in the spirit of charity, unity, fraternity, AND patriotism;

WHEREAS: the Supreme Knight recently addressed concerns that the Fourth Degree members are increasingly aging and dying, resulting in smaller numbers in the Assemblies due to smaller numbers of Knights entering the Fourth Degree, and requires immediate attention throughout the Order;

WHEREAS: the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors recently implemented changes to the Fourth Degree regalia in an attempt to attract younger Knights into the Fourth Degree;

WHEREAS: the Knights of Columbus requires Fourth Degree members to allocate additional time away from their families to attend Assembly meetings separate from Council meetings, causing some Knights to purposely choose not to be active in either the Council or Assembly;

WHEREAS: the Knights of Columbus requires additional dues for Fourth Degree members to remain in good standing, in addition to required Council dues;

WHEREAS: the Knights of Columbus requires Brother Knights to volunteer for Officer and Director positions in both Councils and Assemblies that potentially causes some active Knights to participate in both Council and Assembly activities impacting time away from their families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Virginia State Knights of Columbus urge the Supreme council of the Knights of Columbus to review and consider the disestablishment of Knights of Columbus Assemblies and merge all Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus activities and functions into Knights' parent Councils, but retain a Province/Provincial structure to sustain Color Corps organizational requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Virginia State Knights of Columbus also urge the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, upon approval of disestablishment of Assemblies, to:

- retain the Master positions for sustainment of the Fourth Degree ceremonies at the Supreme and State levels;
- consider redistribution of all monies and assets via a "fair share" based on a per capita basis of active Fourth Degree Knights, but only after all obligations and liabilities are divested;
- consider the appointment of Officer positions within the Council structure to support and sustain those activities formerly held by Assemblies (i.e., Color Corps, Chalice Ceremonies, Veterans Outreach, etc.)

Committee Action

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Virginia State Council Action

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