

I MINA'BENTE ÑEUBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
(TWENTY-NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE)
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Exec. Comm.
Resolution No. 123 ~~(EC)~~

Introduced by:

A. B. PALACIOS, SR.

RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH (125TH) ANNIVERSARY; RECOGNIZING THE FORMATION OF THE LOCAL GUAM COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OVER FORTY-TWO YEARS AGO; AND FURTHER EXTENDING A "DANGKOLO' NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE' FOR ITS NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT TO THE ISLAND COMMUNITY IN ITS UNWAVERING LOVE AND COMMITMENT FOR GUAM AND HER PEOPLE.

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE ÑEUBI NA LIHESLATURAN*
2 *GUÅHAN*:

3 WHEREAS, In October 1881, a dream was conceived by Rev. Father
4 Michael J. McGivney, the curate at St. Mary Church in New Haven,
5 Connecticut for the creation of an organization with the purpose to remain
6 steadfast in their catholic and religious faith through mutual
7 encouragement, and to further establish an insurance system that would
8 provide necessary support and financial assistance to immediate family
9 members upon the death of their loved ones in the organization; and

10 WHEREAS, On the date of March 29, 1882, the dream of Fr.
11 McGivney took root and developed into an organization which was
12 granted its charter by the State of Connecticut, and the name of "Knights

1 **of Columbus**” was chosen by its original deep-rooted catholic founders as
2 a special tribute to Christopher Columbus, who was a devout Catholic and
3 the discoverer of America. As the Knights of Columbus, its members
4 embodied the ideals of spirituality and service to the Catholic church,
5 country, fellow men, and their families; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus organization is composed of
7 the Supreme Council, State Councils and Local Councils, that promote and
8 advocate the tremendous importance of spiritual faith in God through
9 Catholicism, and sharing one’s personal and professional talents and skills
10 with one’s families and the people in their communities; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Today, the Knights of Columbus through the
12 embodiment of its foremost Catholic ideologies boasts a vibrant, active
13 membership of more than 1.7 million members and their families
14 throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Puerto
15 Rico, Guam, Caribbean, Poland, Bahamas, Dominican Republic,
16 Guatemala, Saipan, Virgin Islands, and Cuba; and

17 **WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus have over its many years of
18 existence has maintained its unique strength and stability which have been
19 based on the four binding principles of **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY,**
20 and **PATRIOTISM**. This pillar of strength and stability is further
21 reinforced by the tremendous successes of the Order’s assets and insurance
22 program; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The Knights of Columbus’ organizational tenets include
24 the following objectives: 1.) To support the Catholic Church, 2.) To build

1 fraternal bonds through social, religious, educational and athletic activities,
2 3.) To provide comfort and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy
3 members and their families, 4.) To reach out to meet community needs and
4 services, and 5.) To provide financial security to its members and their
5 families; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The Knights of Columbus organization is a Catholic
7 family fraternal service organization, with its members sharing their time
8 and talents in a vigorous program of services and in which its members
9 originate from all walks of life, i.e. doctors, lawyers, bricklayers, priests,
10 teachers, farmers, clerks, policemen, firefighters, and many others; and

11 **WHEREAS,** In an effort to promote similar ideologies of
12 Catholicism, family, and community support, the Guam Knights of
13 Columbus organizational affiliate was established in 1965 as a Territorial
14 Council with the first, official council on Guam as the San Vitores Council.
15 Over these past Forty-Two years, Guam's membership councils expanded
16 to its present day total number of eighteen (18) Local Councils. Due to this
17 tremendous growth in local membership, to include the total number of
18 Councils and the Saipan Councils, the Supreme Council of the Knights of
19 Columbus extended further recognition to Guam and granted full status as
20 a State, which officially became Guam State Council No. 99092; and

21 **WHEREAS,** The Knights of Columbus' organizational objectives are
22 collectively programmed into various facets of a member's life to include:
23 church, community, council, family, and youth activities. Aside from the
24 Color Corps of the Fourth Degree Knights, the Knights continue to be in

1 close harmony with priests, provide services and maintenance on church
2 buildings and grounds, and support numerous civic and community
3 activities and organizations i.e. Special Olympic games, Alee Shelter for
4 battered women and children, Pro-Life Organizational activities, burial of
5 unborn fetuses at Guam Memorial Hospital, Catholic schools, Catholic
6 Social Services, construct memorials and monuments for unborn children,
7 and numerous other community service activities; now, therefore be it,

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
9 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, extends its **congratulations** to the
10 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** on the occasion of the celebration of its
11 national charter, its One Hundred Twenty-Fifth (125th) anniversary; and
12 further recognizes the Guam Knights of Columbus organization for over
13 Forty-Two (42) years of existence since its formation, being eventually
14 upgraded and given formal State recognition, known today as the Guam
15 State Council No. 99092; extends a “**Dangkolo’ Na Si Yu’os Ma’ase’**”
16 (Thank You Very Much) to the local, national, and international members
17 of the Knights of Columbus for their outstanding service and contribution
18 to the community of Guam and worldwide communities in support of the
19 advocacy of the Catholic religious faith, family, and numerous community
20 activities; and extends its best wishes for continuous success in its
21 endeavors on the growth in the Knights of Columbus membership, and in
22 the preservation of its fundamental principles of **CHARITY, UNITY,**
23 **FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM**; and, be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
25 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be

1 thereafter transmitted to Sir Knight Joseph J. A. Yatar, the State Deputy of
2 the Knights of Columbus, Guam State Council No. 99092; Sir Knight
3 Raymond Arroyo, District Master of the Fourth Degree, Guam State
4 Council No. 99092; Sir Knight Frank Florig, Immediate Past State Deputy
5 of the Knights of Columbus, Guam State Council No. 99092; Most
6 Reverend, His Excellency Anthony S. Apuron, Archbishop of the
7 Archdiocese of Hagatna, Guam; Reverend Fr. Joseph M. English, State
8 Chaplain, Knights of Columbus, Guam State Council No. 99092; Grand
9 Knights of the Local Councils, Knights of Columbus, Guam; Sir Knight
10 Carl A. Andersen, Worthy Supreme Knight of the Supreme Council,
11 Knights of Columbus; Sir Knight Robert J. Lane, Supreme Secretary of the
12 Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus; Guam State Council No. 99092;
13 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the U. S. House of
14 Representatives; and, Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF 2007.**

EDWARD CALVO
Acting-Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature