



Minutes of the
99th South Carolina
Virtual State Convention
April 26, 2020

State Secretary
Paul V. Burchell

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Business Meeting
Saturday, April 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

State Deputy, Daniel E. Barton called the 99th Annual State Convention to order at 9:05 A.M. on Sunday, April 26, 2020. Because of the coronavirus pandemic this was a virtual convention.

State Chaplain, Fr. Robert Higgins said the “Prayer for Protection in time of Pandemic”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

State Deputy, Daniel E. Barton welcomed all State Officers, Past State Deputies, General Agent, District Deputies, and Delegates to our 1st ever virtual convention. He clarified who had the right to speak during the convention and how to notify the “screeners” should they wish to do so.

The State Deputy explained that the Minutes of the 2019 State Convention and all reports of committees and state officers were posted on the state website and were distributed to the delegates prior to the meeting. The same was true for the resolutions and the 2020-2021 budget.

He explained that it was our goal to complete the meeting within 90 minutes and asked delegates to stay connected until the meeting was concluded and provided call-in instructions in the event a delegate was dropped from the call.

The State Deputy appointed State Secretary, Paul Burchell and State Treasurer, Jeffrey Crouch to serve as the Credentials Committee and appointed Past State Deputy, Richard Gabriel to serve as Parliamentarian.

SUPREME KNIGHT’S MESSAGE: The message from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, was played.

SUPREME OFFICER’S MESSAGE: Supreme Advocate, John Marrella joined the meeting and provided an excellent message to the group and highlighted several of the individual council’s accomplishments.

ADDRESS BY THE GENERAL AGENT: Our General Agent, addressed the members.

ADDRESS BY THE STATE CHAPLAIN:

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

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

State Secretary Paul Burchell reported there were 6 State Officers, 1 Immediate Past State Deputy, 103 Delegates, and 95 voting delegates.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: The State Deputy stated that, without objection the rules would be suspended and the following shortened Order of Business would be adopted:

- Prayer
- Appointment of Committee on Credentials
- Approval of 2019 Minutes
- Reports of Committees
- Reports of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of Representatives and Alternates to the Supreme Council
- New Business
- Prayer
- Adjournment

PRESENTATION OF CONVENTION MINUTES:

State Deputy, Daniel E. Barton asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the 2019 State Convention. There being no corrections, the minutes are approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

As the various reports of the committees were posted on the state website prior to the virtual convention, without objection they will be accepted as written and included in the minutes.

REPORTS OF THE STATE OFFICERS:

As the various reports of the state officers were posted on the state website prior to the virtual convention, without objection they will be accepted as written and included in the minutes.

UPDATED REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

State Secretary Paul Burchell presented an updated report that there were 6 State Officers, 1 Immediate Past State Deputy, 105 Delegates, and 97 voting delegates in attendance.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS:

The State Deputy reminded all that only credentialed Delegates, Past State Deputies, and current District Deputies had the right to speak and explained the procedures on how to be placed in the queue to be answered by the screeners.

The State Deputy explained how to present nominations from the floor. He then explained that we were using an electronic polling system for the vote, and that he had appointed

Thomas Monahon, PSD, VSM as the Judge and Michael Allen, PSD, DM and Steve Dunlop, PSD, FVSM as tellers.

The State Deputy turned the gavel over to Immediate Past State Deputy Edward Griffin to present the nominations.

Immediate Past State Deputy, Edward Griffin reported the following list of Nominees:

- State Deputy – Daniel E. Barton
- State Secretary – Paul V. Burchell
- State Treasurer – Jeffrey M. Crouch
- State Advocate – Patrick A. Davis
- State Warden – Keith A. Kingren

Three times he asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he stated nominations were closed and directed the State Secretary to cast one ballot for State Officers for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

The Immediate Past State Deputy then returned the gavel back to the State Deputy for the elections of delegates to the annual meeting of the Supreme Council.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL:

The State Deputy reminded everyone that the State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy were automatic delegates and that we would be voting for two additional Insurance Delegates and three Associate Delegates and two alternates. He then called upon Richard Koehler, PSD for the purpose of making a nomination.

Richard Koehler, PSD nominated State Secretary Paul V. Burchell and State Treasurer Jeffrey M. Crouch as Insurance Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting.

The State Deputy asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he stated nominations were closed and directed the State Secretary to cast one ballot for Paul V. Burchell and Jeffrey M. Crouch as Insurance Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting.

The State Deputy stated that we would move to the election of the three Associate Delegates and once again called upon Richard Koehler, PSD for the purpose of making a nomination.

Richard Koehler, PSD nominated State Advocate Patrick A. Davis, State Warden Keith A. Kingren, and Past State Deputy Michael A. Allen as Associate Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting.

The State Deputy asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he stated nominations were closed and directed the State Secretary to cast one ballot for Patrick A. Davis, Keith A. Kingren, and Michael A. Allen as Associate Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting.

He then said we would move to the election of two alternate delegates and once again called upon Richard Koehler, PSD for the purpose of making a nomination.

Richard Koehler, PSD nominated District Deputy Sherrill E. Wilcox and Former District Deputy Robert J. Rooney as Alternate Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting.

The State Deputy asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he stated nominations were closed and directed the State Secretary to cast one ballot for Sherrill E. Wilcox and Robert J. Rooney as Alternate Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS:

The State Deputy explained that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee would serve as an active motion and once again reminded the delegates of the procedure to be followed if they wished to speak concerning any of the resolutions. He then invited the State Advocate to Proceed with the Report of Resolutions.

