



May 27, 2025

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Subject: 104th South Carolina State Convention Minutes

Worthy Supreme Secretary,

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes from the 104th South Carolina State Convention held on May 2-May 4, 2025, in Greenville, SC.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally Yours,

J. Scott Friedman
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cc: Jeffrey M. Crouch, State Deputy



Minutes of the
104th South Carolina State Convention

May 2nd – 4th, 2025

Embassy Suites and Resort

Greenville, SC

State Secretary
J. Scott Friedman

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report of the State Deputy Fraternal Year 2024 - 2025
2. Report of the State Secretary
3. Report of the State Advocate
4. Report of State Warden/Program Director
5. Report on 104th Convention Parliamentary Rules
6. Report on Nominating Committee
7. Report of Budget and Finance Committee
8. Report of the Membership Director
9. Report of the 4th Degree Master
10. Report on the Columbus Hope Foundation
11. Good of the Order
12. Budget
13. Resolutions

**Opening Session
Friday May2nd,2025**

Registration 3:00pm- 9:00pm

Daily Mass 5:15Pm – 6:00pm

Welcome event / Hospitality 6:00pm- 12:00am

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

Daily Mass 0830am

Business Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch, called the 104th Annual State Convention to order at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Embassy Suites, Greenville South Carolina.

State Chaplain, Fr. Robert Higgins led the opening prayer and District Master, Michael Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The State Deputy suggested that the morning session be open to wives, families, and guests to better recognize the achievements of the Councils and for the purpose of hearing the State Deputy's State of the Jurisdiction address and the remarks of the General Agent and that if Delegates agreed to give a round of applause. This was met by a standing ovation and the meeting continued opened to wives, families, and guests.

INTRODUCTIONS:

State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch introduced the State Officers: State Warden, Patrick Noone, State Advocate, Dr. Richard Swain, State Treasure, Sherrill "Ed" Wilcox, State Secretary, J. Scott Friedman, Immediate Past State Deputy Paul V. Burchell, and State Chaplain, Rev. Robert F. Higgins. The State Deputy then introduced the Supreme Guest, Jonathan Reyes, Past State Deputies: James P Nettles, Roosevelt Cummings, Thomas Monahan, Richard A. Gabriel, Michael A. Allen, Daniel E. Barton, and General Agent Robert Boni.

REPORT OF THE STATE DEPUTY FRATERNAL YEAR 2024 – 2025:

State Secretary, J. Scott Friedman, assumed the chair for introducing the State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch, who presented his annual report. **Attachment 1**

At the conclusion of the report, the State Secretary moved **"that the report be included in the published minutes of these proceedings."** The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

ADDRESS BY GENERAL AGENT:

Our General Agent, Robert Boni, addressed the State Convention.

State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch, recessed the meeting for 15 mins to prepare for closed business session at 1015 AM.

SECOND SESSION: Call to Order

The meeting was reconvened at 1030 AM and called to order by State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch

TEMPORARY ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES:

State Secretary, J. Scott Friedman, presented the temporary roll call and reported there are 100 delegates, 33 alternate delegates and 17 non-voting delegates representing 53 of the 62 councils.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES FOR THE CONVENTION

Parliamentarian, Richard A. Gabriel, PSD, explained the proper procedure to follow to gain the floor in order to speak or make a presentation. In addition, an extensive explanation was given on protocol and decorum during an election. **Attachment 4**

PRESENTATION OF CONVENTION MINUTES:

State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch, called upon Paul LaRosa, DD16 to address the State Council for making a motion. The following motion was made: **“As copies of the minutes of the 103rd State Convention have been published on the State’s website, I move to dispense with the reading of the minutes from last year’s State Convention and to approve them as published”**. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF THE STATE OFFICERS:

State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch called upon Bill Trimble, DD3, to address the State Council for making a motion. The following motion was made: **“I move to waive the State Officers’ reading of their Annual Reports, and that their Annual Reports be included in the published minutes of these proceedings.”** The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. **Attachments 2-3**

REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES:

State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch called upon John Luse, DD11, to address the State Council for making a motion. The following motion was made: **“I move to waive the reading of all**

Committee Reports, and that their Annual Reports be included in the published minutes of these proceedings.” The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Attachments 5-11

PERMANENT ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES:

State Secretary, J. Scott Friedman called the Permanent Roll Call of Delegates by calling each District Deputy to report the number of councils, delegates and alternate delegates present from his district. Past State Deputy Daniel E. Barton also kept a tally of delegates. The final tally count was 82 delegates (76 council delegates & 6 state officers). Fifty (50) Councils were present with delegates.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:

State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch appointed (2) Tellers for the purpose of counting paper votes. They will be Don Tretola, DD9 and Bob Gesell, DD15. appointed as tellers.

Past State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, read the nomination of candidates for State Office for the 2025-2026 year and delegates to the 2025 143rd Supreme Convention.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch conducted the election for State Deputy for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Secretary will cast one vote for J. Scott Friedman, who was elected as State Deputy.

State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch conducted the election for State Secretary for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Deputy instructed the State Secretary to cast one vote for Patrick J. Noone who was elected as State Secretary.

State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch conducted the election for State Treasurer for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Deputy instructed the State Secretary to cast one vote for Joseph G. Nesbitt, who was elected as State Treasurer.

State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch conducted the election for State Advocate for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Deputy instructed the State Secretary to cast one vote for Christopher J. Beumel, who was elected as State Advocate.

State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch conducted the election for State warden for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Deputy

instructed the State Secretary to cast one vote for Herman R. King, who was elected as State Warden.

The following are the elected officers for 2025-2026.

State Deputy	J. Scott Friedman	Council 6726
State Secretary	Patrick J. Noone	Council 12366
State Treasurer	Joseph G. Nesbitt	Council 9475
State Advocate	Christopher J. Beumel	Council 11910
State Warden	Herman R. King	Council 13713

The election of delegates and alternates for the Supreme Convention was held, and the following members were elected.

Insurance Delegates:	Patrick J. Noone and Christopher J. Beumel
Associate Delegates:	Joseph G. Nesbitt, Herman R. King, Deacon Robert L. Cox and Brandon J. Chambers
1 st Alternate Delegate:	Daniel E. Barton
2 nd Alternate Delegate:	Paul V. Burchell
3 rd Alternate Delegate:	William E. Weiss
4 th Alternate Delegate:	Richard W. Swain

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

Dr. Rick Swain, State Advocate, was called forward and made the following report: **The Resolution Committee has received two resolutions for consideration. These resolutions were distributed to all councils via email on March 7, 2025.**

- 1. Nomination of Jeffrey M. Crouch for Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus.**
The motion for approval of the Resolutions was seconded and unanimously approved.
- 2. Greetings and Felicitations to Supreme Guest Jonathan Reyes.** The motion for approval of the Resolutions was seconded and unanimously approved.

All other resolutions presented express gratitude or support for an individual or program. A complete listing of the resolutions has been provided to all delegates prior to the convention. I therefore recommend that the reading of each resolution be waived, and they be accepted into the convention minutes as written. The motion for approval of the Resolutions was seconded and unanimously approved. **Attachment 13**

VOTE ON BUDGET:

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Daniel E. Barton submitted his committee's report to delegates prior to the convention recommending adoption of the budget. State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch came forward to lead any discussion on the budget. No discussion.

State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch stated that as the 2025-2026 State Budget has been approved by the Budget and Finance Committee and distributed previously, without objection, it will be accepted as presented and included in the minutes. No objections.

Attachment 12

LOCATION OF 105th STATE CONVENTION:

State Secretary, J. Scott Friedman announced that the 105th South Carolina State Council Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites in Greenville, South Carolina May 1st- May 3rd 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch asked if there was any new business to come before this convention?

There being no further business, State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch called upon Joe Nesbitt, DD18, to come to the podium for the purpose of making a motion: **“In order to better recognize the achievements of the Councils of South Carolina, and to celebrate with our families, I move to have tomorrow morning’s Awards Presentation to be conducted during dinner banquet.** Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING:

State Secretary J. Scott Friedman made the following announcements:

- Lunch is in the room immediately to your left as you enter the back of this room.
- Everyone attending the Exemplification of Patriotism needs to be back here and seated by 1:20 PM, so that we can start the ceremony on time. Remember, Ladies, children, and guests are welcome to witness the Ceremony.
- If you are a candidate, please head to the registration table to check in. Candidates will assemble in the room where lunch is being served for instruction prior to the ceremony. Please make your way there after you check in.

State Chaplin Father Robert Higgins led the closing prayer.

State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch adjourned the meeting at 1105 AM.

Ladies Lunch 1130AM

Exemplification of Patriotism 1:30PM

Holy Hour – COR 4:00 PM

South Carolina State Dinner
Saturday, May 3, 2025

The 104th Annual State Convention Banquet was held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, May 3rd, at the Embassy Suites and resorts Greenville, in Greenville, South Carolina.

The banquet was called to order by Master of Ceremonies, Patrick J. Noone.

The presentation of colors

The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Vice Supreme Master, Daniel Barton

Rev Fr. Robert Higgins State Chaplin was called upon to say the opening prayer.

