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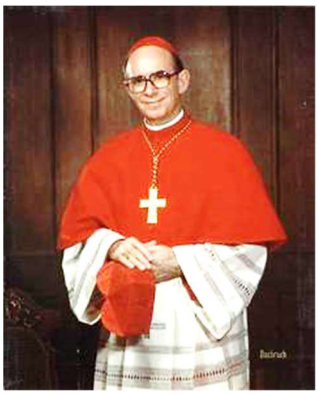
Purpose: To recognize outstanding achievements and persons whose leadership made significant impact on the South Carolina Jurisdiction.

1. Msgr. Joseph L. Bernardin
Rev P. N. Lynch Council 704, Charleston



- Born in Columbia, SC on April 2, 1928
- Baptized and confirmed at St. Peter Catholic Church in Columbia, SC
- Ordained to the priesthood April 26, 1952, by Most Rev. John J. Russell, Bishop of Charleston
- State Chaplain of the South Carolina State Council for 1965-1967.
- Credited with initiating the State Charity Drive
- Vicar General of the Diocese of Charleston
- Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta by Pope Paur VI in March 1966 – at 38 years of age, the youngest bishop in America.
- Served as the first General Secretary of National Conference of Catholic Bishops from 1968 to 1972.
- Appointed Archbishop of Cincinnati.in November 1972 by Pope Paul VI.
- Appointed Archbishop of Chicago by Pope John Paul II in July 1982. And elevated to Cardinal in February 1983.
- Died November 14, 1966.

2. William Kenneth Johnson, FSW, PSD, FVSM
Rev. P. N. Lynch Council 704, Charleston
Rev P. N. Lynch Assembly 704 (1071), Charleston

- State Deputy of South Carolina Jurisdiction 1965 – 1967
- Supreme Warden 1967 – 1969. First and only Supreme Officer from South Carolina
- Vice Supreme Master of the DeSoto Province 1970 – 1978, First VSM from the South Carolina District
- Founded Soil Consultants, Inc. Foundation & Testing Engineers and served as its President from 1951 to 2001.
- Served as president of the SC Society of Engineers.
- He was a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

- Served as chairman of the Citadel CEF Foundation and served on the Advisory Board of the Citadel's Civil Engineering Department.
- Served in leadership positions in multiple civic organizations in the Charleston area.

3. Fred M. Bultman, PSD

Bishop John England Council 724, Columbia

- Served as first State Deputy of South Carolina State Council,1921 – 1923.
- (Served as the sixth and last State Deputy of the Carolina State Council, 1920 – 1921.)

4. John F. Rafferty

Rev P. N. Lynch Council 704, Charleston
Rev. P. N. Lynch Assembly 704 (1071), Charleston

- Charter Faithful Navigator of the Rev. P. N. Lynch Assembly 704 (1071), the first Assembly established in South Carolina.
- (Served as the first State Deputy of the Carolinas, 1911-1912.)
- (Served for three terms as the fourth State Deputy of the Carolinas, 1915-1918.)

5. Arthur E. Anderson, FDM

Rev P. N. Lynch Council 704, Charleston
Rev. P. N. Lynch Assembly 704 (1071), Charleston

- Through his personal effort and drive, he was instrumental in convincing the Supreme Council to form the Fourth Degree South Carolina District. 1950
- Served as the first Forth Degree District Master of the South Carolina District. 1950 - 1954

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6. First Charter Grand Knights in South Carolina

Charter Grand Knight	Council	Name	City	Charter Date
William Moran, Sr.	704	Rev. P.N. Lynch	Charleston	10/28/1902
Patrick Drew	724	Bishop John England	Columbia	1/29/1903
Michael Reddin	1668	Msgr. Andrew K. Gwynn	Greenville	1/12/1913
P. Gallagher	2207	Bishop Henry P. Northrop	Sumter	10/3/1920

These leaders formed the first four Councils in the state of South Carolina. Within 7 months of the founding of Council 2207, the South Carlina State Council was established by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors. – June 27, 1921. The first new council of the South Carolina Jurisdiction occurred 27 years later.

Charter Grand Knight	Council	Name	City	Charter Date
Greg R. Duffy	3067	Joseph Miguel Ros, Sr.	Georgetown	6/28/1947

7. First Charter Faithful Navigators in South Carolina

Charter Faithful Navigator	Assembly	Name	City	Charter Date
John F. Rafferty	704 (1071)	Rev. P.N. Lynch	Charleston	12/14/1911
Joseph R. Allen	724 (1072)	Bishop John England	Columbia	5/1/1919
John B. Garrison	1668 (1073)	Msgr. Charles J. Baum	Greenville	6/27/1948

These leaders formed the first three Assemblies in the state of South Carolina. Eighteen months after the founding of Assembly 1668, the South Carlina Fourth Degree District was established by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors - 1950. The first new assembly of the South Carolina District occurred 12 years later.