The State Advocate Patrick A. Davis provide the following recommendations:

- Resolution 15 in remembrance of Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant and resolution 16 in remembrance of Elizabeth “Betty” Duffy and Maria Sarolea, wives of Past State Deputies: the committee recommends ADOPTION.

Hearing no comments on these resolutions, The State Deputy stated the recommendation of the Resolution Committee was adopted and called upon the State Chaplain for a prayer for the repose of their souls.

- Resolution 11 in support of our Armed Forces, and especially for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our freedoms: the committee recommends ADOPTION.

Hearing no comments on this resolutions, The State Deputy stated the recommendation of the Resolution Committee was adopted and called upon the State Chaplain to offer a prayer.

- Resolutions 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13, & 14 are honorary resolutions and the committee recommends ADOPTION.

Hearing no comments on any of these resolutions, The State Deputy stated the recommendation of the Resolution Committee was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

The State Deputy reported the first item of new business was the adoption of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year Budget for the State Council which was distributed to the delegates prior to this meeting.

He stated that without objection it will be accepted as presented and included in the minutes. Hearing no objections, the State Deputy reported the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year Budget was adopted.

For the purpose of making a report on the location of the 100th State Convention in 2021, the State Deputy called upon State Secretary Paul Burchell.

State Secretary Paul Burchell reported that the 100th Annual State Meeting would be held April 16 – 18, 2021 at the brand new Hilton Garden Inn located in Summerville, South Carolina and that further information would be forthcoming over the next year.

The State Deputy then asked if there was any other new business to come before the convention. Hearing none, the asked the State Chaplain to lead everyone in prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael McGivney.

The State Chaplain Rev. Robert Higgins led the convention in the prayer for the Canonization of our founder, Father McGivney.

There being no further business, the State Deputy thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul V. Burchell

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State Secretary
South Carolina State Council
Knights of Columbus

ATTACHMENT 1

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

Annual State Deputy's Report
Fraternal Year 2019-2020



It is my honor and privilege to report to you that the South Carolina State Council comprised of 64 councils is in the midst of a successful year. Much has changed since Father McGivney established our Order in 1882 and since our State Council was established in 1921. Although time has passed and we have seen a change in some of the operations of the Knights of Columbus, we still hold fast to the guiding principles of our Order – Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

We, the State Officers and Directors would like to express our sincerest appreciation to all Grand Knights, council officers and directors for your promotion of good works informed by faith. It is through your leadership and dedication, along with the guidance from your local District Deputy, that all of our success this year has been possible.

Throughout this year, the State Council has reacted positively as new (and in some cases never before seen) issues arose. In early September, we faced the threat of Hurricane Dorian. In December, we first learned about the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. In March, we began to face the realities of the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic. In each circumstance, we have been united as one; and, we know that we are capable of achieving anything we put our thoughts, prayers, and actions behind.

Our Charity programs are the cornerstone of the Knights of Columbus at all levels. As Pope Francis has said, “charity is infectious” and our Order proves that every day. During his Supreme Knight Address at the Supreme Convention in August, Carl Anderson reported on our charitable giving world-wide. On the state level, our Charity Drive raised over \$55,000.00 of which over \$10,000.00 is currently being rebated back to local councils for their local charities. In addition, over \$28,000.00 will be distributed to support our Diocese and many other worthwhile organizations within the state. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to support a wounded warrior from South Carolina to Lourdes due to the Coronavirus; however, we will support this worthy cause in 2021.

Each year, the State Council, as well as local councils, continue to support the Felician Center in Kingstree. The Felician Center serves the local community in the poorest county within our state. This year through our combined efforts, we have contributed several thousands of

pounds of food, school supplies, clothing needs for the children at the start of the school year, gifts for Christmas and Easter for the children, and donated thousands of dollars to the Center. Sister Susanne has expressed her sincerest appreciation to the Knights for the continued support we give them.

Our support of our fellowman with intellectual disabilities has continued through the Columbus HOPE Foundation. This year, the current amount raised by local councils is \$268,659.00. At the Columbus HOPE Foundation meeting in July, the foundation will be present grant checks to several organizations throughout the state. Special thanks to Past State Deputy and Former Master Joseph Gubeli for his years of service as President of the Columbus HOPE Foundation. During his 8-year tenure as the Foundation's President, his leadership led to a combined gross total of \$3,283,184.00 of which \$2,970,981.00 was distributed to charities and non-profit organizations supporting citizens with intellectual disabilities.

Based upon nominations for this year's State Council Service Program Awards entry forms and ICC reports, it is apparent that the councils that have achieved the greatest success are where the council members were united in a common goal of serving their fellow man.

The Order's Faith In Action program model is now in its second year and has assisted many council programs. Although many of our programs focus on our charitable works others focus on our spiritual growth. While most councils within the state have adopted the Faith In Action model, several councils are still in the process of transitioning to this model. Over the next several months, we look forward to all councils within the state to fully incorporate the Faith In Action Model.

Here is just a sample of some of the wonderful Faith In Action programs that have been reported through our ICC reporting from throughout the state:

Faith

- Council 13713 leads a Scripture Rosary prior to the council's monthly social. In addition, a living rosary is prayed outdoors by the parish and is supported by Knights.
- Council 7531 presented Sacramental gifts to RCIA members and First Holy Communicants as well as supports our Building the Domestic Church kiosks in both English and Spanish.
- Council 8295 built a permanent "Building the Domestic Church" (BDC) Kiosk in church Narthex. Large permanent KofC sign and emblem above the kiosk. The council is keeping the kiosk stocked with BDC reading materials.
- Council 10819 marched in the Simpsonville, South Carolina Christmas Parade. Our Float was Keep Christ in Christmas. We had over 20 Knights and their family members march in the parade and distribute candy to the children.