During dinner at approximately 7:45 the Master of Ceremonies Patrick J. Noone, introduced all Past State Deputies in attendance. Introduced all the State Officers, Supreme guest, including special guests Joyce Griffin, widow of Edward Griffin, PSD. He then recognized all District Deputies. Last he introduced all Field Agents who were present, thanking all for their sacrifice of time and energies for the betterment of the Knights of Columbus and the South Carolina State Council.

The Master of Ceremonies next asked for State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch and Supreme Guest Johnathan Reyes to move to the front of the Podium for the purpose of recognizing our award winners which included awarding the Blessed Michael McGivney Award to State Chaplain Rev. Robert Higgins. Following, Brandon Chambers and Daniel Barton, PSD presented the honor of Golden Knight of the Year to Mike Allen, PSD. Mike gave comments.

Next the State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch, introduced the Convention Honoree, Ronald Rossi Jr., and his family who was able to attend the convention. Ron was presented with the State Council Catholicity Award. At the conclusion of his remarks, the convention watched the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's address. Next, State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch, introduced the Supreme Guest, Johnathan Reyes, who then addressed the convention. At the conclusion of his remarks, the State Deputy, Jeffrey M. Crouch, and his wife Rebecca, presented Johnathan with gifts of appreciation for his attendance at the State Convention. The Supreme Guest also presented a gift to the State Deputy.

State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch then gave his closing remarks.

The Master of Ceremonies, Patrick J. Noone then gave some closing announcements:

- At the conclusion of the State Banquet, the State Hospitality room

- will be open till 12:00am.
- Sunday's breakfast is on your own before the Convention Mass starts at 8:30 am., and then proceed straight into the Supreme Knights Patrick Kelly address.
- Following the Supreme Knights Patrick Kelly address., we will have a closing session. This will be short, so please stick around for it.
- Checkout for all guests is 12:00pm, so you should have plenty of time to check out after.
- Grand Knights who brought their Council banners, please make sure to take them with you.

The closing prayer was given by Rev.Fr. Robert Higgins.

**Sunday Morning Session
May 04,2025**

Convention Mass presided at 8:30 am

Conducted by State Chaplin Reverend Father Robert Higgins assisted by Deacon Kevin Campbell.

State Deputy-elect J. Scott Friedman was introduced and gave an outlook of the next Fraternal Year. Then State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch gave closing comments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM Sunday, May 4th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Scott Friedman
State Secretary
South Carolina State Council



Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

My Brother Knights, Ladies, and Guests,

What a year it has been! I stand before you today with immense pride and gratitude for what we, as a brotherhood, have achieved together. Our accomplishments speak for themselves, but I want to take a moment to reflect on just how incredible our journey has been.

Last year, we have welcomed **700 new Knights** into our ranks—an achievement that is nothing short of remarkable. But that isn't the only noteworthy accomplishment. Our jurisdiction proudly earned **25 Star Councils**, a full **40%** of the total Councils in our jurisdiction, setting a new record. Not only that, we achieved a staggering **12 Star Districts**, with **three of them being All-Star Districts**, and we secured a **third consecutive Pinnacle Award**. All of this placed us as the **number 6 jurisdiction out of 75 in the entire Order!**

And yet, as I've said before, this is just the beginning! We have only scratched the surface of our potential, and I am confident that the best is still to come.

I would like to take you back to a moment in Scripture, to a powerful call that reminds us of our mission as Knights:

“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.”
(Matthew 4:18-20)

This passage speaks directly to the heart of what we do as Knights of Columbus. It's not just about growing our Order, it's about answering a call. When Jesus called Peter and Andrew to leave their nets behind, they immediately followed Him, embracing a life dedicated to serving others and spreading the Good News. Likewise, we as Knights are called to cast our nets wide, to seek out those men who are ready to join us in this noble mission.

And when it comes to growing the Order, I am proud to say that we have become some of the best "fishers of men" the Order has ever known.

Take, for instance, our very own **Brandon Chambers**, who finished last year as the **number one recruiter** in the entire Order with an astounding **308 new Knights**. And mind you, that's just the number he remembered to add his membership number to! Councils across our jurisdiction have embraced membership outreaches with zeal, recruiting new members even on holiday weekends. Councils like **Holy Spirit Council 18507**, which welcomed **40 new Knights** over Memorial Day weekend, and **Immaculate Conception Council 11991**, which brought in **50 new Knights** in a single weekend in the middle of the summer.

But even more inspiring are the Councils that embrace the personal touch—the **Saint Gerard Majella Council 6884**, **Donald J. Godfrey Council 6726**, and **All Saints Council 14475**, which grow the Order one man at a time. Their dedication to reaching out and inviting men personally into our fraternity embodies the spirit of the **Fisher's of Men** initiative.

However, the deeper and more profound message from this scripture is “**At once they left their nets and followed him.**” Peter and Andrew didn't hesitate. They left behind their livelihoods to follow Christ, trusting in the path He set before them. This willingness to follow Christ, without delay or second thoughts, is a powerful reminder of the level of commitment we are called to make as Knights. It's a commitment not just to grow the Order, but to lead lives of service and devotion to Christ and to others.

One of the most beautiful expressions of our commitment to service is through our charitable programs. As Knights, we don't just talk about faith and service—we live it. And this year, we've seen some truly remarkable programs, but one stands out as an example of dedication, hard work, and profound impact on the community.

The **Clothes for Kids Drive** led by **Our Lady of Grace Council 14765** in Indian Land, South Carolina, has made an incredible difference in the lives of local children. This initiative was born out of a simple but profound need: to provide new clothing to children in the Lancaster County public school system, ensuring they have the basic resources they need to succeed in school. Through a combination of fundraising, donation drives, and community outreach—including staffing tables at local venues and distributing over **3,500 flyers**—the Council raised over **\$16,000**. This effort resulted in the purchase of approximately **3,000 new clothing items**, which were distributed to students in need.

Their work doesn't end there. Council 14765 also spearheaded a matching campaign that raised **\$10,000** for disaster relief after Hurricane Helene struck the upstate last fall. Their compassion, dedication, and willingness to step in during times of need are a testament to the spirit of service that defines our Order.

Please join me in recognizing **Grand Knight Tom Webber** and **Council 14765** for their outstanding work in serving the community and being named the **2025 South Carolina Community Program of the Year**.

In addition to our community outreach, we also recognize those who foster fellowship and build stronger communities within the Parish. One such program that stands out is the **Friendship Breakfast** hosted by **Father Brian Martin Council 8502** of Walterboro. This is a longstanding tradition, held on the first weekend of each month, where Knights come together not for a fundraiser, but to simply build fellowship and strengthen the bond within the Parish family.

The **Friendship Breakfast** is particularly special in that it embraces all members of the Parish, including the **Hispanic community**, and reflects the diversity and unity of our faith. I've had the honor of attending this event with my own family, and what struck me most was the genuine, heartfelt welcome we received. Despite any language barriers, the fellowship we shared that day reminded me of the joy and strength that come from a shared sense of community.

Please join me in recognizing **Grand Knight Mark Heckler** and **Father Brian Martin Council 8502** for their exceptional work in fostering unity within the parish. They are the **2024 South Carolina Family Program of the Year**.

Our faith is the cornerstone of everything we do as Knights, and one project that exemplifies our commitment to faith is the **Restoration of St. Joseph's Statue** at **St. Joseph The Worker Church** in Darlington, SC. When the Diocese of Charleston reached out with the opportunity to restore a **70-year-old statue of St. Joseph**, abandoned at the closed St. Joseph Catholic School and Church in Hartsville, the Knights answered the call without hesitation.

Under the leadership of chairman **Gus Wilson**, **Brendon Mulligan**, and **Phil Payment**, the council took on the challenge of relocating and preserving the statue, which included constructing a new base, coordinating logistics, and designing a commemorative plaque. All of this was accomplished on a modest budget of **\$700**, with costs covered entirely by community donations.

On March 2, 2024, the statue was blessed by **Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune** in a beautiful ceremony. The statue now stands as a powerful symbol of humility, faith, and dedication, reminding us of St. Joseph's example as a servant of God.

Please join me in recognizing **Grand Knight Brendan Mulligan** and **Father Louis A. Williamson Council 8123** for their exceptional work in preserving this symbol of faith. They are the **2025 South Carolina Faith Program of**

the Year.

At this time I would also like to recognize the Chairman Gus Wilson as the 2025 State Council Rookie of the Year. I understand he is on a pilgrimage in Spain and that is the only reason he is not here?! Brendan, let me know an appropriate time and we will coordinate coming down and presenting these awards once he returns.

We cannot talk about service without acknowledging the importance of **Life**—all life, from conception to natural death. **Council 5026** has been a staunch advocate for life through its support for **SOAR of Beaufort County**, an organization that serves as the Area Director for the Special Olympics network in South Carolina.

In supporting the **Area 8 Special Olympics** bowling team, Knights from Council 5026 actively participated in practices and organized fundraising events to support SOAR's mission. Their generosity included a **Family BBQ Night, 50/50 raffles**, and **Mardi Gras celebrations**, which helped fund Special Olympics programs and support local athletes with special needs.

