



April 3, 2024

Mr. Patrick T. Mason
Supreme Secretary
Knights of Columbus
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Subject: 102nd South Carolina State Convention Minutes

Worthy Supreme Secretary,

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes from the 102nd South Carolina State Convention held on April 14-16, 2023, in Columbia, SC.

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

Fraternally Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey M. Crouch'.

Jeffrey M. Crouch
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cc: Paul V. Burchell, State Deputy
Jeffrey M. Crouch, State Secretary



Minutes of the
102nd South Carolina State Convention

April 16 – 18, 2023

Embassy Suites – Greystone

Columbia, SC

State Secretary
Jeffrey M. Crouch

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report of the State Deputy Fraternal Year 2022 - 2023
2. Report of the State Secretary
3. Report of the State Advocate
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5. Report on Nominating Committee
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8. Report on the Columbus Hope Foundation
9. Report of the Membership Director
10. Report of Program Director
11. Report of College Coordinator
12. Report of Budget and Finance Committee
13. Resolutions

Business Meeting
Saturday, April 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell, called the 102nd Annual State Convention to order at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 17, 2023, at the Embassy Suites Greystone in Columbia, South Carolina.

State Chaplain, Fr. Robert Higgins led the opening prayer and District Master, Daniel E. Barton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Deputy Paul Burchell then introduced the Corpus Christi Council 11325 Exemplification Team for the purpose of demonstrating the Exemplification of Charty, Unity, and Fraternity. The State Deputy stated that the message in the ceremony is important for all to hear and will set the tone for the rest of the weekend.

Exemplification conducted by Corpus Christi Council 11325.

INTRODUCTIONS:

State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell introduced the State Officers: State Warden, Sherrill “Ed” Wilcox, State Advocate, Timothy W. Kenney, State Secretary, Jeffrey M. Crouch, Immediate Past State Deputy Daniel E. Barton, and State Chaplain, Rev. Robert F. Higgins. The State Deputy introduced the Supreme Guest, Timothy M. Saccoccia, PSD, and the following: Past State Deputies: James P Nettles, Stephen T Dunlap, Richard A. Gabriel, Michael A. Allen, and General Agent Robert Boni.

REPORT OF THE STATE DEPUTY FRATERNAL YEAR 2022 – 2023:

State Secretary, Jeffrey M. Crouch, assumed the chair for introducing the State Deputy Paul V. Burchell, who presented his annual report. **Attachment 1**

ADDRESS BY THE STATE CHAPLAIN:

Our State Chaplain, Rev Robert F Higgins, addressed the State Convention.

ADDRESS BY THE SUPREME GUEST:

Tim Saccoccia, Supreme Guest, addressed the State Convention.

State Deputy, Paul Burchell, recessed the meeting for lunch at 1100 AM.

An Hour with Bishop Jacques – 2:00 PM

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune led a town hall style discussion answering questions from the State Convention.

SECOND SESSION: Call to Order

The meeting was reconvened at 3:00 PM and called to order by State Deputy Paul V. Burchell.

TEMPORARY ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES:

State Secretary, Jeffrey M. Crouch, presented the temporary roll call and reported there are 73 delegates, 33 alternate delegates and 16 non-voting delegates representing 44 of the 64 councils.

ADDRESS BY THE GENERAL AGENT:

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

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, Paul V. Burchell, called upon Richard Ronde, DD1 to address the State Council for making a motion. The following motion was made: **“As copies of the minutes of the 101st 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 Paul V. Burchell called upon James O. Alford, DD17, 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 Paul V. Burchell called upon William E. Weiss, DD14, 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, Jeffrey M. Crouch 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. Immediate Past State Deputy Daniel E. Barton also kept a tally of delegates. The final tally count was 80 delegates (75 council delegates & 5 state officers). Forty-three (47) Councils were present with delegates.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:

State Deputy Paul V. Burchell appointed Thomas O’Donnell, DD3 and John Luse, DD11 as tellers.

Immediate Past State Deputy, Daniel E. Barton, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported on candidates for State Office for the 2023-2024 year and delegates to the 2023 141st Supreme Convention.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell conducted the election for State Deputy for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Secretary will cast one vote for Jeffrey M. Crouch, who was elected as State Deputy.

State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell conducted the election for State Secretary for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Deputy instructed the State Secretary to cast one vote for Jay Scott Friedman who was elected as State Secretary.

State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell conducted the election for State Treasurer for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Deputy instructed the State Secretary to cast one vote for Sherrill Ed Wilcox, who was elected as State Treasurer.

State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell conducted the election for State Advocate for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Deputy instructed the State Secretary to cast one vote for Richard W. Swain, who was elected as State Advocate.

State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell conducted the election for State warden for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. There being no nominations from the Floor, the State Deputy instructed the State Secretary to cast one vote for Guadelupe R. Jimenez, who was

elected as State Warden.

The following are the elected officers for 2022-2023.

State Deputy	Jeffrey M. Crouch	Council 1668
State Secretary	Jay Scott Friedman	Council 6726
State Treasurer	Sherril Ed Wilcox	Council 7062
State Advocate	Richard W. Swain	Council 11325
State Warden	Guadalupe R. Jimenez	Council 7289

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

Insurance Delegates:	Jay Scott Friedman & Brandon Chambers
Associate Delegates:	Guadalupe R. Jimenez, Thomas W. O'Donnell, & Daniel E. Barton
1 st Alternate Delegate:	Richard W. Swain
2 nd Alternate Delegate:	Deacon Robert L. Cox
3 rd Alternate Delegate:	William E. Weiss
4 th Alternate Delegate:	Michael A. Allen, PSD, DM
5 th Alternate Delegate:	Patrick Noone
6 th Alternate Delegate:	Paul Setti

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

Timothy W. Kenney, 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, 2023.**

- 1. Christopher Fund Resolution.** The motion for approval of the Resolutions was seconded and unanimously approved.
- 2. Nomination of Daniel E. Barton to Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus.** 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 committees report to delegates prior to the convention recommending adoption of the budget. State Secretary Jeffrey M. Crouch, came forward to lead any discussion on the budget. There was no discussion.

State Deputy Paul V. Burchell stated that as the 2023-2024 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. **Attachment 12**

LOCATION OF 102nd STATE CONVENTION:

State Secretary, Jeffrey M. Crouch announced that the 103rd South Carolina State Council Convention will be held at the Spartanburg Marriott in Spartanburg and will be sponsored by District 6, District 8, and District 14.

NEW BUSINESS:

State Deputy Paul V. Burchell asked if there was any new business to come before this convention?

There being no further business, State Deputy Paul V. Burchell 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 Michael Telesco Awards Presentation to be an open session”**. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING:

State Secretary Jeffrey M. Crouch made the following announcements:

- Mass will start at 5 PM in Greystone Hall. Please come dressed in whatever you plan to wear to the banquet.
- Following Mass, all are invited to enjoy the happy hour provided by the Embassy Suites. In addition, the hotel bar is open if you would rather order from the bar. State Officers, old and new, will be in the atrium area so please stop by and say hello.
- The Banquet will begin promptly at 7PM in the Salon CDEFG. As you enter the room, you will see a table with name tent cards arranged in alphabetical order. Your table number is on the tent card. As a last resort, I have a copy of the registration spreadsheet with table numbers! If you cannot find me, I will be making my way to the podium of the banquet room by ten till seven.
- If you are participating in the Parade of Banners, I will give you a five-minute

warning to head out and line up outside the banquet room. Line up by the smallest number to the largest. 704, 1668, 2207, all the way to 16903, 17760, and 17824.

- Sunday's Award Presentation: breakfast is on your own before the presentation starts. There will be no assigned seats We will begin with the Divine Mercy Chaplet right at 9, and then proceed straight into the awards.
- Following the awards session, we will have a closing session. This will be short, so please stick around for it.
- Checkout for all guests is noon, so you should have plenty of time to check out after.

State Spiritual Director, Deacon Robert Cox led the closing prayer.

State Deputy Paul V. Burchell recessed the meeting at 3:56 PM.

South Carolina State Convention Mass
Saturday, April 17, 2023

The State Convention Mass was held at 5:00 PM. Mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, and assisted by Deacon Robert Cox. There were approximately 200 people in attendance.

South Carolina State Dinner
Saturday, April 17, 2023

The 102nd Annual State Convention Banquet was held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, April 17, 2023 at the Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The banquet was called to order by Master of Ceremonies, Jeffrey M. Crouch, State Secretary. The South Carolina State Council Officers and their guests, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, General Agent Robert Boni and his wife, and Supreme Guest Scott O'Connor were introduced as they entered the banquet room.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by District Master, Daniel E. Barton.

Rev "Sandy" McDonald was called upon to say the opening prayer.

Jeffrey M. Crouch, State Secretary, announced the Councils as they paraded in with their Council banners.

After the dinner, the Master of Ceremonies Jeffrey M. Crouch, State Secretary, introduced all Past State Deputies in attendance, including special guests Joyce Griffin, widow of Edward Griffin, PSD and Trudy Hock, widow of Raymond Hock, 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 Paul V. Burchell and Supreme Guest Timothy Saccoccia to move to the front of the Podium for the purpose of recognizing District Deputies who are completing their service at the end of the Fraternal Year. Resolutions were read and delivered to Ed Wilcox, District 4, Joe Friend, District 5, Rick Swain, District 7, Ray Howard, District 10, Scott Friedman, District 13, Tom Armel, District 16, and Jim Alford, District 17. Additionally, Program Director Tony Zammarrelli and Membership Director Ron Stanley were also recognized. Next, outgoing State Advocate Timothy Kenney was recognized. Lastly, Michael Hibbs and his wife Sandy were presented the ACE Award for activities in support of the Pro-Life movement.