- Council 16903 had a 1/2-day retreat on the 1st Saturday of Advent conducted by fellow brother knight Deacon Jon Stetar. The theme of the retreat was "Preparing to receive Jesus". After the 1/2-day retreat, the council held a corporate communion Mass.

Family

- Council 8295 knights' volunteer by washing clothes on a weekly basis at Operation Clean of Heart, a ministry that provides clean showers and laundry services to the homeless.
- Council 6756 collects and distributes hundreds of pounds of bread items to various charities in the Rock hill area. Some of the recipients are The Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, Pilgrim's Inn, The Oratory, and a Hispanic outreach location.
- Council 11028 awarded the Ronald Breznicky Catholic Action Award of \$1,000 to the young person who best serves his/her parish, community and stands as an example of a mature Catholic. The winner is a high-school age member of the parish who is deemed to be most active within the parish and in other activities that are of a "Service to others nature" and best exemplifies the characteristics of an outstanding young Catholic in their personal, school, church and community life.
- Council 11991 holds monthly socials, usually with a theme, for example: Adopt a Family at Christmas, Chili Cook-off, Tailgate, Diaper Drive, Sock Hop, Clergy Recognition, and Ladies Appreciation. Families and parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend and participate.
- Council 14475 had 72 Brother Knights and families participate in the "Mass for the Consecration of The Holy Family". At the conclusion of all Masses, that weekend, Brother Knights distributed "Consecration To The Holy Family" prayer cards to all attendees as well as all confirmation and religious education classes.

Community

- Council 2207 members grilled hamburgers for children and volunteers at Vacation Bible School as well as donated funds to St Anne/St Jude Catholic School to assist in purchasing Bibles for all students.
- Council 11325 gave out 1200 books in coordination with the other Parish Ministries. This program benefits the members and parishioners of Corpus Christi Catholic Church Parish. This was to increase Evangelization and spirituality in the Church.
- Council 10334 provided a "Hot breakfast" for 105 "Homeworks" youth and chaperones who come to Charleston from parishes throughout the Tri-State area and reside/sleep in their gym for a week while working on the barrier islands repairing low-income homes.
- Council 11471 provided over 1000 pounds of food, 80 bags of clothes to the Felician Center in Kingstree, SC as well as provided 800 pairs of socks for Veterans at the VA Medical Center in Charleston.

- Council 9575 collaborated with Council 6076 to distribute 300 winter coats.

Life

- Council 6847 collected baby items to support Birthright's baby shower as well as made a donation to support Birthright's mission.
- Council 7531 participated in Parish Pro-Life Rosary starting at Council's "Monument to Unborn" and Processing to Pro-Life Cross Garden and Mediation Garden.
- Council 6884 purchased two commercial right to life build boards.
- Council 3067 conducted a "Baby Shower for Jesus" gift drive at St. Mary's Parish to gather donations of baby items for Birthright of Georgetown. A large donation of critical items was delivered to the Birthright Center.
- Council 14475 distributed roses to each Mother after all masses on Mother's Day weekend 2019 and distributed prayer cards to all Fathers after all masses on Father's Day weekend 2019.

For 138 years, the Knights of Columbus has continued to grow both internationally and within our State. From our humble beginning as a State Council in 1921 our South Carolina State Council has grown to 9,717 knights in 64 councils. However, while this is impressive there is much more work that needs to be done.

Reflecting upon the words spoken by St John Paul II to the Order, he stated that the Church today feels a particular urgency to emphasize the vocation and mission of the laity. How true his words are today, as the “Knights of Columbus are an excellent example of the contribution which the laity can make by working together”. In order for us to build upon the good works of past generations of knights, we must inspire other men to join our ranks.

We as Knights must understand that as the largest Lay Catholic origination in the world, we can make a difference. What we need to realize is that our Parishes and Catholic Schools are not just places to receive the sacraments and religious education., They are. in fact, missionary grounds where we can make a positive impact.

One way we can do this is by making it a priority within our councils to foster an inviting attitude towards all men, especially young men to join our ranks. For they are the future of our Order and the Catholic Church. To accomplish this, every council must put as much focus on membership as they do their programs. For without council members, how will our programs continue?

Currently, South Carolina stands in 49th placeⁱⁿ the Order's 75 Jurisdictions; and, as of today, we have added 274 new knights to our ranks. While these totals do not shine a positive light on our recruiting efforts, we understand that the restrictions caused by the Coronavirus have slowed down our major recruiting efforts in the months of March and April, which historically are our two biggest recruiting months.

While some councils have done a good job in recruiting, other councils have yet to bring in a new member. We strongly encourage all councils to continue recruiting as there are roughly 2 ½ months left in this fraternal year. Even during our current pandemic, we can still recruit new members. This was easily proven with Supremes' recently 'Historic' Online Exemplification in which 2,138 new candidates became Knights, 323 online members took their degree and 7,009 First and Second Degree members became Third Degree Knights.

For years, one obstacle with some men has been with our ceremonials. However, as of January of this year, the Order has authorized a major revision to its ceremonials and for the first time has made it open to the public. The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is definitely rooted in our past but tailored to the present. With this change, a degree can now be held at a business meeting or in a church. With the ability for others to be present, one's family and friends can now witness the principles and values they are committing to and why we as Knights take them seriously.

At our Grand Knight Mid-Winter meeting, the State Officers put on a live degree for 48 candidates with over 220 in attendance. And, beginning on July 1, 2020, only the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity will be authorized in South Carolina.