Their commitment is rooted in our faith, as reflected in the words of **Matthew 25:40**: “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Their selfless service exemplifies the heart of a true Knight.

Please join me in recognizing **Grand Knight Beda Butch Alvarez** and **Council 5026** as the **2025 South Carolina State Council Life Program of the Year**.

State Charity Award

Charity is the first principle of our Order, and truly **well-rounded councils** understand that living this virtue means going beyond occasional acts—it means building a culture of compassion, year after year. Such councils are uniquely positioned to make a deep and lasting impact in their communities.

And when the needs of those communities rise, it is through the **Grace of God** and the faithful commitment of our Brother Knights that their capacity to respond rises with it.

Since the beginning of my term as State Deputy, one council has stood out as a model of this unwavering charitable spirit—**Saint Gerard Majella Council 6884**.

Their charitable record is not just strong—it's extraordinary.

- Year after year, they contribute **between \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually to the Columbus HOPE Foundation**, bringing hope and dignity to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

- They consistently **break their own records in the State Charity Raffle**, setting the standard for charitable fundraising across the state.
- They have been formally **recognized as the Special Olympics Charitable Organization of the Year** in their local area—an honor that speaks volumes about their sustained commitment to individuals with special needs.
- And perhaps most inspiring of all, they have averaged **two new ultrasound machines per year**—life-saving instruments that bring clarity and hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies and affirm the dignity of every life.

This is not just charity—it is a mission, carried out faithfully and fervently.

Please join me in honoring a truly remarkable group of Knights. **Grand Knight Tom Zavertnik** and the members of **Council 6884**, thank you for being living examples of what it means to serve with heart, conviction, and faith.

Please rise and be recognized as the **2025 South Carolina State Council Charity Award Recipient!**

Best Council

From April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, Immaculate Conception Council 11991 actively embodied the principles of the Knights of Columbus through robust and mission-driven participation in the **Faith in Action** program. With dedicated leadership, this council became the **first in South Carolina to submit its SP-7 form**, subsequently earning the Star Council award for a year marked by outreach, prayer, and fraternity.

A summary of what they have accomplished:

Community Impact

- **Blood Drives:** 164 pints collected in four drives, adding to a remarkable all-time total of **5,348 pints**.
- **Highway Cleanup:** Quarterly effort led by the Spanish Roundtable, covering 2 miles near the parish.
- **Coats for Kids:** **300 coats** distributed to local children.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Ongoing support led by Knights who maintain parish grounds.
- **Fall Festival Support:** 150 hours served cooking, hosting, and building parish unity.
- **Youth Programs:** Hosted **Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Contest, and Essay Contest** with strong participation and state-level submissions.
- **Food & Supply Drives:** **531 lbs. of food** and **\$2,040** donated; 263 hours dedicated to collecting can tabs and other charitable efforts.

Family Programs

- **Keep Christ in Christmas:** Raised **\$3,727** through faith-based seasonal sales.
- **Adopt-a-Family & Food for Families:** **22 holiday meals** provided to local families.
- **Family of the Month:** Honored monthly from April to February.
- **Fish Fries & Founders Day Breakfast:** Community-building and fundraising events supporting council and RSVP programs.

Faith Initiatives

- **RSVP Donations:** \$500 provided to a seminarian, with another pending.
- **Spiritual Enrichment:** Programs like **Into the Breach, Holy Hour, Rosary Prayer, Service Sundays, and First Friday Adoration** involved dozens of Knights in monthly devotion.
- **Marriage, Pilgrim Icon, and Misa de Gallo Events:** Reinforced the council's deep integration into parish liturgical life.
- **Men at Peace Ministry:** Biweekly meetings fostered discussion and spiritual brotherhood.

Life Advocacy

- **March for Life & Life Chain:** Participated locally and nationally.
- **Planned Parenthood Vigils:** Monthly Rosaries for the unborn.
- **Pregnancy Center Support:** **\$3,400** donated to Low Country Pregnancy Center through ASAP and baby bottle drives.
- **Special Olympics & Columbus HOPE:** Raised **\$7,650** in support of local charities and athletes with disabilities.

With **235 members**, including **135 Fourth Degree Sir Knights**, Council 11991 remains a model of faithful leadership, community outreach, and spiritual integrity. The Grand Knight closes each meeting with a reminder summarized as:

"Empower Knights, inspire passion, communicate well, and always keep Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism at the heart of what we do."

Council 11991 continues to lead by example, honoring the vision of **Blessed Michael McGivney** through humble service and strong Catholic witness.

At this time I would ask **Grand Knight Keith Eicher** and the members of **Council 11991**, to stand and be recognized as the 2025 Best Council in South Carolina!

Family of the Year:

“The family is the first and vital cell of society.” – Pope St. John Paul II

Each year, we recognize a family whose life of faith, service, and love reflects the very heart of our Catholic calling. The Family of the Year is not just active in their parish and council—they embody what it means to be a “domestic church,” where Christ is honored, prayer is central, and charity flows naturally from the home to the community.

This family lives out the virtues of faith, hope, and love in both quiet and visible ways. They serve their parish faithfully, support pro-life and charitable causes, and set a powerful example of what it means to put God first in family life.

The **Deque-Cruz family**—**Lionel** and his wife **Celia**, along with their children **Leonel Jr., Johan, and Heidi**—are members of **Reverend David J Schiller Council 11910** and parishioners at **St. Theresa the Little Flower** in Summerville. Through their active involvement in parish life, volunteering for various programs like **Taco Sunday**, teaching **RCIA**, and serving as lectors and Extraordinary Ministers, they embody the very essence of Family in the Knights of Columbus.

Their efforts to integrate the Hispanic community into the broader parish family are truly inspiring. They have led retreats, faith development meetings, and actively contribute to **SINE**—a parish initiative aimed at fostering unity and growth within the faith community.

With gratitude for their witness, and in celebration of their unwavering commitment to the Church, the community, and the Knights of Columbus, please join me in honoring the **Deque-Cruz family** as the **2025 South Carolina State Family of the Year**.

Often within a family, we reflect on the importance of legacy. But legacy is not built on accomplishments alone—it begins with our children. As leaders in our homes and communities, we are called to instill virtue, faith, and purpose in the next generation. That is why we honor one outstanding young person each year with the *State Council Youth of the Year Award*.

This year’s recipient, **Nathan Escoc**, is a high school senior who truly embodies Christian discipleship, servant leadership, and spiritual maturity. A devoted member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Nathan has been actively involved in the Life Teen Youth Group for over four years and has served as a CORE leader for the past three—mentoring middle schoolers in the EDGE program and guiding his peers through both personal and faith-based challenges. He is widely recognized as a trusted and compassionate leader among the youth of his parish.

Nathan has participated in a host of diocesan and national Catholic events, including three years each at the Steubenville Conference and the Confirmation Retreat, several South Carolina Diocesan Youth Conferences, and the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. He serves regularly as a retreat speaker, lesson leader, Teen Mass participant, and fundraiser. As a member of the *Diocesan Evangelization Team*, Nathan helps organize a statewide conference for more than 700 Catholic high school students.

Beyond parish life, Nathan brings his faith into the broader community. He is involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Christian Leadership Institute camps. His passion for aviation has grown from the Young Eagles program into active membership in both the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He is currently logging flight hours in pursuit of his private pilot certificate and plans to attend collegiate flight school.

Academically, Nathan holds a 4.181 SC UGP cumulative GPA (3.517 GPA), having completed Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment coursework. He is a National Honor Society member and is currently enrolled in Broadcasting II, using his press pass to cover school events. His media work is often featured in school publications, and he is a founding member of *Lake Murray Productions*, a student-led freelance media group.

Nathan also works in his local community, spending the last two summers as a pool monitor for Governor's Grant HOA and part-time at Pelican's Snoballs. As a member of the Lexington High School football team since 2021, he worked his way from B-Team to Varsity and was named Lineman of the Week Team Captain—until an ACL injury ended his season. Rather than be discouraged, Nathan used the setback as a testimony to his faith, sharing with others how he leaned on God through adversity.

Through all his commitments—academic, athletic, spiritual, and personal—Nathan demonstrates maturity, integrity, and a deep-rooted faith. He is a role model for his peers and an inspiration to younger students, living a life grounded in purpose, service, and Catholic values.

Would Nathan Escoe please stand and be recognized as the 2025 South Carolina State Council Youth of the Year!

In a recent issue of *Columbia*, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflected on the profound virtue of magnanimity—what we often describe as a **generosity of heart**. This is not just an openness to giving, but a noble desire to do great things with the time God has entrusted to us. Supreme Knight Kelly made it clear that magnanimity is a fundamental virtue for any man who aspires to

lead—whether in his family, his parish, or among his fellow Brother Knights.

Every Knight is, in his own right, a leader. Yet, every so often, we encounter a Brother whose leadership shines particularly bright—a Brother whose actions resonate beyond mere words and whose commitment inspires all those around him.

One such Knight is **David Hood** of **Immaculate Conception Council 11991** in Goose Creek. David epitomizes the quiet strength and unwavering dedication of a true Knight. He faithfully serves both the **South Carolina State Council** and the **Columbus HOPE Foundation** as their **public relations lead** and **webmaster**, ensuring that their mission is not only clearly communicated but also widely supported across the state. But David's contributions go far beyond the visible work he does—work that, though essential, is often performed behind the scenes where the spotlight rarely shines.