At the end of this recognition, Melissa Saccoccia, Joyce Griffin, and Trudy Hock were asked to pull the winning tickets of the State Council Annual Charity Raffle Drawing.

The State Secretary reported that through a quick tally, the raffle had brought in over \$64,000.00 for Catholic Charities throughout the State. First Place: Mike Paitsel, Council 7531; Second Place: Julie Wagoner, Council 11991; Third Place: Marla Etter, Council 14475.

The Master of Ceremonies next introduced State Deputy Paul V. Burchell. State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell, introduced the Convention Honoree, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, who then addressed the convention. At the conclusion of his remarks, the State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell, and his wife Judy, presented the Bishop with gifts of appreciation for his attendance at the State Convention, and presented flowers to his mother who accompanied him.

Next, State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell, introduced the Supreme Guest, Timothy Saccoccia, PSD, who then addressed the convention. At the conclusion of his remarks, the State Deputy, Paul V. Burchell, and his wife Judy, presented Tim and Melissa with gifts of appreciation for his attendance at the State Convention.

At this time, State Deputy Paul Burchell presented the 2023 Blessed Michael McGivney Award to Father Sandy McDonald. Father Sandy then gave his remarks.

State Deputy Paul V. Burchell then gave his closing remarks.

State Secretary Jeff Crouch and Immediate Past State Deputy next thanked State Deputy Paul Burchell and his wife Judy for two great years of service. Gifts of appreciation were presented on behalf of the State Council.

The Master of Ceremonies, Jeffrey M. Crouch then gave some closing announcements:

- At the conclusion of the State Banquet, the State Hospitality Suite, will be in room 429/430.
- Sunday's Award Presentation: breakfast is on your own before the presentation starts. There will be no assigned seats We will begin with the Divine Mercy Chaplet right at 9, and then proceed straight into the awards.
- Following the awards session, we will have a closing session. This will be short, so please stick around for it.
- Checkout for all guests is noon, 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, either now or at the conclusion of the Awards Presentation.

The closing prayer was given by Rev. Sandy McDonald.

The banquet was concluded at 9:41 PM

Michael W. Telesco Awards Presentation
Sunday, April 18, 2023

Deacon Bob Cox led the Chaplet of Divine Mercy beginning promptly at 0900.

State Program Director Tony Zammarrelli assumed the podium to lead the awards presentation.

The following Awards were presented:

Columbus HOPE Foundation Awards

Bronze Achievement Awards

Council	Council Name	Percentage
15611	St. Martin de Porres	100%
8295	Fr. Francis A. Friend	100%
10819	Rev. Paul D. O'Toole	102%
12366	Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell	108%

Gold Achievement Awards

Council	Council Name	Percentage
11028	Precious Blood of Christ	176%
6847	Msgr. Martin C. Murphy	192%

Platinum Achievement Awards

Council	Council Name	Percentage
15690	NJL	202%
7289	Raymond G. Bennett	224%
14892	Fr. William G. Kinney, Jr.	276%
8980	St. Michaels	294%
7122	Our Lady Star of the Sea	180%
5194	Msgr. Charles D. Wood	157%
7129	Fr. John B. Adair	229%
9575	Mary Queen of Peace	343%
6726	Donald J. Godfrey	226%
10668	Thomas D. Reilly, Sr.	445%
3067	Joseph Miguel Ros, Jr	377%

SC District Fourth Degree Awards

SC District To Be a Patriot Award
Grand Strand Assembly 2107

Msgr. John L. Manning Award
Bernadette Traglia

Former Master Arthur E Anderson, Sir Knight of the Year
Sir Knight James J. Roche

FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS

Faith

Msgr. Andrew K. Gwynn Council 1668

Family

NJL Council 15960

Community

Our Lady of Grace Council 14765

Life

Msgr. Richard C. Madden Council 6629

PERSONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Youth of the Year

Elana Ramis
Corpus Christi Council 11325

Family of the Year

Wagner Family
Transfiguration Council 13713

Rookie of the Year

Jason Walsh
St. Michael's Council 8980

Knight of the Year

Michael Hibbs
Corpus Christi Council 11325

Golden Knight of the Year

Daniel E. Barton
Saint Fynbar Council 17760

State Deputy-Elect Jeffrey Crouch was introduced and gave an outlook of the next Fraternal Year.

State Deputy Paul V. Burchell gave closing comments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM Sunday, April 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey M. Crouch
State Secretary
South Carolina State Council
Knights of Columbus

Attachment 1



Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

State Deputy's Annual State Fraternal Year 2022 - 2023

Wow! What a year – and, it's not over yet. Where do I begin? It doesn't seem that long ago that I gave my annual report to those gathered in Myrtle Beach for our 101st State Convention. At that time, I talked about all the wonderful things Knights were doing in South Carolina. I talked about the success we were having in growing our Order, the many service hours and financial donations given to charities throughout the state, and the accomplishments of individuals and councils.

When I gave my report on April 23rd. last year, I told you that the state had exceeded our monthly membership goal in all but one month up to that point and had finished first in the Southeast Region in six of those months. Additionally, by the time the convention rolled around, we had already exceeded our annual Circle of Honor membership goal. I am now pleased to report to you that little ole' South Carolina finished the last fraternal year with 141.46% of our annual membership goal and earned the Supreme Knight's coveted "Pinnacle Award". There were only six jurisdictions, out of the 75 in our Order, who had a higher membership percentage than South Carolina.

What a year it was. So, how could things get any better? Well let me tell you how. As of the end of March, I can report that South Carolina has exceeded its monthly membership goal in every month thus far. I can tell you that on February 9th this year, we reached 100% of our annual membership goal. This was a very special day indeed. I received several phone calls and emails congratulating the state for such an accomplishment so early in the fraternal year (by the way, the first state in our nation to accomplish this). As luck would have it, I chose that evening to attend my local council's meeting and missed a call from our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. He did leave a very nice voice mail however, and asked me to extend his congratulations for all your efforts.

I can tell you, that as of the end of March, we stood at 135% of our annual membership goal and we are in third place behind only Ukraine and British Columbia in the entire Order.

Yes, Brother Knights, ladies, and guests, we are poised to have another banner year in South Carolina and that is because of the efforts of the "boots on the ground", the District Deputies, Grand Knights, and council officers who make it happen. We owe all those individuals our congratulations for a job well done!

In last year's report, I talked about the success we were having in reaching out to the Hispanic community under the leadership of Dr. Gustavo Valdez and with the untiring support of Jose Jimenez, VP of Hispanic and Ethnic Growth. I am proud to tell you, that

mission continues, and three individuals we need to recognize for this are Lupe Jimenez, our State Hispanic Growth Director and Brandon Chambers, our Associate General Agent and his lovely wife, Michelle (along with baby Joseph).

These individuals have traveled all over the state, sitting down with pastors, and bringing Blessed Father McGivney's message to the Hispanic Community. And, what success they've had! I've been privileged to attend a number of Spanish Masses followed by an Exemplification (in Spanish) and can't begin to tell you the total number of Hispanic Brothers we now have in our councils. One recent example is Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 6891 in Orangeburg. On March 5th, the team exemplified 16 new members, and since then, they've added an additional two, and have another five who are currently online members and will soon be exemplified into the council as well. Council 6891 is in the process of forming a Hispanic Roundtable. As we gather here today, the council stands at almost 400% of its annual membership goal. Thank you, Lupe, Brandon, Michelle, and baby Joseph, for your commitment and leadership.

Orangeburg is not the only council that is having a banner year. Right now, we have 21 councils who have surpassed their annual membership goals and another three who are only one member away. Of the ones who've reached their goals, five of them have over 200% of their goal and two of them over 300%.

There is no doubt that one factor that has led to our successful membership growth is the online membership opportunities. Approximately half of our intake has been from members who have joined online and 55% of those have transferred into a local council. I want to thank Michael Cousino who is our State Online Membership Chairman and who has been doing a fantastic job working with the councils and helping them reach out to the online members. The success of the program speaks for itself. But our work is not done yet. We still have approximately 250 online members who are potential candidates to be brought into councils in their area.

Membership is important, in fact "growing the order" is the number one job of the State Deputy and every Grand Knight. But it's not about the numbers. It's inviting like-minded Catholic men to work side-by-side with us in reaching out to support our parishes and communities. It's about engaging the new members, to bring new ideas and solutions into our councils. It's about keeping the vision of Blessed McGivney alive.

I shared with you our standing as far as membership is concerned, but what about the other factors that make up our Circle of Honor requirements? This year Supreme changed things up a bit. Rather than having a set of just four or five goals that had to be achieved in order to earn Circle of Honor, now we have four required categories and seven optional ones. A jurisdiction must achieve all four goals in the required categories and at least two goals in the optional categories to earn Circle of Honor and an additional two to earn the Pinnacle Award.

I am pleased to tell you that we have already reached three of the four goals in the required category and two of the goals in the optional category. And, we are very close to completing two others.

Our charitable outreach for the 2022 calendar year was another fantastic achievement. I am proud to report that we donated over one and a half million dollars and almost 300,000 service hours to those in need. That comes out to roughly \$145.92 and 29 hours per Knight in South Carolina.

At the start of the fraternal year, Supreme launched the “ASAP” (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. This initiative is designed to strengthen support for pregnant women, new mothers, and their babies, and is similar to our RSVP and Food for Families programs. For every \$500 a council donates to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council donates an additional \$100 to that center or home.