At this time, I would like to take a moment and recognize several councils that have done an outstanding job in recruiting new members:

- St John XXII Council 6250 – Charleston, 9 new members, 129%;
- Fr Brian Martin Council 8502 – Walterboro, 5 new members 100%;
- Corpus Christi Council 11325 – Lexington, 17 new members, 155%;
- Immaculate Conception Council 11991 – Goose Creek, 17 new members, 131%; and
- Bishop Denis J O'Connell Council 12366 0 Fort Mill, 15 new members, 107%

Over the years, our State Pro-Life Program has been a major pillar of the Surge with Service and now Faith In Action program model. This is only possible through the leadership and direction of our State Life Director, Bill Hooks and his wife Dee as well as our Ultrasound Initiative Chairman Raymond Ireland. Since the Order launched its Ultrasound Initiative in 2009, over 1,000 machines have been placed across our nation. Since July 2019, we placed three new ultrasound machines in various pregnancy centers throughout the state bringing our total number of machines purchased by the South Carolina Knights up to 22. Special thanks to the brothers of:

- Fr. Francis A. Friend, Council 8295 for their efforts in placing the 20th ultrasound system at the Anderson Pregnancy Center in Anderson, SC;
- Fr. John J. McCarthy, Council 12472 for their efforts in placing the 21st ultrasound system at the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center in Charleston, SC; and
- Msgr. Andrew K. Gwynn, Council 1668 for their efforts in placing the 22nd ultrasound system at the Piedmont Women's Center in Greenville, SC

Additionally, in January nearly 1,500 knights, family members, and Catholics from throughout the state participated in the 2020 South Carolina Citizens For Life March and Rally in Columbia, SC. On the evening before, well over 100 Knights and their family members attended the Proudly Pro-Life Dinner. This year, those in attendance saw the one Act Play entitled Viable. Later in January, knights, family members, and Catholics from throughout the Diocese attend the March for Life in Washington, DC.

The South Carolina Insurance program is doing well and several councils have already qualified for the Founders Award. The Boni Agency is dedicated to ensuring that all Knights in South Carolina are insured and recently has hired a new field agent with a focus on our Hispanic Community. Besides meeting the insurance needs of our Hispanic brothers, he is tasked with recruitment as well as to finding another man to be a Hispanic Field agent. Robert, I want to personally thank you as well as all of your Field Agents for their hard work and accomplishments so far this year.

Our RSVP Program to support seminarians continues to be strong. Special thanks to our RSVP Chairman James Weiskircher for ensuring that at least one council supports all Diocesan seminarians. This year, we presented five councils with a \$500.00 check from last year's charity drive for use for their RVSP program. If at all possible, I would encourage each council to consider sponsoring one more seminarian.

Our patriotic program in South Carolina continues to be very strong with continued growth under the leadership of our District Masters. In August, Past State Deputy & District Master Thomas Monahon accepted the position of Vice Supreme Master of the DeSoto Province overseeing the Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and South Carolina Jurisdictions. This is a high honor, as Tom is only the third Sir Knight from South Carolina appointed to this position. In September, Past State Deputy Michael Allen was appointed District Master. Under both of their leadership and with the assistance of their staff, over 90 men joined the ranks for the Fourth Degree this fraternal year.

My Brothers, this has been an active and fruitful fraternal year so far and we look forward to the achievements still to occur between now and the end of June. This year, we conducted two District Deputy's meetings, a State Leadership Conference, the Grand Knight Mid-Winter meeting and Soccer Shootout. In May, we plan to hold our Grand Knight Boot Camp meeting in Columbia. However, depending upon KofC, CDC and local government guidance, this event may have to be held virtually. And our Basketball Free Throw champions will be announced based upon metrics from local council and district championship scores.

In total, the councils of South Carolina have donated \$1,207,263.00 and dedicated 252,836 hours of service to their local communities. That breaks down to 108,095 hours (\$400,742.00) towards our Faith Activities; 47,033 hours (\$185,016.00) towards our Family Activities; 69,357 hours ((\$463,910.00) towards our Community Activities; and, 28,351 hours (\$157,595.00) towards our Life Activities. Additionally, council brothers made roughly 9,560 visits to the sick and bereaved. According to the Independent Sector, the estimated national value of each volunteer hour is \$25.43 per hour thus the total value of the Knights of Columbus service to South Carolina is \$7,831,320.26. In any other year, on Sunday morning we would review and recognize some of the outstanding achievements that councils have put forth this fraternal year at the Michael W. Telesco Annual Awards breakfast. However, due to the unique times we find ourselves in, these awards shall be presented when we next meet in person in July at the Grand Knight Meeting.

In conclusion, I am truly honored to have been elected to serve as your State Deputy this Fraternal Year and look forward to finishing this year strong. I would like to thank all of you for your support and prayers throughout this fraternal year. To my brother State Officers, District Deputies, and Council leaders your support has been incredible. Especially, I want to thank you for the warm reception you have given my mother and me on our visits.

Who would have thought at this time last year that we would be witnessing a 'historic' year for the Knights of Columbus? From our new Exemplification that is open to the public, to facing a once in a lifetime worldwide pandemic causing us to meet virtually. However, the Knights of South Carolina have responded to these changes admirably while continuing to accomplish the goals we set at the beginning of this fraternal year. I know that with your continued support we will finish this year in the exemplary fashion that South Carolina is known for.