David is deeply involved in **EMMAUS ministries**, where he serves as an advocate for the marginalized and those in need of spiritual renewal. He is also a passionate and tireless advocate within the **Respect Life** community, voicing the sanctity and dignity of life at every opportunity. Yet, it is in the quiet moments—when no one is watching—that David's impact is most profoundly felt. Whether it's offering assistance in the parish or stepping up to lead a project, David is always there, never waiting to be asked, always eager to serve. His commitment is a perfect example of **servant leadership**—leading not through title, but through humility, initiative, and a steady presence.

David's selfless service embodies the very essence of **magnanimity**—the desire to do great things for others without seeking recognition. This kind of leadership is what strengthens our Order and uplifts our communities.

With that, I ask that **Sir Knight David Hood** please stand and be recognized as the **2025 South Carolina State Council Knight of the Year!**

In the spirit of service and leadership, I'd like to reflect on the words of **2 Timothy 4:2: "Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage with all patience and teaching."**

These words ring true as we continue our journey together in the Order. It is through persistence, patience, and unwavering dedication that we grow in our faith, serve others, and lead by example.

At this time, I would also like to recognize the District Deputies who have chosen to retire from their positions at the end of the year. Their leadership

and commitment have played a crucial role in our jurisdiction's success. Please join me in honoring the following District Deputies:

- **District Deputy 5:** Christopher J. Beumel
- **District Deputy 6:** Donald E. Thurlow
- **District Deputy 8:** William H. Larkin
- **District Deputy 13:** Mark A. Phillips
- **District Deputy 14:** William E. Weiss, Jr.
- **District Deputy 16:** Paul LaRosa
- **District Deputy 18:** Joseph G. Nesbitt

As I shared with you last year, I firmly believe that the strength of our jurisdiction today lies in the leaders we have today. It is the current leaders of our Councils and Districts who have set us on the path to success. It is the tireless work of our **State Officers** and **Directors** who offer steadfast support to these leaders. And it is the enduring mentorship of **Past State Deputies** and other veteran leaders that continues to guide us.

As we have all heard when becoming a Knight, “**The strength of any cable depends upon the quality of its fibers and their perfect union.**” Each one of us is a fiber, and when we are united—through service, through faith, and through charity—there is no challenge we cannot overcome, no goal we cannot achieve. And above all, where would we be without the love and support of our **families**? Our wives, children, and loved ones keep us grounded, focused, and remind us of the true purpose of our service—they humble us, teach us, and encourage us every step of the way.

Let us take a moment to express our gratitude to them for all that they do, without which none of our achievements would be possible.

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you. It has been the honor of my life to serve as your State Deputy. I continue to pray for our Councils, our families, and for the future of this incredible brotherhood.

And so, I leave you with one humble request:

Ask one Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus.
Spend five extra minutes a day in prayer.

Do these things—in the right order—and *there is no stopping us.*

Semper Fidelis and Vivat Jesus!

Jeffrey M. Crouch
State Deputy



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South Carolina State Council

State Secretary Annual Report

Fraternal Year 2024-2025

The State Secretary is responsible for gathering all council membership information and submitting it to our liability insurance carrier in a timely fashion to ensure our liability insurance does not lapse. As the state secretary, I am also responsible for submitting vouchers for each disbursement of all funds from the State Council. Gathering all information for the State Council and submit the annual survey or fraternal activities for the state council to supreme. Duties also include selecting venues for the state meetings.

Serving as the State Secretary this fraternal year 2024-2025 has been both challenging and rewarding, and I would not change anything about it since I find myself growing in faith, patience and humility with each task. One of the challenges for me as State Secretary was the amount of time that is required in negotiating with hotels for our various functions. I have traveled across the fine State of South Carolina from Spartanburg to Myrtle Beach to Rockhill to Beauford for multi-district and state functions to include, district meetings, fraternal benefit nights, state convention planning, and numerous activities across the four corners of my territory. Some of my personal favorites include the state soccer challenge, basketball free throw competition, several CFU exemplifications in both English and Spanish, Fourth degree Exemplification, and other fraternal benefit nights. I finalized the last District Deputy's winter meeting, and the state convention which had its challenges, but rising to these challenges helped me understand the demands of this worthy position.

In addition to the above I have attended

- State council Installation of officers meeting Columbia June 2024
- Installation of Officers Holy Spirit James Island July -2024
- Supreme Convention Quebec Ca. August 2024
- C.U.F. Degree Blessed Sacrament #12472 West Ashley September 2024
- District 3 meeting Myrtle Beach September 2024
- Spanish CUF Exemplification #11991 September 2024
- 96th Fourth Degree Exemplification Lake Wylie September 2024
- Attended Social # 13713 and Ace wing award presentation Blythewood October 2024
- Council #11991 Fall Fest. October 2024
- Citadel # 6900 C.U.F. Exemplification November 2024
- Council 6726 C.U.F. Exemplification November 2024
- State Soccer Challenge Columbia November 2024
- Help with # 704 Turkey Run Charleston November 2024
- Feed the troops Lancaster, York, Rockhill and Breakfast with Santa at St. Phillips December 2024
- Pro-life gala and march Columbia January 2025
- Mid-Year Meeting Columbia January 2025
- Permanent Deacon ordination Charleston February 2025
- 97th Fourth Degree(2nd) Spanish Exemplification Bluffton February 2025
- Saint Clare Home Pink n Blue Gala Greenville February 2025
- Free throw competition Columbia March 2025
- 98th Fourth Degree Exemplification Beauford March 2025
- Will be attending the State convention in Greenville May 2025



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I am honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as the Secretary for the State Council for the fraternal year 2024-2025 thus far and continue to put faithful effort in this position. Stepping up to these demands I have secured the hotel and procured a contract with the Embassy Suites of Greenville for a 3-year contract for the State Convention 2025, 2026, 2027. Currently working on coordinating Installation of State Officers and our Summer Columbus Hope, DD And GK meeting to be held on June 27th-28th.

Joining the Knights 25 years ago as a Knight it's difficult to put into words the enjoyment of working, praying and serving alongside the most faithful men I know. Being a Knight to me is not only a privilege but an honor no matter which hat I'm wearing at the time. All Knights have a role in our call to Faith, Family, Community and Life (Faith in Action) whether it's as simple as volunteering for a pancake breakfast or representing our state at the Supreme Convention. I have full respect for each and every member of the order and look forward to rolling my sleeves up and giving 100% to serve the State Council.

My hope is and always will be that through my leadership the Knights continue to be leaders in our families, our communities and the Church, and by doing so, attract younger Knights so that our organization can thrive well into the future. My sincere gratitude for the many mentors I've had along the way, its brothers like Jeff, Paul, Daniel and Mike among a few, that have assisted me in become the leader and Knight I've become.

J. Scott Friedman SC. State Secretary

J. Scott Friedman



Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

April 19, 2025

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights of the South Carolina State Council,

It is the duty of the State Treasurer to be custodian of all the funds and securities of the State Council. Including receiving all monies, keeping a true and accurate account thereof and depositing the same to the credit of the South Carolina State Council, Knights of Columbus, in a bank selected by the State Officers.

During the 2024-2025 fraternal year I attended and participated in the following:

- State Council Installation and District Deputy Organizational Meeting, Columbia, SC, June 29, 2024
- Grand Knights Mid-Winter Meeting, Columbia, SC January 25, 2025

As a State Council Officer, I have represented the State Deputy at several events. I serve as Chairman of the Annual State Council Charity Raffle.

As the State Treasurer, I have performed several functions for the State that have needed scrutiny, analyzing situations, and have contacted the Supreme Council when necessary, all to the approval of the State Deputy.

In this role, I have experienced many new and previously unknown challenges. However, through prayer and with the support of my fellow State Officers, I have come through them and am growing into this vital office.

Overall, it has been an extremely rewarding year, the support offered to Karen and I is sincerely appreciated and I look forward to continuing all Treasurer assignments through the end of the fraternal year in June with the State Council. For several years I've enjoyed my time contributing to the State Council and working with great State Deputies and Officers to support the Knights of South Carolina. With regret I will no longer be able to contribute after this fraternal year and wish the new State Officers the best.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Edward Wilcox

S. E. Wilcox, State Treasurer



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South Carolina State Council

STATE ADVOCATE'S ANNUAL REPORT

July 2024 through April 2025

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your State Advocate this fraternal year. Bottom line up front. We have had no legal problems in the State Knights of Columbus this year. We have had problems with a number of men wanting to join our fantastic organization that were unqualified due to past or present criminal convictions due to Sexual Misconduct. The whole organization is keen on not allowing anyone on a sexual offender list to be Knights of Columbus. This year I have many inquires but one questions seemed to be the biggest. The biggest question this year was about liability coverage. My Brothers the Knights of Columbus insurance coverage is exemplary. It covers your Council and its activities as you go out to perform Charity, Fraternity and Unity for our communities. When considering an activity or an issue always think what the headline in the New York Times would look like in order to protect your Council and the Order. Always remember that if you sell anything to parishioners you must take sales tax into consideration. If you decide to only ask for a suggested donation then sales tax is not a consideration. The State Deputy has been very clear we only ask for donations. If you determine to do Alcohol you must follow all the rules of South Carolina on licenses and sales. This has caused some Councils trouble.