As you would expect, South Carolina has responded to this with outstanding support, contributing over \$26,000 to pregnancy centers, Birthright, and the St. Clare Home in the upstate. These contributions resulted in an additional \$4,200 worth of grants from Supreme to these organizations. And our support continues.

Just a few short weeks ago, our Supreme Council launched the “Pass the Hat Incentive”, encouraging all jurisdictions to literally pass the hat during their conventions to raise money for pregnancy centers and maternity homes. As an incentive, Supreme is donating an additional 20% of the money raised. Accordingly, we will be passing the hat during our business meeting this afternoon. Additionally, the ladies will have as a guest speaker, Sheryl Escude, a volunteer with St Clare’s Home in Greenville, and will have an opportunity to fill the baby bottle that will be at each table.

So far, this fraternal year, the St. Clare Home has received \$8,200 from councils and an additional \$1,500 from Supreme under the ASAP initiative. I also want to recognize Rev. Paul Donald O’Toole Council 10819 in Simpsonville who purchased and installed “Stations of the Cross” at the St. Clare Home early in the fraternal year.

The state continues to be heavily involved in the ultrasound initiative. This past September, the Piedmont Women’s Center in Greer received a new ultrasound machine courtesy of St. Gerard Majella Council 6884 in Seneca. In October, All Saints Council 14475 in Lake Wylie donated an ultrasound machine to the Palmetto Women’s Center in Rock Hill. And, I am proud to say that just a few short weeks ago, paperwork was submitted to Supreme for matching funds for an ultrasound machine destined for the Pregnancy Center & Clinic of the Low Country on Hilton Head Island. This one was made possible due to the fundraising efforts of the councils in District 1.

Since the program’s inception, South Carolina has placed 28 machines, including one in Guatemala and one in the Congo. The words of former Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson,

ring true. When asked what the Knights of Columbus do; he simply said, “we save lives, and we change lives”.

We have several other success stories as well and, in the interest of time, I want to highlight just a few of them.

At the start of the fraternal year, we offered a “Fast Start” incentive to the council that brought in the most members during the first month (July). Councils had to meet a minimum of three to qualify. If there was a tie, the award would be presented to the first council to achieve this milestone. Council 2207 of Sumter, Council 5194 of Florence, and Council 11028 of Pawleys Island each brought in three new members. I am pleased to report that Precious Blood of Christ Council 11028 was the first to bring in their members and was the winner of this incentive and received a customized tent canopy.

Our Immediate Past State Deputy, Daniel Barton, was selected as District Master for the Desoto Province on September 2, 2022. Since his appointment, our Worthy District Master has facilitated Fourth Degree Exemplifications in Fort Mill on November 12th, and more recently in Aiken on February 18th. Our next Fourth Degree exemplification is scheduled for May 20th in Pawleys Island, and I strongly encourage every 3rd degree Knight to join the ranks of the Patriotic Arm of the Knights of Columbus.

We also want to recognize and thank Past State Deputy Mike Allen for his dedication and service as our District Master. Serving as District Master is a challenge at any time, and I can only imagine, that filling this role during the height of Covid made it even more challenging. Thank you, Brother Mike.

On September 12th, Peter T. Villano Sr. Council 9576 in Pickens became the first Council in the State to reach their annual intake goal and were presented with a complete set of council jewels for their accomplishment.

We want to also recognize St. Michael Council 8980 of Murrells Inlet for being the first council to complete their two required fraternal benefit nights and reach their annual membership goal. They received a customized recruiting banner as a reward.

On March 19th, His Excellency, Bishop Jacques celebrated an outdoor Mass with Migrant Farm Workers at St. William’s parish in Ward. Judy and I had the opportunity to attend, and I can tell you that it was a fantastic event. Following Mass, there was food, music, and fellowship. I counted five busloads of Migrant Workers, and I would estimate the total number of attendees as somewhere in the neighborhood of five hundred. I am proud to say that the Knights of Columbus played a significant role in this event. Several thousands of dollars were donated by the State and local councils. Additionally, State Warden, Ed Wilcox, together with members of the North Augusta and Aiken councils volunteered their time to help with setup of tables, chairs etc. I also want to thank District Deputy, Rick Swain, Field Agent Mike Sabilia, and the 12-14 members of Corpus Christi Council 11325 who drove down from Lexington to help with setup, teardown, and fill many “goody bags” for the workers.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Council 7122 presented 100 teddy bears for children to the North Myrtle Beach Police Department during the City Council meeting on March 20th. The Knights purchased the teddy bears for the police to distribute to needy, emotionally distraught, or homeless children to help give them some level of comfort.

A couple of other individuals deserve to be recognized as well. District Deputy, Paul Setti and State College Coordinator, Tim Kenney. After several years of inactivity, I am excited to report that The Citadel Council 6900 is back with us again. Within the last few weeks, Brother Tony Licari, agreed to serve as Financial Secretary and eight cadets who had joined through the online process were exemplified. The council has identified officers for the new fraternal year and are committed to getting a fresh start when they return to school following the summer recess.

Earlier I mentioned the names of Brandon Chambers and Mike Sibilina and the valuable contributions they've made to our success. I think it is important to recognize our General Agent Robert Boni and all his Field Agents for the roles they've played in, not only providing protection for our Brother Knights and their families, but their total involvement in the fraternal side of our Order as well. They may be on the insurance side, but they are, first and foremost, Knights of Columbus.

I've had the opportunity to witness firsthand the contributions of Brothers Shane Goheen, Robert Mack, Robert McCall, and Scott Schweitzer to their local councils and parishes. In addition to their Knights' responsibilities, Brothers Robert McColl and Scott Schweitzer are also in the Deaconate Program. At this time, I invite General Agent Robert Boni and his staff to please stand and be recognized.

The theme of both our District Deputy and Grand Knight midyear meetings was "engage the battle" and was built around the theme of this past year's Supreme Convention, "Into the Breach."

We are constantly being exposed to advertisements, political statements, movies, music, TV shows, etc. that try to pull us away from our Catholic Christian values. These are all works of the "evil one" and we have to exhibit the creative courage to be strong men of God and not be afraid to engage Satan in his battle for our souls. "Faith needs to be at the heart of everything we do - we have to be the "Catholic difference" We have to get back to the roots of the Knights of Columbus and to the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Evangelization and faith formation were key to Blessed Michael McGivney's vision for the Knights in order to keep men Catholic in the 19th Century. We have to be even more intentional to fulfill this vision in the secular society of the 21st Century.

Surveys show that 60% of 18-35-year-old men participate in some sort of faith formation programs. Faith formation leads to action.

Supreme's new Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative, centered around the "Cor Meeting", enable us to fulfill Blessed Michael McGivney's vision and meet the needs of Catholic men, young and old. This program is currently being piloted in several jurisdictions and we expect it to be rolled out to all in the coming months. This truly is a game changer and I encourage all of our Brother Knights to embrace it with open arms.

I also highly encourage every Knight to participate in Supreme's Membership Satisfaction Survey that is currently taking place from March 30th- April 30th. Fifteen minutes of your time can make a world of difference. This study will provide you the opportunity to reflect on your own experience with the Knights of Columbus. Supreme wants to know how membership in the Order aligns to a members' personal spiritual and financial journey.

Supreme continues to demonstrate they are very responsive to the needs of the members. Many of the changes over the past couple of years, such as Guidelines for Council Meetings, opening exemplifications to families and friends, fraternal benefit events, and the affiliate membership program, have come about as a result of surveying the membership. Don't pass up this opportunity to let your voice be heard.

As I wrap up my term as State Deputy, I thank you for all the support, Judy and I have received over this two-year period. I recall attending our District Deputy midyear meeting when I was State Advocate, and telling our State Deputy, Ed Griffin that I was not going to seek a second term as Advocate. He asked me to give him just one more year. *Well, how'd that work out for you Paul?* Thank you, Brother Ed., It's been a blast!

I'm excited about what the future holds for South Carolina and am fully confident in the slate of officers that will be presented at our business session this afternoon. The men you choose to lead the state in the next fraternal year will need your support and your prayers. They will need men who are willing to "step into the breach" and serve as District Deputies, Directors, and Chairman. We have many outstanding leaders in our midst and I ask you to share your talents with the state. Let whoever is elected as the next State Deputy, know that you are willing to serve alongside him.

I'm excited about the new programs Supreme will be launching, about the new opportunities that are available for all Knights and their families, and looking around this room, I'm confident that you are the folks that are going to make our jurisdiction shine.

Vivat Jesu!

Fraternally Submitted,

Paul V. Burchell

Paul V. Burchell
State Deputy
South Carolina State Council
March 30, 2023



Attachment 2

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

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

It is my pleasure to report on another outstanding Fraternal Year!

It seems like yesterday, we arrived in Nashville, TN for the Supreme Convention; where we were surprised to hear that our jurisdiction had achieved the Pinnacle award. We knew we were close, but did not even believe it until it was announced formally. It was a great feeling to not only represent South Carolina at that time but be a part of the planning and day to day efforts to lead to the culmination of that success. Where did we go from there?

On Wednesday August 10, 2022, just one week after we learned we were Pinnacle last Fraternal Year, South Carolina was listed as the Number One Jurisdiction in the World on the Circle of Honor Report. While we have slid as far as number five (we are number two today), this was something I will remember forever as that is the first time I have ever seen that! Where else could we possibly go?