Fraternally Yours,

Daniel E. Barton

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State Deputy
South Carolina State Council
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ATTACHMENT 2

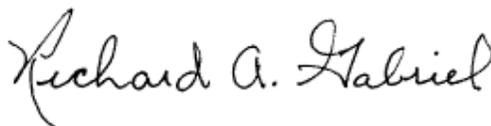
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Virtual Meeting Rules by the Committee on Laws and Resolutions

1. The South Carolina State Council Annual meeting shall be conducted virtually using the technology procedures provided in the “Special Rules Order for 2020 State Council Virtual Meeting” as directed by authority of the Supreme Board of Directors under Section 9 of the Constitution of the Knights of Columbus.
2. The State Deputy, prior to opening the virtual meeting, shall request each council provide to the State Secretary the names, membership numbers and telephone number for the members who will actually represent the council at the meeting as delegates. This information will be provided to the State Secretary no later than seven days prior to the scheduled date of meeting through the means designated by the State Secretary.
3. When necessary, changes to this information may be made up to the point of 48 hours prior to the scheduled start of the meeting. At that point the State Secretary and the Credentials Committee will finalize the list of delegates. No further changes may be made after this point.
4. When a delegate with the right to speak, desires to speak, they shall press *3 on the phone. The presiding chairman, at the time, will recognize him and allow him to address the meeting. He will address the presiding officer by his official title, and he shall give his name, council number and make a motion or commit.
5. A motion regularly moved and seconded must be stated by the chair before a vote is taken.
6. A motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor, before the vote, without objection.
7. 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.
8. The chair must state every question clearly and, before putting same to a vote, and shall say “Are you ready for the Question?”
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 resolution or amendment of a By-Law is in debate, the length and number of speeches shall be limited to three (3) speeches of three (3) minutes in favor and three (3) speeches of three (3) minutes in opposition prior to vote.
12. Follow the approved script, which includes an abbreviated order of business, as closely as possible to ensure staying on topic and completing the State Meeting in timely manner.
13. The FLS system uses the terms “Hosts” and “Participants.” Hosts have access to the website and can control the meeting. Participants listen by telephone and participate in voting by pressing numbers as instructed. The State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Immediate Past State Deputy, and at least three Past State Deputies (or other State Deputy designees) should be “Hosts.” It is suggested that Past State Deputies (or State Deputy designees) serve as “screeners” to interact with Delegates who have a reason to speak, and as the Judge and Tellers for voting.
14. Delegates’ telephones need not be muted. The Hosts will control muting and, if necessary, may have to disconnect a Delegate’s connection if it is causing undue interference with the Meeting.
15. Hosts must be muted in order to cast a vote.
16. Recognition to Speak. To seek recognition to speak, a Delegate shall press *3 on his phone. He may be contacted by the State Deputy’s designee(s) to verify the intent to speak. The delegate shall not mute his phone. If he needs to address the meeting, he will be put through. This is similar to a radio program where callers are screened and then permitted to speak to listeners.
17. Method of Voting. The voting will be conducted through secret electronic balloting by pressing numbers or symbols on Delegates’ telephones as instructed by the State Deputy unless, due to technological problems, another voting method is directed by the State Deputy.
18. 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.
19. 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



Richard A. Gabriel, PSD
2020 State Convention Parliamentarian

ATTACHMENT 3

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

Report of Correspondence July 2019 – April 2020

1. A letter from Barry Coats, President of Special Olympics South Carolina thanking the State Council for its generous donation. In his letter, he said, “your gift will not only help us provide support to our current athletes but help us reach out to the estimated 100,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities in South Carolina that haven’t yet experienced the joy of sports”.
2. A thank you letter from Sister Carolyn Forgette of the Monastery of St. Clare for our support. “We are grateful for your annual contribution and are thankful the Knights of Columbus in South Carolina have been so supportive of our mission.”
3. A thank you letter from Lisa Porter, PT from the Washington Center. Located in Greenville County, the Center serves approximately 128 of the district’s most severe intellectually and physically challenged students which include some of the most medically fragile students in the district. Funding enables the Center to purchase adaptive equipment help students with motor independence.
4. A thank you letter from Sister Johnna Ciezobka of the Felician Center for our generous support of the Felician Center in Kingstree, SC. “Your donation to the Felician Center will help to ensure the continued fulfillment of our mission”.
5. A letter from Donna Brody, widow of one of our Grand Knights. “There are really no words that can truly describe what it means to my family and I for all you have done for us. You are truly amazing people who do extremely amazing work for your brother knights and their families.”
6. A letter from Birthright of Georgetown thanking the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation which “will make it easier for women to work through the problems and concerns associated with unplanned pregnancies”.
7. Several cards from spouses of deceased members thanking the Knights of Columbus for their kind expression of sympathy.

ATTACHMENT 4

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

Report of the State Secretary July 2019 - April 2020

Perhaps the most time-consuming aspects of the State Secretary's job is all the coordination and travel that must take place. As the State Secretary, I am responsible for selecting venues for all state meetings including the annual convention. So far this fraternal year, I have traveled over 1500 miles to meet with various hotel representatives and view their accommodations for future KofC events. These included the 2020 Grand Knight mid-year meeting and charity ball; the 2020 State Convention; and, the 2020 District Deputy mid-year meeting. I was successful in negotiating contracts for each of these planned events as well as the 2020 State Officers Installation and DD Organizational Meeting. I am currently negotiating contracts for the 2021 & 2022 DD mid-year meeting and working with our State Deputy on selecting a site for our 100th State Convention in 2021.