When you have a question about Knights of Columbus position on an issue always first go to KofC.org and search. If you can't find an answer don't hesitate to ask your District Deputy, as they can always answer 90% of your questions. Always remember your actions and programs are always on stage. Every action however small is observed and our order judged by the behavior of our Knights of Columbus family. Evangelization is our mission and the example of our lives is what converts our world. *"They will know we are Christians by our Love"! Jesus new commandment "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

What I did this last year as your State Advocate was to be a member of a great State Leadership Team. As your State Advocate, I have filled my responsibilities as the representative of the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy to Councils within South Carolina. I have provided legal advice to the State Council and subordinate Councils, provided advice regarding conduct of meetings, managed the Safe Environment program for the state, promoted the Safe Environment program to the District Deputies and Grand Knights, Composed resolutions for the State Convention and Supreme Convention, assisted the State Warden with room setup for State Council meetings and workshops, assisted the State Deputy and State Secretary in all other tasks and duties assigned. As a State Officer presented training events at GK workshop and advanced the COR program for State.

Humbly Submitted
Richard W. Swain, Ph.D.
State Advocate



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South Carolina State Council

State Warden/Program Director Annual Report FY24-25

As the State Warden, I am responsible for storing and maintaining all equipment belonging to the State Council. Additionally, the State Warden is responsible for transporting the equipment to the various venues for meetings, workshops, and conferences. I am also responsible for positioning the various chambers for the respective activities, whether they be a meeting or Mass in conjunction with a convention or workshop.

With the District Deputies and host Grand Knights, I work to ensure the success of each activity. The Warden is also responsible for ensuring protocol procedures are followed concerning seating and the display of flags and banners. Additionally, the State Warden assists in recruiting volunteers to serve in various ministries and activities during the State Convention.

My additional responsibilities include serving as the State Program Director. Responsibilities for this role include:

- Promoting and communicating directives and goals of the state deputy concerning state program initiatives and Supreme Council programs.
- Seek support from Supreme Council program Directors when clarification/guidance is needed.
- Provide direction, coaching and support to the FIA state team, district deputies and councils.
- Promote the use of Supreme websites, resources, and training.
- Provide necessary accountability for program guidelines, initiatives, goals, and deadlines.
- Submits State Forms for required Programs.

During the 2024-2025 fraternal year I attended, participated, and/or chaired the following:

- District Deputy and State Officer Installations Columbia June 2024
- Chairman for Pilgrim Icon & Silver Rose Program 2024-2025
- Pilgrimage National Eucharistic Congress - Indianapolis, IN July 2024
- Pilgrimage to Notre Dame Basilica/Grotto, South Bend IN, July 2024
- Warrior To Lourdes Chairman and Fundraising Director '24 - '25
- Officer Installation Fort Mill, SC – Bishop Denis J. O’Connell Council #12366 – July 2024
- Supreme Convention, Quebec Canada, August 2024
- District #3 Meeting, Myrtle Beach, August 2024
- 40 Days for Life Kickoff Campaign Event, Columbia, September 2024
- 96th Exemplification, Lake Wylie Oct 2024 – St. Michael the Archangel #3696
- Missing Man Table Chairman '24 - '25
- State Soccer Challenge, Columbia, October 2024
- Coats for Kids Program Chairman 2024-2025
- Served Holiday Meals to Armory Troops & Family in Lancaster/Rock Hill, November 2024
- Christmas Poster Contest Chairman 2024-2025
- Proudly Pro-Life March & Rally, Columbia, January 2025
- Essay Contest Chairman 2024 - 2025
- Grand Knights’ mid-winter meeting and charity ball, January 2025
- 125th Anniversary Celebration/Exemplification in New York City, February 2025

- Rosary Chairman implementing multiple virtual rosaries, 2024-2025
- State Free Throw Contest, Columbia, March 2025
- 98th Exemplification, Beaufort SC, Rev. Albert A. Faase, Assembly #1447 March 2025
- State Convention Committee
- Columbus Hope Board Member
- Regional Marshall – Region 5

In addition to the above activities, my wife Dinah and I have participated in World Hunger Drive Meal Packing, Fish Fry events, and The Italian Festival at my council at Saint Phillip Neri, Fort Mill.

As a State Officer and Chairman for Coats to Kids, I managed an expanded program with a record number of councils participating in the program. We exceeded the previous State goal by purchasing over 6,000 coats for the “Coats For Kids” initiative by incorporating a BOGO promotion offered by Supreme. I was also blessed to run a fundraising campaign for the Warrior to Lourdes Program, creating and implementing a deeply discounted sale of smokers/grills which raised \$6,000. This money was used to send a wounded warrior to the program this year, and one for next year. My passion for reciting a daily rosary led me to the implementation of a series of Virtual Rosary Recitals using the Go To Meeting Account shared by the State and 4th Degree. We have held over 5 virtual rosaries, including a Patriotic Rosary, with over 300 participants. More virtual rosaries are planned.

I am blessed to have so many fellow Knights, including priests and deacons, to help and guide me along my KOC journey. So many brothers have served as my guide and mentor, and many more have become my personal friends. All are my brothers! I am thankful for all the comradery and brotherhood that we have shared. As SC continues to shine throughout our Order for all we have done and accomplished, there is still so much more that can be achieved in honor of our founder Father Michael McGivney, for the Glory of our God, and for the needs of his people here on earth. Together, as one, we can make anything happen, and achieve any goal, no matter how far off it may seem.

I hope to continue to serve my Brother Knights of South Carolina in a role as a State Officer. I thank all my brothers, including my fellow State Officers, for the opportunity to serve and for having so much confidence in me and my abilities.

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)

Vivat Jesus Brothers!

Patrick J. Noone
State Warden/Program Director



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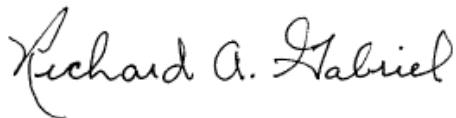
South Carolina State Council

Convention Rules by the Committee on Laws and Resolutions

1. The State Deputy, prior to opening the convention shall appoint a Board of Tellers (anyone of whom shall be eligible to serve as Election Commissioner). They shall serve as tellers on all division votes; roll call votes; and shall count, examine a record all ballots cast for election of state officers and delegates or alternates to the Supreme Convention.
2. All Knighthood members in good standing entitled to be admittance to secession, but only as spectators.
3. When a member of the State Council desires to obtain the floor he shall rise, if the floor has been yielded, address the presiding officer by his official title, and upon catching the latter's attention the member shall give his name and his capacity in the State Council.
4. A motion regularly moved and seconded must be stated by the chair before a vote is taken.
5. A motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor, before the vote, without objection.
6. Members may not speak more than once on any question and not more than three (3) minutes; nor may they yield unused time to other members.
7. The chair must state every question clearly and, before putting same to a vote, shall say "Are you ready for the Question?"
8. Unless a demand is made by a delegate, the "whereas" clause of all resolutions and amendments shall not be read.
9. If no objection is made to a resolution or committee recommendation, it is declared adopted unanimously; saying "no objection? Agreed to."
10. All resolutions shall have been submitted in conformity with article III, Section 8. All amendments to or affecting the State By-Laws shall be handled in conformity with Article VII.
11. When a proposed resolution or amendment to the By-Laws has been disapproved by the committee, a delegate sponsoring the same shall be allowed on the floor, if requested.

12. When the PERMANENT ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES (Article III, Section 4) is initiated, the doors of the chamber will be closed. No one will be allowed to leave or enter and only the votes of delegates present in the chamber shall be counted. The State Warden shall assure that only qualified delegates are in the delegate seating area. The doors shall remain closed until voting of State Officers, Supreme Delegates and Alternates, Resolutions and State Council Budget is completed.
13. The nomination of State Officers, Delegates and Alternates to the Supreme Convention shall take place during the convention. Nominating speeches will be allowed if the position is contested. When nominating speeches are allowed they shall be limited to one speech of three (3) minute duration per candidate. Nominations shall not be seconded, nor shall motions closing nominations be entertained. When only one candidate for any office is presented, the chair shall instruct the State Secretary to cast one unanimous ballot of the State Council for such candidate and declaring him duly elected.
14. Robert's Rules of Order, as revised, shall govern all matters and or procedures that are not provided in the forgoing rules or the By-Laws of the Knight of Columbus South Carolina State Council or the Charter Constitution Laws of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Gabriel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD
2025 State Convention Parliamentarian



Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

January 25, 2025

Worthy State Deputy,

The nominating committee met last evening and respectfully put forth the following slate of officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
State Deputy	J. Scott Friedman
State Secretary	Patrick J. Noone
State Treasurer	Joseph G. Nesbitt
State Advocate	Christopher J. Beumel
State Warden	Herman R. King

For the position of delegates to the 143rd Supreme Convention scheduled for August 4-7 in Washington DC, each jurisdiction has two automatic delegates, the State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy. The South Carolina jurisdiction is also authorized two (2) additional "Insurance" Delegates and four (4) additional "Associate" Delegates.