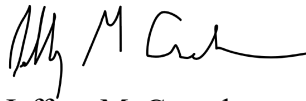
South Carolina, that's where! Recruiting drives, Exemplifications, Fall Festivals, Council Socials, South Carolina Hospitality! We hear all the time: the success of the State depends fully on the works and engagement of the individual Councils. Everywhere I went between August and December, I was amazed by the amount of engagement I saw in the Knights of Columbus. Rebecca and I hit a social in Hanahan on Friday, followed by a Fall Festival in Goose Creek on Saturday, and then a Hispanic Exemplification at St. Theresa's on Sunday. Just in that one area we missed at least five other events that were publicized by the Knights of Columbus! And what did this level of engagement lead to? We hit our goal for the entire year, at just over seven months in. How amazing is this? Amazing enough for the Supreme Knight to personally call our State Deputy to congratulate South Carolina and thank them for everything they do! As I write this report, we are Number 2 in the order behind only Ukraine.

My other duties as State Secretary have kept me busy. Among them, most of my time is spent meeting with future convention sites to secure the most reasonable rates for Conventions, issuing vouchers in accordance with the approved budget, scheduling meetings and securing location spaces when needed, and of course planning and executing the State Convention. Probably the duty I take the most serious, is the responsibility of acting in the place of the State Deputy. It has been a pleasure to share in the successes our State Deputy has achieved this year, which, is a culmination of all the hard work of the Councils of South Carolina. Working with him, learning from him, and when directed, acting in his stead has been a privilege and has made my experience as State Secretary a very rewarding one. I appreciate his trust and confidence in my ability to represent him not only within the State but also to the Supreme Council on occasion.

My wife Rebecca, my two daughters Edith and Helen, and I have enjoyed attending many meetings, gatherings, council events, exemplifications, and visiting Parishes for Mass throughout South Carolina. We appreciate the hospitality we have received at

each Council. While we cannot attend every event, we look forward to visiting with as many Councils as we can throughout the State. I look forward to continuing my duties as State Secretary for the remainder of the Fraternal Year and serving the Knights of Columbus in South Carolina for many years to come.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey M. Crouch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being the most prominent part.

Jeffrey M. Crouch
State Secretary

Attachment 3



Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

State Officer's Report State Advocate, Timothy W. Kenney, Ph.D. Annual Report of the State Advocate Fraternal Year 2022-2023

As stipulated in the South Carolina State Council Bylaws, I verify and state that I carried out my duties as State Advocate, as specified in Article 2, Section 5.

- I attended all meetings of the South Carolina State Council.
- Managed the Safe Environment program for the state.
- Promoted the Safe Environment program to the District Deputies and Grand Knights.
- I provided subordinate Councils with sources of information in response to their questions pertaining to the conduct of business for the Knights of Columbus when requested.
- I provided individual members with sources of information in response to their questions pertaining to the conduct of business for the Knights of Columbus when requested.
- I prepared resolutions committing the South Carolina State Council to support our Parish Pastors, Priests, Bishops and the Supreme Knight.
- I carried out all other duties as requested by State Deputy Paul Burchell.

Our challenge during the 2022 – 2023 fraternal year has been to increase Council awareness of responsibilities of the subordinate Councils and to assure that all South Carolina State subordinate Councils are in compliance with the “Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus. Membership in our Order will not increase unless Councils actively participate in Faith in Action programs. We must therefore assure that all Councils comply with the Supreme Council’s Board of Directors directives on ensuring a Safe Environment. In this way, we minimize any risk to the safety

and well-being of members, and other program participants, if we are to successfully grow as an Order.

I am grateful to my fellow State Officers for their patience, advice, critique, and most especially, for their sense of humor. I sincerely appreciate the efforts Council Program Directors, Council Officers and Council Chairmen as well as our South Carolina State Faith in Action Program Director, Tony Zammarrelli and State Membership Director Ron Stanley.

I wish to thank my beautiful wife, Vickie, for her everlasting support.

Special thanks go to State Deputy Paul Burchell and State Secretary Jeffrey Crouch for their guidance and patience, as all of us build together the future of Columbianism within the South Carolina State Council Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally Yours in Christ and Christopher Columbus,

Timothy W. Kenney

Timothy W. Kenney, Ph.D.
State Advocate
South Carolina State Council
Knights of Columbus

Attachment 4



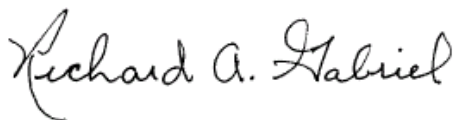
Knights of Columbus *South Carolina State Council*

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 below the typed name.

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD
2023 State Convention Parliamentarian



Attachment 5

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

February 4, 2023

Worthy State Deputy,

The nominating committee met last night and put forth the following brother knights for the Slate of Officers for the 2023-2024 Fraternal year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
State Deputy	Jeffrey M. Crouch
State Secretary	J. Scott Friedman
State Treasurer	Sherrill "Ed" Wilcox
State Advocate	Richard W. Swain
State Warden	Lupe R. Jimenez

For the position of delegates to the 141st Supreme Convention, each Jurisdiction has two automatic delegates, the State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy.

The following brother knights have been nominated for our remaining five delegate positions and alternates.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Insurance Delegate	J. Scott Friedman
Insurance Delegate	Brandon Chambers
Associate Delegate	Lupe R. Jimenez
Associate Delegate	Thomas W. O'Donnell Sr.
Associate Delegate	Daniel E. Barton
Alternate	Richard W. Swain
Alternate	Deacon Robert L. Cox
Alternate	William E. Weiss
Alternate	Michael A. Allen
Alternate	Sherrill "Ed" Wilcox
Alternate	Patrick Noone
Alternate	Paul F. Setti Jr.

I would like to thank the following members of the Nominating Committee:

Paul V. Burchell, SD
Thomas P. Ciborski, PSD
Brandon Chambers, Asst. General Agent

Michael A. Allen, PSD
Thomas O'Donnell Sr., DD
Dcn. Robert L. Cox

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel E Barton

Daniel E. Barton, IPSD
District Master, Nominating Committee Chairman
South Carolina State Council
Knights of Columbus

Attachment 6



GOOD OF THE ORDER REPORT

102nd South Carolina State Council Convention Columbia, South Carolina April 15, 2022

Worthy State Deputy

In 1882, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney had a “Faith in Action” vision and the Knights of Columbus have made that vision a reality. For over 141 years, the Knights of Columbus has been there in good times and bad to assist when unfortunate things happen. The Knights of South Carolina have led the way through wars, pandemics, depressions and serving the people of our state in their times of need. Two years of Covid restrictions slowed the South Carolina Knights, but we were still very active. The Knights of South Carolina came out of the pandemic with a rapid charge to the front in membership and activities.

At the most recent report, **SOUTH CAROLINA LEADS THE NATION IN MEETING MEMBERSHIP GOALS**. South Carolina is **number 1 in the USA** and number 3 in the world, with almost 10,500 members.

While many Civic, Fraternal and Service organizations have continued to lose membership for several years, the Knights has grown. The Knights of Columbus has continued its growth and wide range of activities, with South Carolina leading the way. The South Carolina Knights continue to grow with our work in Charity, Unity, and Fraternalism. We not only put the trying past two years behind us, but are leading the way in service. During this past year, all South Carolina Knights of Columbus have returned to full Council meetings and activities. South Carolina has pasted its goal of almost 10,500 members and is ranked number 1 Nationally membership growth at over 103%.

The Knights in South Carolina under the outstanding leadership of State Deputy Paul V. Burchell and his State Officers and District Deputies have led our

organization keeping it active and informed. All Local Councils have fully returned to in-person meetings, functions, and activity projects, as we continue to grow and serve the Orders goals. The State Council has held training sessions for the Grand Knights, a District Deputy weekend, and a Mid-year workshop. The State has provided excellent leadership training for its officers and members. Under the leadership of State Deputy Paul Burchell, the state has made the Circle of Honor.

Over 141 years ago, Fr. McGivney and a small group of Catholics formed an organization to assist widows, orphans, and Catholics in need. From the basement of St. Mary's Catholic church, they never could have imaged what we have in South Carolina and the world today. From the start of a mutual benefit society for the working class and Irish immigrant Catholics, we now have over two million Knights in 16,000 councils. All members should be proud to be a part of the outstanding organization that is the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus, with our 66 councils and passing 10,500 members this year. Our state has continued to grow under excellent leadership that has led us to have outstanding growth in membership, projects, charity work and finances.

South Carolina has shown the way in the recognition of the Hispanic Catholics in South Carolina with its Ethnic Outreach program. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Council number 17854 is the first all Hispanic Council in South Carolina and other council or sub councils are being worked on while many Councils are bringing in Hispanic members under the state Hispanic program.

An audit of the South Carolina State Council Knights of Columbus included a review of membership, activities, and finances. The financial audit committee reports that our books are in excellent shape and the state council is solvent. and in excellent financial shape. The State continues to grow in both financial and personal services for charity. The state keeps its members informed with an excellent newsletter and scheduled meetings.

Charity begins at home and our home is the State and Individual councils. Charitable works are the South Carolina Knights way of putting our faith in action. The Knights of Columbus State Charity Drive continues to grow and averages over

\$55,000 a year. Donations are as varied as the diverse needs of the councils and people of our great state. The Columbus Foundation's Operation HOPE project continues to grow and raises over several hundred thousand dollars each year for citizens with mental disabilities and special needs. Operation Hope is dedicated to bettering the environment and for increasing the self-reliance and dignity of people with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities and special needs. We provide these individuals with community support, tools, and the resources necessary to lead independent productive lives. Our many programs assist them in their rights to live full lives in the community of their choice where they can live, learn and enjoy life. Knights not only raise funds but are also strong advocates and active physical supporters in projects such as Camp Hope and Special Olympics. The state and local councils are to be commended for assistance in projects like the Ultrasound Initiative, aid to hurricane victims, Special Olympics, and Food for Families. Each year funds are raised and spent on Food for the needy and South Carolina is a leader in NO NEIGHBOR LEFT BEHIND. This year we were again able to assist victims of floods and tornados in the South. The Pro-Life programs continue to be extremely successful with fine leadership and projects and leading in the March for Life in Washington DC and the Rally for Pro Life in Columbia. We continue to raise funds for ultrasound machines and raise funds newborn babies. Local council members perform many different charity programs to add hours and funds for the Charity activities.