The State Secretary is responsible for gathering all council membership information and submitting it to our provider to ensure our liability insurance policy does not lapse. As State Secretary, I am also responsible for submitting vouchers for each and every disbursement of funds from the State Council, assist with budget preparation, and compile and submit the annual survey of fraternal activity (Form 1728) for the State Council.

During the 2019 Supreme Convention in Minneapolis I coordinated and organized a trip for the South Carolina delegation to attend a major league baseball game and selected and coordinated with one of the local restaurants for our State's Dinner.

In addition to my State Secretary duties, for the 3rd consecutive year, I am responsible for the state's "deceased brother" program. Upon receiving a death notice of one of our brother knights, I prepare a sympathy card and send it to the spouse or next of kin. The message on the card highlights the achievements of the deceased brother and reflects the condolences of each member of the state council. Along this same line, I sent Mass booklets from the Supreme Convention Memorial Mass to families of our past state officers who died during the year.

I served as Warden for the Knighthood Degree. I have traveled to several Formation and Knighthood Degrees throughout the state both as a team member and/or a representative of the State Council.

Recognizing that new state officers are surprised by what is expected of them when they take office, I prepared a document detailing the duties and responsibilities of each of the state officers. The purpose of the document is to let potential candidates know exactly what they can expect should they be elected as a state officer. This document will be posted on the state website and will be available to all KofC members.

I continue to serve my local parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and stay active in my home council and assembly by participating in virtually all council activities unless there is a conflict with my State Officer duties. These activities include: cooking for VBS students and staff at St. Anne/St. Jude School in Sumter; managing the council's Soccer Challenge; serving as a member of the Honor Guard for the Bishop during a bi-centennial celebration at the civic center in Sumter; assisting with handing out tootsie rolls for the council's Columbus Hope Foundation drive; participating in the adopt-a-highway program in Sumter; the Marian Pray Program in Sumter; organizing and facilitating "Turkey Bingo"; representing Knights of Columbus in Sumter's annual Christmas parade; and, participating in "Operation True Giving" by adopting a family of 4 for Christmas and buying food for another family of eight. Thus far this fraternal year I have traveled over 2500 miles and completed over 150 service hours in support of the Faith in Action initiative.

In addition to the above I attended and participated in the following activities:

- State Officer and District Deputy Installation and Organizational Meeting, June 2019
- Columbus Hope Foundation Workshop, July 2019
- Council 2207 Installation of Officers, July 2019
- Assembly 1714 Installation of Officers, July 2019
- Council 5086 Installation of Officers, July 2019
- Supreme Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 2019
- Fourth Degree Exemplification, Charleston, September 2019
- Formation and Knighthood Degree, Sumter, October 2019
- Life Chain in Sumter, October, 2019
- Life Chain in Sumter, November 2019
- Formation and Knighthood Degree, Lexington, November 2019
- State Soccer Challenge, Columbia, December 2019
- District Deputy mid-winter meeting, Hilton Head, December 2019
- Stand Up for Life Dinner, Columbia, January 2020
- Stand Up for Life March and Rally, Columbia, January 2020

- Ultrasound presentation to Piedmont Women’s Center, Greenville, January 2020
- Formation and Knighthood Degree, Bluffton, January 2020
- National Right to Life Mass, Rally, and March, Washington DC, January 2020
- Grand Knights Mid-Winter Meeting, which also included the first ever exemplification of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity, February 2020
- State Charity Ball, February
- Fourth Degree Exemplification, Lexington, February 2020

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have faced challenges we couldn’t have imagined at the beginning of the fraternal year. Among other things, we have had to cancel our convention in Myrtle Beach and prepared for a totally different way of doing business. I am confident that we will emerge from this ordeal even stronger and will be able to continue the work of Father McGivney.

Joining the Knights of Columbus, nine years ago has proved to be one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. It has truly been a life-changing experience for me. I’ve met some great individuals, been involved in some outstanding programs, and have truly been inspired to live the Gospel of Matthew 25 on a daily basis.

Respectively Submitted,

Paul V. Burchell

Paul V. Burchell
SC State Secretary
April 2020

ATTACHMENT 5

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council



State Treasurer Annual Report FY19-20

It is the duty of the State Treasurer to be custodian of all of the funds and securities of the State Council. Including receiving all monies, keeping a true and accurate account thereof and forthwith depositing the same to the credit of the South Carolina State Council, Knights of Columbus, in a bank to selected by the State Officers. The State Treasurer only on warrants signed by the State Secretary shall pay out such funds. The State Treasurer shall make no disbursements except under the authority of such warrants. The State Treasurer shall under the ordinary circumstances, draw checks in fulfillment of such warrants, obtain the State Deputy's signature on checks and mail such checks to their recipients. The State Treasurer shall prepare, certify and furnish the State Deputy each calendar month a statement of the State Council's bank balances. The State Treasurer shall furnish bond in favor of the State Council in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars or in such other higher sum as may be fixed by State Council, as recommended by Committee on Budget and Finance.

During the 2019-2020 fraternal year I attended and participated in the following:

- Supreme Convention, Minneapolis, MN, 5-8 Aug 2019
- Fourth Degree Exemplification, James Island, 27 Oct 2019
- District Deputy Mid-Winter Meeting, Hilton Head, 13-15 Dec 2018
- Proudly Pro Life Dinner, March & Rally, Columbia, 11-12 Jan 2019
- Grand Knights' mid-winter meeting and charity ball, Columbia 1 Feb 2020
- Fourth Degree Exemplification, Lexington, 29 Feb 2020
- Catholic Men's Conference, Columbia, 7 Mar 2020

It would be remiss of me not to mention that I missed the Installation of Officers and the Columbus Hope Annual meeting, as my wife Rebecca and I welcomed the birth of our first daughter Edith on July 1, 2019.