The following Brother Knights have been nominated for these remaining six delegate positions along with alternates.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Insurance Delegate	Patrick J. Noone
Insurance Delegate	Christopher J. Beumel
Associate Delegate	Joseph G. Nesbitt
Associate Delegate	Herman R. King
Associate Delegate	Deacon Robert L. Cox III
Associate Delegate	Brandon J. Chambers
1 st Alternate	Daniel E. Barton
2 nd Alternate	Paul V. Burchell
3 rd Alternate	William E. Weiss Jr.
4 th Alternate	Richard W. Swain

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to chair this most worthy group of Catholic gentlemen and thank all the candidates who applied for State Officer and delegate positions.

I want to especially pay gratitude to the following members of the Nominating Committee for their time and attention in putting together the slate of officers and delegates for the 2025-2026 fraternal year:

Jeffrey M. Crouch, SD
Thomas M. Monahan, PSD, FVSM, FDM
Deacon Robert L. Cox

Daniel E. Barton, PSD, VSM, FDM
Michael A. Allen, PSD, FDM
Brandon Chambers, Ast General Agent

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Burchell, IPSD
Chairman



Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

April 24, 2025

Worthy State Deputy,

The Budget and Finance Committee has thoroughly reviewed the proposed budget for the next fraternal year, which has a Per Capita rate of \$7.50 per billable member (minus Inactive, Disabled, and Honorary Life).

The State Officers are to be commended for preparing the budget, considering the impact of recent Council mergers and reactivation efforts, the projected loss of billable membership due to the Affiliate Membership Program, and the increased cost of doing business in our current economy.

Therefore, after carefully reviewing the Proposed Budget for the Fraternal Year 2025-2026, the Budget and Finance Committee recommends its adoption.

I want to thank the following members of the Budget Committee for their time and diligence:

David Perez, DD #7

Bruce C. Hutchinson, DD #10

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel E. Barton

Daniel E. Barton, PSD
Vice Supreme Master, DeSoto Province
Knights of Columbus



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South Carolina State Council

Worthy State Deputy, State Officer's, District Deputies, Grand Knights and my brothers all

It has been an absolute privilege to have been your membership director this past year for the state of South Carolina. As in previous years, business is booming and then some. As of this writing 15 councils have reached their goal for the year with 3 having obtained over 200% of their goal (councils 1668, 6726, and 6891). Lastly 11 councils are within 2 of their annual goal. 8 districts have reached their goals for the year the rest are within reach. The state is nearing 500 new members for the year making our membership goal for the year almost a foregone conclusion. Reaching the pinnacle goal for the year for a third year in a row appears to be just the same. Over 12 Hispanic outreaches have been performed in the past year bringing in over 200 new brother knights into the order with a prospect of another 200 men as well that could be interested in joining. That same process has been used by two councils in the state for the English community and both councils received interested from 46 and 35 men as well. In March we officially surpassed over 11,000 members for the first time in our states history and future growth appears strong with Catholic men in our state are looking for an opportunity to grow in their Faith, support the church, and help their fellow man. All in all everything is booming for the Knights of Columbus in the state of South Carolina.

Yours in Christ

Brandon chambers (Assistant General Agent, and State Membership Chairman)

God Bless



Michael A. Allen, PSD
South Carolina District Master

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Master's Report May 3, 2025

Greenville, SC

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882. They took hold and they were growing, but the more they grew, and the more they had success, the more they faced anti-Catholic attacks. In the United States there was this idea that you couldn't be a good American and a good Catholic; that somehow, they were incompatible. It was at the turn of the century, during this time of anti-Catholic sentiment, that the Knights of Columbus formed the Patriotic Fourth Degree and validated that they can be both good Catholic men **and** patriotic American citizens.

On Thursday, February 22, 1900, in honor of George Washington's birthday, the Knights of Columbus celebrated the first Exemplification of Patriotism. The ceremony was held in the Lennox Lyceum in New York City with 1,383 candidates in attendance.

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, the Knights of Columbus returned to New York City to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree within the historic walls of America's parish church - Saint Patrick's Cathedral. We invite all South Carolina Assemblies to hold their own anniversary events to commemorate this exciting and historic time.

Being a Catholic patriot is not so easy these days either. Everywhere you look, the Catholic Church takes the position of Christian morality and gets attacked for it. So, now, more than ever, it is important to demonstrate that we love our faith, but we also love our country. We are not trying to destroy our country; we're trying to make it better.

In the United States, we deal all the time with a great misunderstanding about the establishment clause of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." It's almost to the point where you can't say anything religious, or else some people will claim you're violating the separation of Church and State. Nowadays, people want to shut down everything that has to do with religion.



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They want to say you can't have prayer in school or in a public sector; you can't support a military program if you're a church organization, because that violates the establishment clause. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Through the patriotic arm of the Order, Knights can gain a better understanding of their country and their government. They are equipped to teach others about the truth of their country's history and demonstrate their patriotism by being Catholics who truly love their country and are actively living out a love of their homeland. This can do a lot for the transformation of culture.

There was a time in our country where you and I might have disagreed about our political views, but I wouldn't think you were any less of a patriot. Today, the problem we face is that there are so many people who are quick to believe that their perspective is the only correct one, and they are willing to attack somebody else's patriotism just because they think differently about how to fight a war, or whom to support in a conflict.

I hope that through the Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree, we can understand that, regardless of people's differences, the most important thing is to love your country and to love your neighbor. That means you don't stop loving your brothers and your sisters in Christ just because they don't necessarily agree that everything you think is the correct patriotic point of view. I would love for the Fourth Degree to be a place where we encourage discussion again, where we may agree to disagree, but we don't diminish each other when we don't see eye to eye. We must be very careful to always maintain respect and love for one another even if we disagree.

I think you must look at it twofold. First, look at it from the patriotic point of view. As a patriot, you should love and support your country. You should be willing to die defending it if necessary. Yet I think you should also look at it in a broader sense. My country is the United States. I've got brothers in other countries. But we're all members of the Universal Church as well. We're all called to love and to defend the faith. We all have that in common as Catholic patriots.



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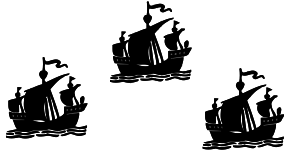
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It would be wonderful for us to find ways to increase the dialogue between lay members of the Knights and their parish priests and bishops, so that we can have a greater understanding of our civic duties as Catholic citizens. Maybe we can facilitate having seminars, where Fourth Degree faithful friars can help Catholics to understand political issues and why they're important. Our priests can also help Knights understand other ways that we, as Catholic patriots, can be engaged in our community by carrying out corporal works of mercy for veterans who are struggling with homelessness, addiction or incarceration. Because everywhere you look, those numbers are on the increase. By working with our priests, I think the Fourth Degree can get a better sense of where Christ is needed right now, and how we, as patriotic members of the Order, can address those needs.

In that regard, I have asked Chris Hilditch, who has been a tremendous asset as District Secretary, to accept the new position of District Program Director, with the intention of developing a Program Manual that will rival the Supreme "Faith in Action" programs book. This will be an action plan for Navigators and their Assemblies to get and stay active for the next 125 years.

I would be remis if I didn't add that we will be looking forward to July 4th, 2026, the 250th birthday of this great nation. Look for events, programs and new ideas in the upcoming South Carolina Program manual.

Vivat Jesus
Michael A. Allen, PSD
District Master South Carolina



Columbus H.O.P.E. Foundation
Helping Other People Everyday

Presidents Report

2025

Adults with Intellectual Disabilities: Family Care and Support

Exploring Long-term Care Dynamics

Introduction

Research into families has traditionally focused more on families with children, neglecting the dynamics involved in caring for adults with intellectual disabilities. However, the maintenance of family care well into the middle age of the intellectually disabled adult has stimulated increasing interest in this area. As adults with intellectual disabilities age, their needs and the role their families play in their support undergo significant changes.

Transition to Adulthood

Studies have shown that the nature and frequency of accommodation activities change as individuals transition from childhood to adulthood. Two complementary themes emerge during this transition:

Stable Routines

As children with intellectual disabilities grow older, stable routines develop within the family. The number of new accommodations decreases as other children in the family leave home and become independent. This stability can provide a sense of predictability and security for the disabled adult.

Diminished Caregiver Ability

As caregivers age, their ability to provide care may be affected by their own declining health. Siblings often share in the support of their parents and siblings with disabilities, either practically or emotionally. This shared responsibility can help mitigate the challenges faced by aging caregivers but also introduces new dynamics in family relationships.

Family Life-cycle Changes

The changes in the family life cycle can vary significantly in terms of timing and the types of transitions needed. Each family's experience is unique, influenced by factors such as the level of disability, family structure, and available resources. The complexity and variability of family life require flexible and adaptive support systems.

Implications for Practice and Support

The focus of interventions has shifted from addressing a family's pathological reaction to the birth of a child with a disability to supporting and augmenting the adaptive functioning of family care. The research increasingly reflects the complexity and variability of family life, moving away from former pathological models of family functioning.