Membership is the true test of an organization. Nationally many of the Charity, Social, Fraternal and Service organizations are continuing to lose members, while both the South Carolina State Council and National K of C organization continue to grow. South Carolina has 66 Councils and has passed the 10,500-member mark. Our state has done an excellent job in both recruiting and retention, leading to number 1 ranking in Membership goals. Special thanks to Membership Chairman Ron Stanley and his committee for an outstanding job in building up the order. The Hispanic programs continue to bring in additional new members. An important part of our growth is the number of new under 50 members, which has almost reached doubling the goal for the year.

Ceremonials are held to inform and keep the interest of members. Our State, District and Local councils are holding and implementing the new degrees to

members. Almost every Division has held a degree program this year. South Carolina has met its total goal for the year but there are still a few Councils with work to do. The State continues to be recognized in the Circle of Honor and many have already reached the Star council level. The Boni Insurance Agency and its agents are getting out to all Councils and assisting in helping them make their membership and Insurance program goals.

The future of the Catholic Church lies in recruiting and training seminarians. South Carolina now has a large number of men in the Seminary compared to past years. For the past several years we have had a major increase in vocations and the current class of (16) sixteen and the projected 2023 class should bring in several new members. Unfortunately, this year we had several men take a sabbatical and this reduced our overall numbers. Fr. Rhett Williams as Director of Vocations is doing a fantastic job and visits our Seminarians.. The S C Knights have promoted vocations with prayer and finances. Prayers like the Silver Rosary program, RSVP, support of Catholic Men's Conferences and the sending of financial support to seminarian's help promote vocations. Members' contributions to the seminarians include financial, prayers and cards of support. The state has an outstanding vocation program and leadership. Special thanks to Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, Retired Bishop Robert Guglielmone, State Chaplain Fr. Robert F. Higgins and Vocations Director Fr, Rhett Williams for their leadership and support. We stand firm in our Catholic Faith and promote our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We fully support all our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. Our Seminarians need and are given our support financially (RSVP), spiritually, and morally with cards and encouragement. We are part of the renewed and New Evangelization of the Church.

Our Church programs are under the excellent guidance of Deacon Bob Cox. The Church programs are continuing to promote and building a relationship with God through Prayer and spiritual exercise. Our programs will continue to grow as we promotes the issues affecting the church, husbands, and fathers. Faith in Action continues after a great start. It promotes retreats, Way of the Cross, Pro-Life, VA, prayer and families in projects including the Catholic Men's Conference, traveling Icon, 40 Days of Life, and working with mothers in need and babies. Prayers and events for Feast Day of Blessed Fr Michael McGivney. The Knights strongly

support the Domestic Church and by actions prove that we are the Right Arm of the Church.

Our youth are recognized in many programs. The State Free Throw Contest, Soccer Shootout, Special Olympics, Camp Hope, and many local activities. The future of our Order depends on us assisting, recognizing, and promoting our youth as they are our future Knights. Many Councils have unique events for the youth at Easter, Christmas and summertime. Many of our new Knights are young and add to our support of youth activities.

Father McGivney Guild continues to grow. On January 1st, South Carolina had 1,883 members praying for the Canonization of the founder of our Order. All Knights should join the Guild. He has made it to the last step before coming a Saint by being named Blessed. Miracles have happened and special favors have been granted to those who pray to Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. Many have received answers to their prayers after praying to Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. There are over 179,000 members out of the 1.8 million Knights. Many Councils end their meeting with prayers for Fr McGivney and include information in their council newsletters.

The South Carolina State Council has kept our members well informed with the workshops, training meeting, the Palmetto State Bulletin, and numerous emails. The Boni Agency has assisted in membership growth and in hosting special insurance nights.

Catholic men do make a difference, and this will be proven at the 41st Annual Awards breakfast on Sunday. Individuals and Councils will be recognized for their actions in enacting our Service programs. Knights do an excellent job of working in each of our six service areas. Many of our councils will complete the year as Star Councils, the standard of Excellence.

The Order in South Carolina has done an outstanding job in living up to the Principals of the Order through the works of our Service Programs. The State Officers under the leadership of State Deputy Paul V Burchell are to be commended for their dedicated service and leadership. Special thanks to the Past

State Deputy Daniel Barton, the State Officers, Past State Deputies, All District Directors, and State Chairmen for their arduous work this year. Program Director Anthony Zammarelli led an outstanding group of chairmen in Faith, Community, Life, Family, Youth, Vocations, Special Olympics, Athletic, Silver Rose, Essay, Awards, Public Relations, McGivney Guild, and Health project areas. All District Deputies and Project Chairmen are to be recognized for their hard and outstanding work.

This past year continued to show that the Knights have the leadership, desire, and ability to overcome all obstacles and provide help and assistance when needed, and this year brought them back to full action. The hard work and planning by our State Leaders have guided the State and activities of the Local Councils to an outstanding year. The State Council is alive, well and preparing for an even better future.

A special thanks to the men who planned the 102nd State Convention and will make it an outstanding in person and virtual event. Our hospitality and meeting events were made possible by the demanding work of State Secretary Jeffery Crouch, and the committee members. The South Carolina State Council has had an active and successful year and is hosting a large convention as we continue into the second century of Service to the Church and the vision of Blessed Fr Michaels McGivney.

The South Carolina State Knights of Columbus are having a great year and should finish with a fantastic one. Due to the leadership of the State Deputy, State Officers, District Deputies, State Chairman and all Grand Knights and all of the members of South Carolina Knights of Columbus.

With Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, I submit this report for the Good of the Order.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Nettles Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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James P. Nettles Jr., PSD

South Carolina State Council Knights of Columbus



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Attachment 7

District Master Annual Report 102nd State Convention Columbia, SC

Worthy State Deputy and Delegates of the South Carolina State Convention,

It was an honor to have been appointed as the 21st District Master of South Carolina on September 1, 2022. I would like to personally thank Dennis Stoddard, Supreme Master Emeritus, and Thomas Monahan, Vice Supreme Master, for their faith in me. Additionally, I would like to thank Former Master Michael Allen for his friendship and guidance.

On behalf of the more than 2,800 South Carolina Fourth Degree Sir Knights, I proudly report on our State's Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The thirty assemblies of the South Carolina District are actively fulfilling the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree by encouraging active Catholic citizenship while fostering a spirit of patriotism in its members and their local community at large.

At the outset of my appointment, the district leadership team has focused on increasing communication, revitalizing all assemblies, establishing quarterly exemplifications, and growing the Fourth Degree. The dedication and effort of our District Secretary, District Marshal, District Program Director, VAVS Program Director, Exemplar Directors, Regional Marshals, and Faithful Navigators are to be commended. By living our Faith and being role models for others, we continue to make a difference in our local communities, our State, our Church, and our World.

In addition to continuing the Patriot's Corner in the State Council's Palmetto Bulletin, we have sent periodic messages to every Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Comptroller, and Color Corps Commander on District programs and Honor Guard/Color Guard requests. In addition, we held a midyear training session at the State's Grand Knight Mid-winter meeting. With the overwhelmingly positive response, we will continue to have quarterly in-person or video conferencing meetings.

The SC District Leadership team has attended more than 40 local Assembly meetings/events this fraternal year. We are committed to being present when feasible and look forward to being at as many Assemblies Installation of Officers as possible.

With several assemblies within the district still struggling from pandemic challenges, we began working with them to become active within their local community, but more importantly, becoming an integral part of their parish. Eleven Assemblies earned the Civic Award, and three achieved the Star Assembly Award this past fraternal year.

We congratulate St Michael the Archangel Assembly 3696, Grand Stand Assembly 2107, and St Theresa the Little Flower Assembly 3009 for achieving this distinction. Our goal is that every assembly earns the Civic Award and that 15 Assemblies achieve STAR status this year.

Two Exemplifications have been conducted this fraternal year, with exemplifications planned for May and August. Thanks to St. Philip Neri and St. Mary Help of Christians for hosting the Exemplification in November and February, respectively. So far this year, 54 brother knights have stood up and taken their Fourth Degree. Our upcoming Exemplifications are May 20, 2023, at Precious Blood of Christ in Pawleys Island and August 12, 2023, at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist.

This year the district has raised more than 2,500 towards the Knights of Columbus Father McGivney Military Chaplains scholarship program. These funds will help produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families. We ask that each Assembly aids in this most critical need.

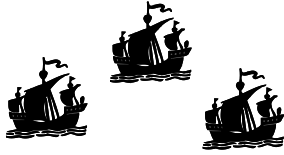
My brothers, the need today for men to stand up and be counted has never been greater. The question for all of us is whether we are willing to step into the breach. If you answered yes, please prayerfully consider becoming a Sir Knight at your earliest convenience. If you are already a Sir Knight, will you stand with me and recommit yourself to this vocation we have been called to?

May our founder, and brother, the Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Fraternally Yours,

Daniel E Barton

Daniel E. Barton
District Master



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

Attachment 8

Presidents Report

2023

Intellectual Disabilities is a life issue!