As a State Council Officer, I have represented the State Deputy at several events. My biggest task was Chairman of the Annual State Council Charity Raffle. Additionally, I served as the Budget Committee Chairman for the State Council. Further, I was asked to serve as the Financial Officer of the South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference.

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

Lastly, I served on the Admission Degree team as Grand Knight, the Formation Degree team as Warden, the Knighthood Degree team as Warden, and the Fourth Degree Exemplification Team as Registrar. I participated in 8 different degree exemplifications in addition to those I attended and observed. Most recently, I served as the Presiding Officer in the first ever Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity conducted in the South Carolina jurisdiction.

I have managed to continue to participate in social events with my Council and Assembly. I have maintained my role in the Helping Hands program and continue to support my Brother Knights in need. I have been lucky to remain highly active in my Parish through our Baptismal Rose program and various other responsibilities assigned by my Pastor.

Overall, it has been a very rewarding year and the hospitality extended to my family and I at all events attended is sincerely appreciated. I look forward to continuing all Treasurer Assignments through the end of the fraternal year in June with the State Council.

Fraternally submitted,

Jeffrey M. Crouch

Jeffrey M. Crouch State Treasurer

ATTACHMENT 6

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council



Annual Report FY 2019-2020

State Warden 1 July 2019 - 1 February. 2020

State Advocate 1 February 2020- 30 June 2020

I envisioned my 1st year as the State Warden to progress quickly and provide me with some great training for my progression in the State Council. I am sure we were all surprised to learn that the State Advocate, Ron Stanley, required by-pass surgery for his heart, and equally unprepared when he opted for the betterment of the State Council to resign as the State Advocate. So, having said all of that my Annual Report is a blend of the two State Council offices I have held this fraternal year.

As the State Warden, I am responsible for storing and maintain all of the State Council's equipment. In addition, the State Warden is also responsible for transporting the equipment to the many meetings, workshops, and conferences. As the Warden, I am responsible for setting up the various chambers for the respective activities, whether it is a meeting or a Mass I set it up.

The State Warden works closely with the District Deputies and the Host Grand Knights ensuring the success of each activity.

The Duty of the State Advocate is to be the primary legal advisor to the State Council and the State Officers in all matters pertaining to the Order. Upon request, he shall give advice on matters pertaining to the Order, District Deputies, and the Advocates of the Subordinate Councils. Reports of all opinions rendered are sent to the State Deputy for the State Council's file. The State Advocate performs other duties as may be prescribed for him, or as may be imposed by the State Council or the State Deputy.

My first official duties as the State Advocate was to prepare the Resolutions for the State Convention, and the Resolution Booklet. Additionally, I serve as the Chairmen for the Resolution Committee for the State Council.

During the 2019-2020 fraternal year, I have attended and participated in the following (beginning 1 Feb. 2020):

- Visited the Landmark Hotel in Myrtle Beach with the State Council 20 Jan. 2020
- Grand Knights Workshop, Columbia 1 Feb,2020
- The State Charity Ball, Columbia 1 Feb, 2020
- The 4th Degree Exemplification in Lexington,29 Feb., 2020
- Catholic Men's Conference Lexington 7 March, 2020

Since the outbreak of the COVID - 19 Virus All Meetings have been suspended. To continue to function the State Council and Supreme have gone to using teleconferencing. A format for jurisdictions to conduct their State Convention via teleconference has been approved by Supreme. The South Carolina State Deputy is going to utilize this for our State Convention; it will take approximately 90 minutes.

Vivat Jesus!

Patrick A. Davis
South Carolina State Advocate

ATTACHMENT 7**Report of Audit/Budget & Finance Chairman**

This is a Summary report of our Independent Accountants Report's for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Wilson and Quirk, LLC, certified Public Accounts, Charleston, SC, on applying agreed-upon procedures where procedures and findings are as follows.

- a) Cash accounts, checking, savings and CD's; no issues were noted. No exceptions or findings requiring further attention.
- b) Reviewed bank statements for reasonableness; no issues were noted.
- c) Money Market; cash procedures were applied to money market accounts. No issues found.
- d) Accounts receivable; traced the accounts as recorded by State Council records to detail listing of documents due. Examined supporting documents for all items over \$1,000, no reported issues found.
- e) Property and Equipment; the State Council represents it has no property or equipment.

The Independent Account's Report, on applying agreed-upon procedures, June 30, 2019 and Financial Statements, June 30, 2019 shall be entered into the official procedures of this convention.

Proposed Budget 2020-2021

The budget has been proposed by the State Treasurer and his team and will be presented at a later time during this convention. Having reviewed the proposed budget for 2020-2021, I find them to be reasonable and fair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard E. Koehler, PSD
Audit/Budget Finance Chairman
April 26, 2020

Enclosures: 1) Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-upon Procedures
2) Compliant Report and Financial Reports

ATTACHMENT 8**SOUTH CAROLINA CEREMONIALS
CHAIRMAN - ANNUAL STATE REPORT
99th South Carolina State Council Convention****April 2019 - April 2020**

Worthy State Deputy,

Through our ceremonials, our brothers get to see and experience, first hand, the vision of our founder Fr. Michael McGivney. Our lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity provide us with a road map that help us journey through the Knights as well as through life. The Knight of Columbus Ceremonials provide a system that values that make each member, not only a better Knight, but more importantly a better Catholic Man, husband and father.