Community and Organizational Support

Many of the social, physical, and emotional advances of the last half of the 20th century and the first quarter of the 21st century can be attributed directly to the support of groups like the Knights of Columbus' Columbus HOPE Foundation. These organizations play a crucial role in supporting disability-focused nonprofits, raising funds, and providing resources that make it easier for families to maintain care for intellectually disabled individuals.

Empowering Families

By supporting the nonprofits focused on intellectual disabilities, we empower families to provide better care and support the emotional and social dynamics within the family. This holistic approach ensures that the needs of the intellectually disabled person are met while also addressing the well-being of the entire family.

Conclusion

The emphasis is now on interventions that support the adaptive functioning of family care rather than focusing on pathological reactions. This approach acknowledges the complexity and variability of family life and aims to provide the necessary support to help families thrive. Thanks to the efforts of community groups and nonprofits, families are better equipped to care for their intellectually disabled members, ensuring a higher quality of life for everyone involved.

Michael A. Allen,
President and Chairman of the Board
Columbus HOPE Foundation



Knights of Columbus

South Carolina State Council

2025 South Carolina State Council Convention
GOOD OF THE ORDER REPORT
104th South Carolina State Council Convention
Greenville, SC
May 4, 2025

Worthy State Deputy,

In the name of Christopher Columbus and the Knights of Columbus in South Carolina, I am proud to report the State Council is in excellent shape. The last audit has confirmed that the State Council's books are in good order and the council is solvent.

The councils of the State remain in solidarity with our bishop, the Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS and our Priests. Through the RSVP Program, we support the religious vocations from the state, including the support of every seminarian of the Diocese by multiple councils and many seminarians in the Archdiocese of Military Service, USA. Especially noteworthy is upon hearing the Supreme Knight discuss the Knights of Columbus COR Initiative, our bishop instructed the Diocesan Office of Evangelization to collaborate directly with the Knights of Columbus to enhance the Diocese's Via Fidelis program.

The State proudly continues to exemplify the virtue of charity. We recognize the outstanding leadership of our State Program Director and State Warden Patrick Noone, who personally chaired the Coats for Kids initiative and the Warrior to Lourdes fundraisers. Through Pat's leadership, the state procured over 6,000 coats, ranking us number 12 out of 75 jurisdictions in the Order. The State Council continues its charitable outreach by our State Charity Drive. And, with the Columbus HOPE Foundation, we expect to raise over \$300,000 this year for citizens with mental disabilities.

It is with immense pride that we recall our state's outstanding response to the devastation of Hurricane Helene. When South Carolina and North Carolina were ravaged this past September, leaving tens of thousands homeless, the councils of South Carolina responded in the charitable spirit of Fr. McGivney by providing immediate disaster relief:

- St Michael's Council 8980 of Garden City collected over 26,000 pounds of supplies and raised thousands of dollars. The supplies were driven directly to the State Deputy to immediately assist Greenville, the greater Greenville area, and parts of Asheville, NC.
- Precious Blood Council 11028 of Pawleys Island sent a truck load of supplies and donations directly to the State Deputy which provided relief in the Greenville area.
- P. N. Lynch Council 704 of Charleston had generators and supplies delivered to Asheville, NC, as soon as the roads were open.
- Our Lady of Grace Council 14765 of Indian Land raised over \$10,000 through a donation match challenge the first weekend following the storm.

- Saint Fynbar Council 17760 of Charleston drove a truckload of supplies directly to District Deputy Chris Pate to support Greenwood and Laurens areas. The supplies were being used within an hour of arrival.
- And many other Councils contributed supplies and donations to this effort.

The Pro-Life program remains strong and active. Many councils' support their local pregnancy centers and the St. Clare House. In addition, the State has now provided 33 ultrasound machines per Supreme Council Ultrasound Program, with three more in progress. South Carolina is believed to have acquired the largest number of ultrasound machines per capita of the 75 jurisdictions in the Order. And most importantly, we have saved tens of thousands of lives. And the State and Fourth Degree continued leading this year's Stand Up for Life Rally and March at the State Capital in January, which they have done for over 50 years and was highlighted in the Catholic Miscellany magazine.

The spirit of Columbianism is strong in South Carolina as demonstrated by the many Awards Program presentations during the State Deputy's Address to the State and at the State Council Convention Banquet.

Our outstanding youth program continues. The State Council remains the sole supporter of the Diocese of Charleston's Catholic Committee on Scouting which funds the Catholic Religious Emblem Awards and St. George Trek (a national religious vocation discernment event,) and Bishop England Trek. This is in addition to the State Soccer Shootout, State Basketball Free Throw, the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster/Essay Contest, and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. In the last program, it is noteworthy to recognize that Mya McColl, sponsored by Immaculate Conception Council 11991 of Goose Creek, was the South Carolina State Council winner, and also the Supreme Council's runner up.

The growth, development, health and performance of our State Council and the councils of the State continue to excel under the leadership of our State Deputy Jeff Crouch and the South Carolina State Officers.

- South Carolina Jurisdiction has exceeded expectations and will achieve Supreme's Pinnacle Award for growth and programs for the fourth consecutive year.
- Last year, the State had 25 Star Councils (40%), an 12 Star Districts (67%) and 3 All-star Districts. These accomplishments significantly exceed the historical norm for the State. This year, as of the first of May, the state is exceeding last year's growth and is primed to far exceed last year's accomplishments.
- In January 2025, Brandon Chambers, our State Membership Director, was recognized by the Supreme Council to be the number one recruiter in the Order with 308 new Knights. He is the first South Carolina Knight in the state's history to achieve this accomplishment.

The State performance, under the success of State Deputy Jeff Crouch and Brandon Chambers did far more to grow the order than just here in South Carolina. Jeff was one of only twelve State Deputies serving on the Supreme Council Advisory Board Committee that directly interfaced with the Supreme Council's Growth Department. There, our State Deputy provided direct input on councils' issues and best practices. While our State Deputy shared our successes with other State Deputies, Brandon shared the same information with Supreme Insurance Agents. To be clear, the

best practices of South Carolina are directly impacting strategic growth in California, Pennsylvania, parts of Canada, Massachusetts, Puerto Rico, the Dakotas, all 11 Jurisdictions in the Southeastern Territory and many more. This past year, South Carolina has become the new face of the “Recruiting Drive.”

We would be remiss, if the State did not proudly recognize that our SD Jeff Crouch brought further recognition to South Carolina Knights of Columbus. He is the only state deputy to serve in Supreme’s inaugural Blessed Michael McGivney Fellowship whose purpose is to provide leadership training to the Orders’ young leaders. Many of these young leaders have gone on to be State Officers in their respective jurisdictions. Jeff has been asked to continue to mentor many of these young leaders. This does not happen only because South Carolina is doing well with intake numbers. It happens because South Carolina is well represented by our State Deputy.

In conclusion, the Knights of South Carolina stand firm in their Faith and their devotion to our Church and the Blessed Virgin Mary. We commit ourselves to Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, and the priests of the Diocese of Charleston. And the South Carolina Knights of Columbus is in a strong position for continued success for years to come. We thank our State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and especially the thousands of Knights and their family who serve in South Carolina.

I hereby submit this report for the “Good of the Order.”

Vivat Jesus.