What kind of society do you want to live in?": Due to prenatal testing and legalized abortion Down syndrome is disappearing.

What does the secular world believe about persons with Intellectual and/or developmental disabilities?

With the rise of prenatal screening tests across Europe and the United States, the number of babies born with Down syndrome has significantly decreased.

Since prenatal screening tests were introduced in early 2000s, many women – close to 100 percent – who received a positive test for Down syndrome terminated their pregnancy.

While the tests are optional, the government states that all expectant mothers must be informed about availability of screening tests, which reveal the likelihood of a child being born with Down syndrome. Around 80 to 85 percent of pregnant women choose to take the prenatal screening test.

Using an ultrasound, blood test and the mother's age, the test, called the Combination Test, determines whether the fetus will have a chromosome abnormality, the most common of which results in Down syndrome. Children born with this genetic disorder have a range of developmental issues. Many people born with Down syndrome can live full, healthy lives, with an average lifespan of around 60 years.

Other countries aren't lagging too far behind in Down syndrome termination rates. According to the most recent data available, in France; it's 77 percent; and Denmark, 98 percent. The law in Iceland permits abortion after 16 weeks if the fetus has a deformity – and Down syndrome is included in this category.

Geneticist Kari Stefansson is the founder of deCODE Genetics, a company that has studied nearly the entire Icelandic population's genomes. He has a unique perspective on the advancement of medical technology. "My understanding is that we have basically eradicated, almost, Down syndrome from our society -- there is hardly ever a child with Down syndrome in Iceland anymore," he said.

What do Knights believe about persons with Intellectual and/or developmental disabilities?

- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities have the same basic legal, civil, and human rights as other citizens. They may need accommodation, protection, and support to enable them to exercise these rights. Their rights should never be limited or restricted without due process.
- Advocacy on the individual or systems level is acting with or on behalf of an individual or group to resolve an issue, obtain needed support or service or promote a change in the practices, policies and/or behaviors of third parties. Advocacy is essential for promoting and protecting the civil and human rights of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and for establishing, maintaining, or improving their quality of life.
- *All individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) have the right to recognition as persons before the law and to enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with individuals who do not have disabilities in all aspects of life (United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD), 2006).* The personal autonomy, liberty, freedom, and dignity of everyone with IDD must be respected and supported. Legally, each individual adult or emancipated minor is presumed competent to make decisions for himself or herself, and everyone with IDD should receive the preparation, opportunities, and decision-making supports to develop as a decision-maker over the course of his or her lifetime.
- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) have the right to justice and fair treatment in all areas of the criminal justice system and must be afforded the supports and accommodations required to make justice and fair treatment a reality.
- The human and civil rights of all people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities must be honored, protected, communicated, enforced and thus be central to all advocacy on their behalf.
- All people benefit when citizens with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are fully included in community life.
- Physician-assisted suicide must be prohibited for people with intellectual disability (ID) due to the inherent risk of undue influence.
- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities must be free from abuse, neglect, or any kind of mistreatment.
- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) have the right to advocate and/or be supported to act as self-advocates. Self-advocates exercise their rights as citizens by communicating for and representing themselves and others, with whatever support they need. Self-advocates must have a meaningful role in decision-making in all areas of their daily lives and in public policy decisions that affect people with IDD.
- People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) have the same right to, and responsibilities that accompany, self-determination as everyone else. They are

entitled to opportunities, respectful support, and the authority to exert control in their lives, to direct their services, and to act on their own behalf.

Respect the individual:

Members of the Knights of Columbus do a great deal to assist people with intellectual disabilities. When reporting on these initiatives, there are some important guidelines to follow. Council bulletins, committee reports, posters and flyers, press releases and everyday speech should be accurate and considerate when referring to people with disabilities.

- DON'T use terms such as "the retarded."
- DON'T identify the person as a label (e.g., "the wheelchair bound").
- DO put the person before the condition – "people with intellectual disabilities" is probably best.
- DON'T refer to all people with intellectual disabilities as if they were children. Adults with intellectual disabilities should be spoken to and about as adults. A newsletter article which would normally refer to its adult subject as "William C. Smith" should not refer to an adult who has intellectual disabilities as "Billy," or otherwise treat him as a child.
- DON'T use negative terms like "victim of," "afflicted with," "suffering from," "unfortunate," and so on when describing an individual with intellectual disabilities. Say someone "uses a wheelchair" rather than saying he "is crippled" or "wheelchair bound."
- DON'T imply disease when speaking or writing about someone with intellectual disabilities. He or she is not "sick" and you cannot "catch" the condition.

By the numbers:

Living in fraternity is what we do each day. It is this commitment to fraternity that gives us the strength to do the great works of charity that our times demand. As of this report the Knights in South Carolina have donated \$225,400.51 or 98% of a \$230,268 goal. For the 2022-23 fraternal year, South Carolina had an amazing 17 councils achieve the Bronze (100%) or higher designation with 11 reaching Platinum (200%). Council 3067 in Georgetown leading the way with an incredible 706% of their goal.

In Conclusion:

As Catholics, we are taught that all life has a purpose. God created every one of us in His image, and, because of that, we all have a dignity that should be respected. We are called to defend life from womb to tomb. There is only one organization in the world that is providentially positioned to stand up and eradicate the horrors of abortion and to give **aid and support after pregnancy**. At Columbus HOPE foundation, our goal is to continue and increase our assistance for and with South Carolina's citizens with intellectual disabilities.

Michael A. Allen, PSD, FM
President/Chairman of the Board
Columbus HOPE Foundation
April 8, 2023



Knights of Columbus

South Carolina State Council

Attachment 9

Paul Burchell
State Deputy
South Carolina Knights of Columbus

March 24, 2023

Membership Director's Report for Fraternal Year 2022-2023 YTD

Worthy State Deputy:

Summary:

This has been a special year for Membership in South Carolina. As we have emphasized this year, Membership is about programs and recruiting. Our councils are conducting charitable works in every corner of the jurisdiction. These works that define who we are as Knights of Columbus are strong. The works are many and they make a difference.

Currently, our membership intake continues to be among the best in the order. We are currently ranked #3 order wide with an intake of over 125% of our goal with a full quarter left in the fraternal year. This is a 31% improvement from last year.

We have made some great progress from the last few years. We have gone from 23rd to 3rd in the order for new member intake. We have crossed the milestone of over 10,000 members.

Our Hispanic Recruiting Initiative continues to have great results. We have held several Hispanic Membership Drives that have gained over 70 new members in 3 different councils. Most recently, Council 6891 Orangeburg held a Spanish recruiting drive with the help of Lupe Jiminez, State Hispanic Growth Director, and Brandon Chambers the Assistant General Agent. They had 18 new members join including 1 priest.

Our Grand Knights and District Deputies understand the impact of the "Laws of Attrition and what they mean for their councils. I expect us to finish over 150% of our goal and as the top jurisdiction in the order for new member intake.

A summary of initiatives I have undertaken as the Membership Director are listed below:

- 1) I have repeatedly engaged the District Deputies and Grand Knights with the belief that Membership has 2 parts: Programs and Recruiting. Our programs or works are what define us as Knights of Columbus. Recruiting eligible catholic gentlemen not only provides a council with many benefits

but it allows them to continue and expand their programs. It is through our works as knights that we visibly put our faith into practice.

- 2) I have constantly reinforced The Laws of Attrition: people move away, people fade away and people pass away. The Laws of Attrition remind our leaders that you constantly need to recruit for the long-term health and welfare of your councils. Recruiting insures we have the talent and members to continue our programs and to provide future leadership for each council.
- 3) Promoting council unity throughout the state. I have asked each council to share their successful programs and recruiting ideas with me so the information can be shared around the state. By sharing our councils' success, they help each other with new ideas for programs or ways to improve current programs. The Palmetto Push is a monthly Membership newsletter that I started several years ago and continue to publish as programs and events are known.
- 4) I have given the councils the Top 10 Recruiting Rules (attached) and reviewed each of them. Following these will result in recruiting success. I have also instilled the Golden Rule of recruiting; "Everything a council does is a recruiting opportunity". Supreme has used these rules as their first "Best Membership Practices" publication shared throughout the order.
- 5) I am updating the state Membership Guidelines to include Retention and the Affiliate Membership Program. These guidelines provide Grand Knights with practical information, suggestions and standards for planning and executing their council's programs and recruiting efforts. The current 2022-2023 Guidelines were sent to all the Grand Knights via their District Deputies.
- 6) I have helped councils in the state as requested with advice in programs and recruiting. This includes going to state/district/council meetings, phone conversations and e-mails.
- 7) Our on-line membership program has been doing very well. To date, we have had 177 on-line members join. This is a 35% increase over last year. To date, 62 of these on-line members have become council members giving us a 35% conversion rate. Although this conversion rate is down from last year, it has been increasing each month since December.
- 8) Per your direction, I have expanded the Membership team to include 3 Regional Membership Director and the Membership Engagement - Retention Director. These RMDs work with the councils in their areas via the councils' Membership Director to help with membership and recruiting issues and to provide another information link to each council.

- 9) Our Spanish Recruiting Initiative developed in South Carolina has had continued success. Our program has recruited over 70 new Hispanic Knights. This is a 15% increase over last year.