Charter Faithful Navigator	Assembly	Name	City	Charter Date
Joseph J. Monahon, Jr	3684 (1074)	Bishop Ignatius A. Reynolds (Msgr. George Lewis Smith)	Aiken	11/25/1960

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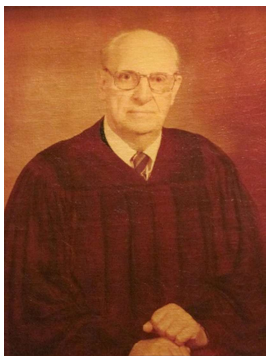
8. Judge William P. Donelan, PSD, FDM
Bishop John England Council 724, Columbia
Bishop John England Assembly 724 (1072), Columbia



- Served as both the 10th & 12th State Deputy - 3 terms 1939-1940 & 1941-1943.
- Served as the second District Master of the South Carolina Fourth Degree District 1954 – 1958.
- Quarterback for University of South Carolina.
- Elected to the South Carolina State Legislature and served in the General Assembly in 1935 and 1936.
- During World War II, he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corp and served with distinction in the Pacific theatre and was honorable discharged at the end of the war as a Captain.
- Appointed to the South Carolina Supreme Court in 1977.
- Honored with Order of Palmetto on 2/3/1978 by Governor James B. Edwards. The Order of the Palmetto is awarded by a SC governor and is the highest civilian honor to South Carolinians who demonstrate extraordinary lifetime achievement, service, and contributions of national or statewide significance.

9. Francis B. Kerr, Sr., FDM
Rev P. N. Lynch Council 704, Charleston
Rev. P. N. Lynch Assembly 704 (1071), Charleston

- Served as the 3rd District Master of the South Carolina Fourth Degree District. 1958 – 1962.
- Established the South Carolina District Exemplification Team in 1951 and served as the team director for over 50 years. The team, now known as the Charleston team, was the only exemplification team for the District until 2014.
- Served on the District Exemplification Team as the first Historian. Performed as the Historian for over 50 years. Known for his dynamic and impressive performance.
- Dynamic leader provided significant impact and mentoring to the SC District and District Masters for more than four decades.

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10. James N. Steadman, Jr. PSD
Rev P. N. Lynch Council 704, Charleston
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- Served as State Deputy 1961 – 1963.
- Youngest State Deputy - 32 years, 1 month, 23 Days of age.
- Served on the District Exemplification Team as Registrar. Performed as the Registrar for over 30 years.

11. Joseph E. Moran, Jr. PSD
Rev P. N. Lynch Council 704, Charleston

- Served as State Deputy 1976 – 1978
- Responsible for the development of eight (8) new councils during his 2 years as State Deputy increasing the State Council from 14 Councils to 22 Councils (nearly a 60% increase):

	Council	Name	City	Charter Date
15th	6847	Msgr. Martin C. Murphy	East Columbia	10/10/1976
16th	6884	Fr. Thomas Tierney	Seneca	4/3/1977
17th	6891	Edisto	Orangeburg	3/20/1977
18th	6892	Father Frederick H. Suggs	Irmo	3/13/1977
19th	6900	The Citadel	Citadel	3/13/1977
20th	7062	Fr. Joseph J. Murphy	North Augusta	3/19/1978
21st	7122	Our Lady Star of the Sea	North Myrtle Beach	5/21/1978
22nd	7129	Fr. John B. Adair	Greenwood	6/11/1978

12. Michael W. Telesco, PSD, FDM
Fr. Ronald P. Anderson Council 8900, North Charleston
Rev. P. N. Lynch Assembly 704 (1071), Charleston

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- Served three terms as State Deputy 1982 – 1985.
- Appointed the 8th District Master 1976 – 1980.
- Served as State Ceremonial Director for over 25 years.
- First 3rd Degree Conferring Officer in the state, [Note: 3rd Degree Conferring Officers were certified by a Supreme Council representative present at a live 3rd Degree ceremony.]
- Under his leadership, South Carolina State Council achieved 95 per cent certified First Degree Teams – the highest jurisdiction in the Order.
- After many years as the State Council HOPE Charity Chairman, he organized the establishment of the HOPE Foundation and served as director for over 20 years.
- Served as the State Council Historian, compiling a significant state history, especially the list of State Chaplains, District Friars, Charter Grand Knights, and Charter Council Chaplains.
- A dynamic leader who made a significant impact on the State Council acting as mentor for the State Deputies serving between 198o and 2014. His impact and influence on the State Council cannot be overstated.

13. F. Roosevelt Cummings, PSD, FDM

Msgr. Martin C. Murphy Council 6847, East Columbia
Bishop John England Assembly 1071, Columbia

- Served two terms as State Deputy, 2002 – 2004. The first and only African American to serve as the South Carolina State Deputy.
- Appointed to serve two terms as the Fourth Degree District Master, 2006-2010. The first and only African American to serve as the South Carolina District Master.
- Established eight (8) new assemblies in the District. This is three times more new assemblies than any other SC District Master, [Note: Six other DM are tied for second with only two new assemblies.] This increased the number of assemblies in the District from 19 to 27, a 42% growth by one District Master.

14. Stephen T. Dunlap, PSD, FVSM, FDM

Msgr. Richard C. Madden Council 6629, Summerville

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Rev. P. N. Lynch Assembly1071, Charleston

- Elected to two terms as State Deputy 1990 – 1992.
- Appointed the 13th District Master 1994 – 1998.
- Appointed Vice Supreme Master of the De Soto Province, 1999-2003. The second SC Knight to be appointed VSM; 21 years after W. Ken Johnson.
- Published the "Palmetto Bulletin" monthly for the State Council from 1996 until 2024.