Fraternally submitted,



Thomas M. Monahan, PSD, FVSM
South Carolina State Council
Knights of Columbus

**Knights of Columbus
South Carolina State Council
FY 2025 - 2026 Annual Budget**

Per Capita based on \$7.50 per billable member

	Fraternal Year		Anticipated 6/30/2025	Estimated Fraternal Year 2024- 2025	Actual Fraternal Year 2022 - 2023	Proposed Fraternal Year Budget 2025- 2026
	Budget 2024- 2025	Actual thru 04/1/2025				
40001 · Per-Capita	\$ 48,855.00	\$ 49,687.00	\$ -	\$ 49,687.00	\$ 41,821.00	\$ 51,060.00
40005 · Insurance Liability	\$ 15,310.00	\$ 16,202.99	\$ -	\$ 16,202.99	\$ 15,310.00	\$ 16,500.00
40006 · K of C Supreme - Incentive	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,556.50	\$ 500.00
40008 · Disaster Relief Income	\$ -	\$ 26,660.00	\$ -	\$ 26,660.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
40010 · Interest Earned	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.10	\$ 17.90	\$ 20.00	\$ 7.98	\$ 20.00
40045 · Supplies - State Pins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
45020 · Convention Fees	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 7,560.00	\$ 18,440.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 22,010.00	\$ 26,000.00
45021 · Convention Advertising	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 4,000.00
45022 · Coats for Kids	\$ -	\$ 55,445.98	\$ -	\$ 55,445.98	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00
45024 · Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total 45025 · SC Men's Conf. Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
45041 · Offering - Mass Collection	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 868.00	\$ -
45050 · Warriors to Lourdes	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 3,989.00	\$ -
45060 · Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
47020 · Ceremonials - Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
47120 · Christmas Cards Sales	\$ -	\$ 188.00	\$ -	\$ 188.00	\$ 1,422.00	\$ -
47140 · Ace Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
48120 · Charity Drive Donations	\$ 62,000.00	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,705.00	\$ 62,000.00
49500 · Ultra Sound Initiative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Council Support SCCMC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 160,685.00	\$ 157,196.07	\$ 91,457.90	\$ 248,653.97	\$ 159,489.48	\$ 219,080.00
Expenses						
60005 · Insurance & Liability	\$ 15,310.00	\$ 16,202.99	\$ -	\$ 16,202.99	\$ 15,310.00	\$ 16,500.00
60007 · Disaster Relief Expense	\$ -	\$ 26,660.00	\$ -	\$ 26,660.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60010 · Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60015 · PayPal Exp. SC Men's Conf.	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60020 · Charity Raffle Council Awards	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 23,371.75	\$ 21,000.00
60025 · Food	\$ 30,951.00	\$ 14,322.95	\$ 16,628.05	\$ 30,951.00	\$ 32,960.68	\$ 35,741.50
60026 · Speakers Fees	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60034 · State Pins	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,300.00
60035 · Awards and Gifts	\$ 43,560.00	\$ 26,710.93	\$ 16,849.07	\$ 43,560.00	\$ 32,865.43	\$ 43,560.00
60036 · Quickbooks and bookkeeping	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 956.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,392.00	\$ 2,000.00
60038 · Web site and Video Calling	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,602.28	\$ 897.72	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,398.28	\$ 2,500.00
60039 · Office Supplies	\$ 428.50	\$ -	\$ 428.50	\$ 428.50	\$ -	\$ 428.50
60040 · Printing and Copying	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,525.25	\$ 1,474.75	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,445.56	\$ 3,000.00
60041 · Postage and Mailing	\$ 500.00	\$ 26.40	\$ 473.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 26.40	\$ 500.00
60043 · Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 48.15	\$ -
60045 · Supplies	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,171.93	\$ 128.07	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,957.68	\$ 1,300.00
60047 · Audit	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00
60048 · Fees and Permits	\$ 100.00	\$ 51.85	\$ 48.15	\$ 100.00	\$ 103.70	\$ 100.00
60049 · Incentives	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,329.49	\$ 2,500.00
60050 · Travel	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,959.40	\$ 3,040.60	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,075.20	\$ 8,000.00
60051 · Meeting/Facility	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
60055 · Hotel	\$ 22,585.50	\$ 12,967.53	\$ 9,617.97	\$ 22,585.50	\$ 19,539.78	\$ 20,000.00
60070 · Christmas Card Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,057.00	\$ -	\$ 1,057.00	\$ 1,201.75	\$ -
60071 · Warriors to Lourdes Project	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
60075 · Ultra-Sound Initiative	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,907.65	\$ -
60080 · Bishop/State Chaplain	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 828.00	\$ -
60085 · Seminarians' Support	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60090 · Bereavement/Health Masses	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60095 · State Chaplain's Support	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60100 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,463.00	\$ -	\$ 1,463.00	\$ 1,027.98	\$ 1,050.00
60101 · Military Chaplains' Scholarship	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
61102 · Coats for Kids	\$ -	\$ 55,445.98	\$ -	\$ 55,445.98	\$ 0.00	\$ 55,000.00
61103 · Patriotic Support Fund	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
State Council Support SCCMC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 160,685.00	\$ 170,211.49	\$ 78,442.48	\$ 248,653.97	\$ 159,489.48	\$ 219,080.00

Resolutions Presented for
Consideration of the South
Carolina State Council



Knights of Columbus

South Carolina State Convention

Greenville, South Carolina

May 3, 2025

1. *In Honor of Pope Francis*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025 pledge our eternal love, our prayers, our commitment to help the poor, and our renewal of devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we renew our commitment to pray for God's protection for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and for God to grant him the courage wisdom and health to guide the Church in these turbulent times.

2. *Salutations to Bishop Fabre-Jeune*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025, renew our commitment to pray for God's protection for our Bishop, and for God to grant him the courage and wisdom to guide the Church; and pledge our admiration, support and love to his Excellency, The Most Reverend Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston.

3. *Salutations to State Chaplain*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025, extends a sincere and heartfelt thank you and appreciation to State Chaplain, Reverend Robert F. Higgins for his service and dedication to the State Council and the Order, his parish, and his untiring dedication to our brother and sister Catholics in the great State of South Carolina.

4. *In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests*

RESOLVED, that we commend and support our Bishops, clergy and religious leaders and thank them for the strength and wisdom which they have shown in the leadership and governance of our Church; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Knights of Columbus render faithful and loyal service and stand in solidarity with our Bishops, Clergy, and all ordained ministers in the fulfillment of the duties of the Holy Offices to which they have been called.

5. *Felicitation to Supreme Knight*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025, gives Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly our most sincere thank you and appreciation for his tireless efforts on behalf of our great Order; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus also extends to the Supreme Board of Directors and Supreme officer's staff our most sincere thank you for a job well done.

6. *Felicitation to Supreme Guest*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025, extends a sincere and great appreciation to Dr. Jonathan Reyes Senior Vice President for Evangelization and Faith Formation, for his dedication, leadership, and years of service to our Order.

7. *Felicitation to Supreme Territorial Growth Director*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025, extends sincere and great appreciation to our Southeast Territorial Growth Director, David Tebo, for his dedication, leadership, and years of service to the Order.

8. Faith in Action

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025, supports opportunities that allow us to put into practice our Catholic faith through various "Faith," "Family," "Community," and Life programs; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that our members, councils, and families live in the Catholic faith more fully so that each home is truly a Domestic Church reflecting the holiness of the Universal Church in every Knights of Columbus household.

9. In Recognition of Service

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025, wishes to extend a sincere thank you and our love and appreciation to the District Deputies, State Committee Chairmen, Grand Knights, and all Council Officers along with their wives, for their dedication to the Order and the Church and their proven leadership for the growth of our Order.

10. In Support of our Armed Forces

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025, supports and encourages the men and women of the armed forces who defend our liberties and freedoms; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will never waiver in our commitment to recognize the contributions of every service member on Active duty, in the Guard, in the Reserves and all veterans and retired members; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will prayerfully support and encourage the families of those service men and women who are deployed overseas; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we continue to pray for the mission success and safe return of all military personnel, especially those deployed to various combat zones throughout the world; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we now pay tribute to those men and women who have served, especially those who have suffered serious combat injuries, and we pray for the souls who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the service of their country, by observing a moment of silence.

11. *In Support of Ukraine*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025, prays for justice in Ukraine and the end of war perpetrated by a hostile country.

12. *In Recognition of All District Deputies*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on the 3rd day of May 2025, extend sincere and great appreciation to all our District Deputies for their dedication and service to their councils, the South Carolina jurisdiction, and to the Knights of Columbus.

13. *In Recognition of State Treasurer Ed Wilcox*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to Ed Wilcox for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as State Treasurer for the South Carolina jurisdiction.

14. *In Recognition of State Advocate Dr. Richard Swain*

RESOLVED that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to Dr. Richard Swain for his dedication and service to the Order while serving as State Advocate for the South Carolina jurisdiction.

15. *In Recognition of State Membership Chairman Brandon Chambers*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to Brandon Chambers for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as Membership Chairman for the South Carolina jurisdiction.

16. *In Recognition of District Deputy M. Eric Cannon*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville, South Carolina on the 3rd day of ay 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to M. Eric Cannon for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #2 r for the South Carolina jurisdiction.

17. *In Recognition of State Program Director Patrick Noone*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in **Greenville**, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to Patrick Noone for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as State Program Director of the South Carolina State Council.

18. *In Recognition of District Deputy Christopher J. Beumel*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in **Greenville**, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to Christopher J. Beumel for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #5 of the South Carolina State Council

19. *In Recognition of District Deputy Donald E. Thurlow Jr.*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in **Greenville**, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to Donald E. Thurlow Jr. for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #6 of the South Carolina State Council.

20. *In Recognition of District Deputy William H. Larkin*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in **Greenville**, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to William H. Larkin. for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #8 of the South Carolina State Council.

21. *In Recognition of District Deputy Mark A. Phillips*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in **Greenville**, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to Mark A. Phillips for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #13 of the South Carolina State Council.

22. *In Recognition of District Deputy William E. Weiss Jr.*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in **Greenville**, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to William E. Weiss Jr. for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #14 of the South Carolina State Council.

23. *In Recognition of District Deputy Paul C LaRosa, III.*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to Paul C. LaRosa, III for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #16 of the South Carolina State Council.

24. *In Recognition of District Deputy Joseph G. Nesbitt.*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville, South Carolina on the 3rd day of May 2025 extend sincere and great appreciation to Joseph G. Nesbitt for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #18 of the South Carolina State Council.

25. *For the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Greenville on this 3rd day of May 2025 pray for the Canonization of our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, and encourage all Brother Knights and their families to become active members of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pray for the intercession of Blessed Father Michael McGivney for our needs and the needs of all our loved ones, and report any favors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to follow his courageous example by leading lives of heroic virtue in our marriages, our families, our parishes and our places of work; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor the vision of Blessed Father Michael McGivney through a commitment to charity, unity, and fraternity that will cause our Order to grow, and through acts of charity, reach ever more people in need.

26. *Nomination of Jeffrey M. Crouch for Supreme Director*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council does hereby endorse and nominate State Deputy Jeffrey M. Crouch, for election to the position of Supreme Director of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.