Overall, Membership in South Carolina has greatly improved over last year. We are currently 3rd in the Order for New Member Intake at 125%. This shows that our councils that are committed to the principles of the Order. Our councils are actively, through their works, defining themselves as Knights of Columbus. We will to continue greater council focus on recruiting so we can continue to sustain our programs. Eligible men are in the churches. With the right focus, our Grand Knights will find ways to inspire qualified Catholic gentlemen to join our ranks in order to put their faith into practice. I look forward to the opportunity to continue these initiatives in the new fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Stanley

Ron Stanley, FDD
State Membership Director



State Membership

Council growth and development



Top Recruiting Rules

Golden Rule: *Everything a council does is a recruiting Opportunity!*

Rule 1) Be visible in your parish and community

Nametags at Mass, bulletin board at church, church bulletin, recognition for church programs

Rule 2) Schedule and plan your Membership *Drives*

Check with Pastor, plan out who, what, where, when and **get a member in front of the parish at mass**

Rule 3) Schedule your 1st Degrees

Point of focus for degree team and recruiters

Rule 4) Every prospect has his own sense of timing

Between family, business and other charitable obligations, some men wait until timing is better

Rule 5) Unity of Message

The Knights of Columbus is catholic mens' fraternal, family, charity organization.

Rule 6) Look professional

Membership table with table top display, current membership flyers, members dressed neat

Rule 7) Find your closers

Find those members who like talking to people, can talk about the council and enjoy recruiting

Rule 8) Don't forget Momma! 8A) Don't forget about Father!

The younger the family, the more you need to talk to the wife....wife's support critical

Rule 9) Be Positive

No one wants to join a negative

Rule 10) Ask!

We need to take the initiative...asking at the right time is key to yes

Rule 10A) Ask a prospect to a council activity...especially a social with

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

JULY 2022 THROUGH JUN23

This being my first year as State Program Director, I tried carrying out the programs that were already in Place in addition to new ones that came along.

Over saw the FIA team which consists of 4 Directors; Faith, Family, Community and Life. One of our main goals was to promote ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). A lot of Charity is being done throughout SC by the Knights with our Faith In Action Programs. Another thing we implemented is having the Councils FIA Directors deal directly with their counterparts at State Level. This was commuted several times by emails and speaking at the Mid-Winter meeting in Hilton Head and at the Grand Knight's workshop in Columbia.

When our Director of the St. Joseph ICON and the Silver Rose stepped down due to medical reasons, I did not hesitate to add that to my duties as State Program Director. It is a Challenge keeping up with the St. Joseph ICON throughout the year which I

have to monitor more closely than I have been. I have participated in the District Deputy's Go to Meeting Call the last Sunday of each month, giving and receiving information as needed. Supported Pro-Life by attending the Pro-Life Dinner and walking in the Pro-Life March. I also kept a tally of the councils and their members who also participated in the March. I took charge of the States Soccer Challenge when our State Athletic Director had a conflict. I would like to thank our State Deputy and State Secretary for having faith in me and helping me along the Way. I am looking forward to our next Fraternal Year with the knowledge I have gained this year.

**Anthony N. Zammarrelli
State Program Director**



Knights of Columbus
South Carolina State Council

Conference of College Knights
Annual Report
Fraternal Year 2022-2023

The Conference of College Knights is responsible for enriching the relationship between local Councils and Catholic Campus Ministries, and its Chaplains in their area. The Conference is designed to expand the State Council's already excellent work with the youth of this diocese, particularly among College Men.

The Conference is essentially a State Round table, i.e., a statewide discussion forum for College Knights to share commonly shared issues, engage in problem solving, and discover new opportunities for them to engage in corporal and spiritual works of mercy at each Catholic Campus Ministry represented. The College Councils Development Committee was renamed as the Conference of College Knights. The Conference collaborates with a Team of 5 Knights to implement this statewide initiative. The Conference sought to work closely with District Deputies and Grand Knights to revitalize local Council-CCM bonds where they exist and to explore New Council and local council liaison opportunities where appropriate.

One important goal is to improve the role of College Knights as the Strong Right Arm of the Chaplains through an association with the Director of the Diocesan Office of Catholic Campus Ministry, Deacon Jerry White. This will be an attempt in building a bridge between the State Council's network of College Knights and the network of Catholic Chaplains.

This report focuses on the following seven (7) College or University Catholic Ministries addressed this Fraternal Year.

Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC

The Intent to Establish a Council was sent to Supreme in late Fall 2021. District Deputy Tom O'Donnell, Sr. began working with Fr. David Nerbun on the renovation of the Newman Center long before our current fraternal year began. District Deputy Tom O'Donnell, along with many other Knights, worked to renovate the Newman Center from the foundation up. This year has

been difficult as the Campus Minister was non-responsive to our efforts and to the Chaplain, so he was replaced. The State Council donated \$1,000 to the CCM for their mercy projects underway this year. ***It is recommended that Fr. William G. Kinney Jr. Council 14892 liaison continue to work with FOCUS, CCM, and the Chaplain to identify new areas for spiritual and corporal works of mercy 2023-2024 Fraternal Year.***

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Clemson University Catholic Campus Ministry supports between 100-120 students. St. Gerard Council 6884 from St. Andrews Parish continues to serve as the host Council for Clemson again this fraternal year by hosting. District Deputy Don Thurlow has aided in coordinating the efforts of Deacon John Leininger, the Grand Knight and countless other Council members to consistently meet the needs of the Campus Ministry and its Chaplain Father Dan McLellan. Deacon John Leininger, who is a Clemson Professor Emeritus, leads the overall effort with students and the FOCUS staff. St. Gerard Council has hosted monthly dinners for students, numbering between 80-100 student attendees at each gathering. Recruitment material and membership efforts have generated very few prospects for Knighthood this year, however. The State Council donated \$1,000 to the CCM for their mercy projects underway this year. ***It is recommended that the Council 6884 liaison continue to host frequent CCM dinners and work with FOCUS, CCM, and the Chaplain to identify new areas for spiritual and corporal works of mercy 2023-2024 Fraternal Year.***

University of South Carolina - Columbia, SC

Both Bishop England 724 and St. Joseph Council 12554 have liaisons to assist USC-Columbia. Campus Chaplain Fr. Rhett Williams wants local councils such as Bishop England 724 and St. Joseph 12554 to continue supporting the Campus Ministry with program activities and membership recruitment. However, Fr. Williams wishes to tie the development of a new council with the completion of the new church building, likely in the next two years. The State Council donated \$1,000 to the CCM for their mercy projects underway this year. ***It is recommended that the Council 724 and Council 12554 liaisons continue to work with FOCUS, CCM, and the Chaplain to identify new areas for spiritual and corporal works of mercy 2023-2024 Fraternal Year.***

University of South Carolina (USC) - Upstate, Spartanburg, SC

USC- Upstate is served by the Spartanburg Regional Catholic Campus Ministry. USC-Upstate ministers to about 100 Catholic students. University of South Carolina (USC) - Upstate, Spartanburg, SC. ***It is recommended that the District 14 District Deputy identify appropriate local councils support and assign liaisons to work with the nuns at the CCM, to identify new areas for spiritual and corporal works of mercy 2023-2024 Fraternal Year.***

Winthrop University - Rock Hill, SC

Council St Anne-Oratory 6756 has hosted several "After Mass" meals under the leadership of District Deputy Ray Howard and with the support of Fr. Augustine Guzman at the Rock Hill Oratory. About 250 Catholic students attend Winthrop University, but very few males attend Mass there. ***It is recommended that the Council 6756 liaison continue to work with Fr. Augustine and the Oratory to identify new areas for spiritual and corporal works of mercy 2023-2024 Fraternal Year.***

College of Charleston - Charleston, SC

The Campus Ministry at the College of Charleston is served by Fr. Andrew Frymal. Students attend Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Approximately 500 Catholics attend the school, making the Campus Ministry a prime area for a New College Council. District Deputy Paul Setti and Council 704 hosted two "After Mass" meals for the students. The CCM used the ***Into the Breach*** video series for their Fall spiritual training. They also used the Supreme College video series and promotional material for their Sunday "Movie Nights" in the Fall semester. ***It is recommended that Rev. P.N. Lynch Council 704 pursue a New Council Development effort first with Fr. Frymal and Campus Minister Thomas Gregory or the very least, new areas for spiritual and corporal works of mercy 2023-2024 Fraternal Year.***

The Citadel Military College of South Carolina, Council 6900 - Charleston, SC

District Deputy Paul Setti and State Advocate Tim Kenney met with Campus Minister Tony Licari early in the fall of 2022. The CCM used the ***Into the Breach*** video series for their Fall spiritual training. A recruiting Drive was conducted by Knights from Rev. P.N. Lynch Council 704, Charleston, SC. Many new Online Knights were registered. Springtime seemed the most advantageous time to bring Council 6900 active again and an Exemplification was conducted in March. Two weeks later, an Election of Officers was conducted for this Fraternal Year and the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. Tony Licari was appointed the Financial Secretary. ***It is recommended that preparations begin for the Fall when Cadets return in August. Two delegates and the Chaplain will receive an all-expense paid attendance to the 2023 College Councils Conference in New Haven, CT towards the end of September.***

The Conference expresses its gratitude to the District Deputies, Grand Knights, Past State Deputies, General and Field Agents who worked tirelessly to serve Campus Chaplains, students, and Brother Knights.

Special thanks go to State Deputy Paul Burchell and State Secretary Jeffrey Crouch for their guidance and patience, as all of us build together the future of College Knights, into the Broader Legacy of Columbianism, within

the South Carolina State Council Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally Yours in Christ and Christopher Columbus,

Timothy W. Kenney

Timothy W. Kenney, Ph.D.
State Advocate
Conference of College Knights Chairman
South Carolina State Council
Knights of Columbus

Attachment 1&



Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

April 10, 2023

Worthy State Deputy,

The Budget and Finance Committee has thoroughly reviewed the proposed budget for the next fraternal year with a Per Capita rate of \$6.50 per member (minus Inactive, Disabled, and Honorary Life).

