

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

We as members of the Knights of Columbus must reaffirm and practice our longstanding commitment to the sanctity of human life with the passage of a resolution prohibiting candidates for public office who support abortion from speaking at Knights of Columbus events or using K of C buildings for political events or campaign activities.

The delegates of the Supreme Convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1998 and again in Boston in 2000 passed unanimously "The Crusade for Life Resolution" and every year after that. This resolution confirms officially our policy that public officials or candidates for public office who do not support the legal protection of unborn children against abortions or who advocate the legalization of assisted suicide, defend the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death euthanasia, or partial-birth abortions not be invited to any Knights of Columbus event.

This resolution also restated the policy of "not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event; persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate for the legalization of assisted suicide, euthanasia, or other offenses against human life; and of prohibiting such persons from renting or otherwise using facilities over which we have control, or speaking at Knights of Columbus events, or bestowing on them honors or privileges of our Order of any kind, or inviting them to serve as honorary chairpersons of events, celebrations, or committees, or hold any office in the Knights of Columbus".

The formal passage of this resolution unquestionably solidifies our informal policy which has been in effect for many years but which had never been in writing. During the last few public elections, we received complaints from Priests, members and the public on their local K of C's involvement with those candidates who do not represent our beliefs.

We are sending this letter with a copy of the resolution and a sample copy of a rental agreement disclaimer to every Grand Knight and ask that they be read to the membership and a copy of this letter and resolution be forwarded to the Building Corporation President and Rental Agent.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact any State Officer at any time.

Fraternally,



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State Deputy