Knights of Columbus
South Carolina State Council Legacy
SC District Exemplar History 1951-2025

The first Fourth Degree Exemplification was held on George Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1900 in New York City for 1383 new candidates. Information on the exemplification between then and 1910 is very limited. In 1908, the Board of Directors established a committee headed by John H. Reddin to revised the Fourth Degree Ceremony and Laws. In 1910, the Exemplification was issued and John H. Reddin was appointed the first Supreme Master.

The major Exemplars were Historian, Registrar, Narrator, Expositor of the Constitution, Defender of the Faith and the Marshall. Between 1910 and 2025, the parts remained basically unchanged with the exception the Catholic history covered primarily by the Registrar. The Catholic history in 1910 basically ended with the Civil War. By 2025 it included WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, 9/11, Afghanistan and Iraqi Wars.

The SC District was established in 1950 under the first SC District Master Arthur E. Anderson with first SC Exemplification being held on 4/8/1951 in Charleston, SC. The team was headed by future District Master Francis B. Kerr and Msg. John L. Manning. There was one SC Fourth Degree Exemplification team comprised primarily of members from the Charleston area until 2014, when Charles T. Van Dermark received permission from District Master Michael J. Mika to start the Myrtle Beach Team. In 2017, District Master Tom Monahon requested Ronald Stanley to form a team in the "Up State."

Team Captain	Years		Exemplification Team
Francis B. Kerr, FDM	1951	2005	South Carolina
Francis B. Kerr, Jr,	2005	2012	South Carolina
James P. Anderson	2013	2014	South Carolina
James P. Anderson	2014	2018	Charleston
John P. Sulkowski	2019	2023	Charleston
Charles T. Van Dermark	2014	2019	Myrtle Beach
Robert J. Rooney	2020	2025	Myrtle Beach
Ronald L Stanley	2017	2025	Up State

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Historian	Years		Team
Francis B. Kerr, FDM	1951	1999	South Carolina
Thomas M. Monahon, PSD, FVSM	2000	2023	SC/Charleston
Francis T. Endl	2014	2016	Myrtle Beach
Robert J Rooney	2017	2025	Myrtle Beach
Ronald L Stanley	2017	2025	Up State

Registrar	Years		Team
Walter V. Duane, PSD		1969	South Carolina
James P. Anderson	1970	2018	SC/Charleston
Thomas E Plichta	2019	2025	Charleston
Henry F. Gouveia	2014	2014	Myrtle Beach
Dr. Joseph A. Kinney	2015	2015	Myrtle Beach
Jeffrey M Crouch, PSD, SD	2017	2025	Up State

Narrator	Years		Team
Daniel J. Sullivan, FDM	1951	1963	South Carolina
James Nathan Stedman, Jr., PSD	1964	1999	South Carolina
James (Buster) Dangerfield	1998	2009	South Carolina
Francis B. Kerr, Jr.	2010	201	SC/Charleston
Daniel E. Barton PSD, VSM	2014	2024	Charleston
Ronald E. Gilbert,	2014	2014	Myrtle Beach
James A. Tomsic	2018	2025	Myrtle Beach
Charles A Bathon	2017	2025	Up State

Expositor of the Constitution	Years		Team
William Ken Johnson		1968	South Carolina
Ronnie L. Myatt	1969	2013	SC/Charleston
Robert K. Poyer	2014	2025	Charleston
Joseph C. Gabriel	2014	2014	Myrtle Beach
Matthew C. Intrieri, Jr.	2018	2025	Myrtle Beach
Michael E Baldwin	2018	2025	Up State
Lawerence G. Miller	2021	2025	Up State

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Defender of the Faith	Years		Team
George L. Duffy	1951	~1969	South Carolina
Edward W. Duffy	~1970	1999	South Carolina
John Sulkowski	1998	2023	SC/Charleston
James R. Bowers	2014	2019	Myrtle Beach
Patrick J Shamroe	2017	2025	Up State

Marshal	Years		Team
William J. Croghan, Sr.			South Carolina
Matthew Oliver	1958	1962	South Carolina
William H. Baker	~1962	1980	South Carolina
Matthew Oliver, FDM	1981	1982	South Carolina
Thomas M. Monahon, PSD, FVSM	1983	1999	South Carolina
Thomas Jaskunas	2000	2002	South Carolina
Al Styles	2003	2005	South Carolina
Gary D. Hart	2006	2025	SC/Charleston
Charles T. Van Demark	2014	2019	Myrtle Beach
Chritopher T. Carter	2022	2025	Up State

It should be noted there are eight (8) primary parts. In addition to the six listed above, the District Master and District Friar also have a major part. Since these to primary positions are published separately, they were not included to prevent duplication of information

In addition to the eight primary parts, there were Inside and Outside Guards and Aides who supported the Exemplifications. In fact, many of the Exemplars listed above worked 2-5 years on the team before assuming an Exemplars part. There were too many to list. Music has always been a part of the Exemplification; originally an organist and choir was recommended, later stereos, tapes and CD players became standard. In 2008, Supreme included CD Audio and Visual (Slides) The AV personnel were certified by Supreme also. I have not included them as many served only 1-3 years. However, I would be remiss if I did not single out Jame O. Alford who has served the Up State Team since its beginning serving as both A&V Operator.

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