The State Officers are to be commended for their thoughtful preparation of the proposed budget. Therefore, after carefully reviewing the Proposed Budget for the Fraternal Year 2023-2024, the Budget and Financial Committee recommends adopting the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel E Barton

Daniel E. Barton, IPSD
District Master, Budget and Finance Committee Chairman
South Carolina State Council
Knights of Columbus



Knights of Columbus
South Carolina State Council
FY 2023 - 2024 Annual Budget

Per Capita based on \$6.50 per billable member

	Fraternal Year		Anticipated 6/30/2023	Estimated		Proposed Fraternal Year Budget 2023- 2024
	Budget 2022- 2023	Actual thru 03/9/2023		Fraternal Year 2022- 2023	Actual Fraternal Year 2021 - 2022	
40001 · Per-Capita	\$ 42,919.50	\$ 40,255.25	\$ 2,664.25	\$ 42,919.50	\$ 46,842.25	\$ 41,500.00
40005 · Insurance Liability	\$ 15,186.90	\$ 13,098.67	\$ 2,088.23	\$ 15,186.90	\$ 15,744.01	\$ 15,186.90
40006 · K of C Supreme - Incentive	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,556.50	\$ -	\$ 1,556.50	\$ 140.60	\$ 500.00
40008 · Disaster Relief Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,310.00	\$ -
40010 · Interest Earned	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.15	\$ 17.85	\$ 20.00	\$ 9.89	\$ 20.00
40045 · Supplies - State Pins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
45020 · Convention Fees	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 16,690.00	\$ 9,310.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 28,907.50	\$ 26,000.00
45021 · Convention Advertising	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
45022 · SC Men's Conf. Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
45024 · Donations	\$ -	\$ 1,473.00	\$ -	\$ 1,473.00	\$ 4,833.00	\$ -
Total 45025 · SC Men's Conf. Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,155.20	\$ -
45041 · Offering - Mass Collection	\$ -	\$ 340.00	\$ (340.00)	\$ -	\$ 1,155.00	\$ -
45050 · Warriors to Lourdes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
45060 · Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,480.82	\$ 1,519.18	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,610.72	\$ 4,000.00
47020 · Ceremonials - Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
47120 · Christmas Cards Sales	\$ -	\$ 2,165.28	\$ -	\$ 2,165.28	\$ 3,401.00	\$ -
47140 · Ace Awards	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.00	\$ -
48120 · Charity Drive Donations	\$ 62,000.00	\$ -	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 69,350.00	\$ 62,000.00
49500 · Ultra Sound Initiative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,410.00	\$ -
State Council Support SCCMC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 154,626.40	\$ 78,931.67	\$ 80,409.51	\$ 159,341.18	\$ 186,885.17	\$ 153,206.90
Expenses						
60005 · Insurance & Liability	\$ 15,186.90	\$ 13,180.00	\$ 2,006.90	\$ 15,186.90	\$ 15,281.00	\$ 15,186.90
60007 · Disaster Relief Expense	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,200.00	\$ -
60010 · Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -
60015 · PayPal Exp. SC Men's Conf.	\$ -	\$ 1,550.00	\$ (1,550.00)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60020 · Charity Raffle Council Awards	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 39,531.59	\$ 21,000.00
60025 · Food	\$ 30,951.00	\$ 9,131.81	\$ 21,819.19	\$ 30,951.00	\$ 33,883.69	\$ 30,951.00
60026 · Speakers Fees	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60034 · State Pins	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,300.00
60035 · Awards and Gifts	\$ 43,560.00	\$ 41,142.62	\$ 20,450.00	\$ 61,592.62	\$ 16,553.47	\$ 43,560.00
60036 · Audio and Computer Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,196.80	\$ 2,000.00
60038 · Web site and Video Calling	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,791.00	\$ 709.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 2,500.00
60039 · Office Supplies	\$ 428.50	\$ -	\$ 428.50	\$ 428.50	\$ 187.95	\$ 428.50
60040 · Printing and Copying	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,525.25	\$ 1,474.75	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,991.58	\$ 3,000.00
60041 · Postage and Mailing	\$ 500.00	\$ 561.94	\$ (61.94)	\$ 500.00	\$ 489.48	\$ 500.00
60043 · Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60045 · Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,968.34	\$ (1,368.34)	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,388.47	\$ 1,300.00
60047 · Audit	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,600.00
60048 · Fees and Permits	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,451.85	\$ (1,351.85)	\$ 1,451.85	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
60049 · Incentives	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 934.49	\$ 1,565.51	\$ 777.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,500.00
60050 · Travel	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,925.00	\$ (75.00)	\$ 4,778.00	\$ 1,146.90	\$ 4,850.00
60051 · Meeting/Facility	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,310.94	\$ -
60055 · Hotel	\$ 18,800.00	\$ 10,503.31	\$ 8,296.69	\$ 10,403.31	\$ 24,105.28	\$ 18,380.50
60070 · Christmas Card Expense	\$ -	\$ 2,121.50	\$ (2,121.50)	\$ 2,121.50	\$ 1,831.00	\$ -
60071 · Warriors to Lourdes Project	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60075 · Ultra-Sound Initiative	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60080 · Bishop/State Chaplain	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60085 · Seminarians' Support	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60090 · Bereavement/Health Masses	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60095 · State Chaplain's Support	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (1,300.00)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60100 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,355.74	\$ 1,050.00
60101 · Military Chaplains' Scholarship	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
61102 · Patriotic Support Fund	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -
61103 · Patriotic Support Fund	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -
State Council Support SCCMC	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 154,626.40	\$ 92,587.11	\$ 80,071.91	\$ 159,341.18	\$ 162,661.89	\$ 153,206.90

Attachment 13

Resolutions Presented for Consideration of the South Carolina State Council



Knights of Columbus

South Carolina State Convention

Columbia, South Carolina

April 14-16 2023

1. *In Honor of Pope Francis*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023 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 and wisdom 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 Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, 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, and love to his Excellency, The Most Reverend Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston.

3. *Salutations to State Honoree*

RESOLVED, the South Carolina State Council is proud to select the Most Reverend Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS as the Honoree for our 102nd State Convention; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, pledge our support to his Excellency, The Most Reverend Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston.

4. *Salutations to State Chaplain*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, 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.

5. *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.

6. *Felicitation to Supreme Knight*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, gives Supreme 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 offices staff our most sincere thank you for a job well done.

7. *Felicitation to Supreme Guest*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, extends a sincere and great appreciation to Timothy M. Saccoccia, Vice President of Public Policy, for his dedication, leadership, and years of service to our Order.

8. *Felicitation to Supreme Regional Growth Director*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, extends sincere and great appreciation to our Southeast Region Growth Director, Claude L. "JC" Reiher, for his dedication, leadership, and years of service to the Order.

9. *Faith in Action*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, 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.

10. *In Recognition of Service*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, 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.

11. *In Support of our Armed Forces*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, 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.

12. *In Support of Ukraine*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023, prays for justice in Ukraine and the end of war perpetrated by a hostile country.

13. *In Recognition of All District Deputies*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia on the 15th day of April 2023, 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.

14. *In Recognition of State Treasurer Keith A. Kingren*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Keith A. Kingren for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as State Treasurer for the South Carolina jurisdiction.

15. *In Recognition of State Advocate Timothy W. Kenney*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Timothy W. Kenney for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as State Advocate for the South Carolina jurisdiction.

16. *In Recognition of State Membership Director*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Ronald L. Stanley for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as Membership Director for the South Carolina jurisdiction.

17. *In Recognition of State Program Director*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Anthony N. Zammarrelli for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as State Program Director for the South Carolina jurisdiction.

18. *In Recognition of District Deputy Sherrill “Ed” Wilcox*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Sherrill “Ed” Wilcox for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy of the South Carolina State Council.

19. *In Recognition of District Deputy Joseph W. Friend*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Joseph W. Friend for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy of the South Carolina State Council.

20. *In Recognition of District Deputy Richard W. Swain*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Richard W. Swain for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy of the South Carolina State Council.

21. *In Recognition of District Deputy Raymond J. Howard*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Raymond J. Howard for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy of the South Carolina State Council.

22. *In Recognition of District Deputy Jay “Scott” Friedman*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Jay “Scott” Friedman for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy of the South Carolina State Council.

23. *In Recognition of District Deputy Thomas C. Armel*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to Thomas C. Armel for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy of the South Carolina State Council.

24. *In Recognition of District Deputy James O. Alford*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April, 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to James O. Alford for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy 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 Columbia on this 15th day of April 2023 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 will 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 be it

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 Daniel E. Barton to Supreme Board of Directors*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April 2023 extend sincere and great appreciation to him for his dedication and service to our honored Order, and resolve that we nominate Daniel E. Barton to a position on the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus.

27. *Christopher Fund*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council shall donate to Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc. five per cent of the monies raised at the annual state charity drive, said monies to be transmitted to Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc. as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the fund-raising event, it being understood that the monies will be received and credited as of June 30 and December 31 of each year only; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Columbia, South Carolina on the 15th day of April 2023, hereby designates the Diocese of Charleston to receive annually the combined earning from our donation(s) and matching donation(s) of Supreme Council, to be used at the discretion of the Bishop of Charleston, it being understood that the earnings will be disbursed by check payable to the recipient but forwarded after April 1 of each year to the State Deputy of South Carolina for appropriate presentation, it being further understood that the recipient may be changed from time to time by a State Council resolution.