I am happy to report that, as the Ceremonials Chairman, I was privileged to attend a one-day introduction and training session on the new Charity-Unity-Fraternity degree held in Orlando, Florida in December 2019. This new degree was introduced to the councils in January at the Mid-Winter meeting by the State Officers. I am pleased to report that 11 councils participated by provided 54 candidates to be to full Knighthood. The degree was well received by the candidates and their families as well as all the brother Knights and their families.

I am pleased to report that the South Carolina Councils have held 45 Admission Degree, 13 Formation Degrees and 8 Knighthood Degrees. I am also pleased that since the implication of the new Charity-Unity- Fraternity Degree, the councils have held 7 degrees. The councils continue their efforts to establish a Charity-Unity-Fraternity degree team.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Gabriel".

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD
South Carolina Ceremonials Chairman

ATTACHMENT 9

Report on Fraternal Benefits



Worthy State Deputy, Brothers all, thank you for giving me the time to address you briefly during this historic virtual convention.

This is an unprecedented time for all of us. Please be assured, first and foremost of our agency's thoughts and prayers for you and you and your families. An agent's primary role is to be there for his brothers, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us if there's any way we can help in this time.

I want to assure you that our agency, and all Knights of Columbus business and charitable functions are operational. Agents have transitioned to meeting and conducting business with members via Skype. This transition has been a great convenience for members. We are finding that both members and agents are really enjoying this new experience, and we're excited to incorporate that into our standard practices once we move past this pandemic.

The Supreme Council has shifted its business operations too, and has been working remotely since mid-March.

This is a time, I know, when many of you have more financial concerns than usual. Maybe you're concerned about volatility. Maybe you need to be able to access more of your cash that's tied up in other places. Maybe you're thinking about adding insurance. Maybe you're looking for a new career. As always, the Knights of Columbus stands ready - BY DESIGN, by Father McGivney *himself* - to help protect your financial future.

Just this month, at the height of the economic uncertainty brought upon by the Coronavirus, S&P Global Ratings published a report showing the Knights of Columbus as being tied for the ***most*** financially strong life insurer in all of North America. That's a reality made possible only by our strong Catholic guiding principles, and by the tremendous support and trust that you show us each and every year.

If we didn't have those things, we'd never be able to weather storms like these – where trusted partners are needed more than ever.

So as we turn the page - God willing - from this moment and to the next, I want to personally invite you to have a conversation with us. And I want to personally thank you - and especially your state officers - for their support and their collaboration this past year.

You know we are all fraternalists. Just as the successes of our insurance business ought to be points of pride for all of us, we are so incredibly proud of the work that all of you do to help support our Church and our communities. You are a beacon of God's joy and God's charity to this state/province, and we are honored to work with you and for you. And we are excited to tackle this next fraternal year together.

Thank you for your time, I hope to see you all soon, and Vivat Jesus!

Robert J. Boni, Jr.
General Agent
South Carolina

ATTACHMENT 10*New Council Development**Director Report June 2019-April 2020*

Worthy State Deputy,

It is the duty of the New Council Development Director to work with the District Deputies to locate parishes that have sufficient Catholic men where a council can be established and grow. During the last year, I have attended two District Deputy trainings along with two Grand Knight Work Shop to provide each group the guidelines and information required to establish a new council. During the last year, I have worked with the District Deputies of Districts 1, 12, 13 and 16 to begin the formation of a new council in Hardeeville (St. Anthony Mission-Hispanic Council), Ridgeland (St. Anthony Church), Bluffton (St. Gregory The Great-Hispanic) , Florence (St. Ann), Daniel Island (St. Clare of Assisi), Charleston (Cathedral of St. John the Baptist), Charleston (St. Mary of the Annunciation), Columbia (Fort Jackson), Columbia USC Campus and Hartsville (St. Mary, the Virgin Mother). Along with the District Deputies, I am continually looking for areas of the state where we will be able to establish a new council.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to be the New Council Development Director for the state this fraternal year. Although it has been a challenge I have enjoyed the task.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Gabriel".

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD
New Council Development Director

ATTACHMENT 11

Knights of Columbus

South Carolina State Council

Membership Report

Daniel Barton
State Deputy
South Carolina Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy:

This has been an interesting year for membership in South Carolina. It has been a year that has been cut short by the COVID19 pandemic that has cutoff all Knights of Columbus activities for the last 4 months of the Columbian Year. At this point, we have already achieved 54% of our goal of 501 new members for the year. However, we are losing 33% of the year.

I had some very aggressive plans for the last quarter by promoting membership through regional seminars. I had one planned for Columbia in April but has now been cancelled. This, like everything else, will have to wait.

Also, this year, the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity has been implemented. This is a definite plus for promoting membership. It makes the whole process of bringing in new members much easier. Also, the online membership program provides an excellent tool for bringing in new members. Now, a prospect can become a member while he is being interviewed by the Admission's Committee. No longer does that prospect have to wait, sometimes months, to take his First Degree. He can immediately become a member and attend council meetings. Then, when it is convenient, he can take the new Exemplification and become a member of the local council.

These new innovations make the transition from prospect to member very easy. However, the not so easy task on finding prospects still requires effort on the part of each council. My objective has been to have councils run a Parish Membership Drive at

least twice a year on a regular basis. At the regional seminars I was planning, I was going to ask each Grand Knight present to provide me with a date as to when he was planning

a membership drive. If he didn't have a planned date, I would ask him to plan a date and then contact me with the information. I would then follow up by email asking for the date. Once I had a date, I would contact the Grand Knight prior to the date and offer some tips and ideas. Then, after the date, I would again contact the Grand Knight to find out how he did. I believe this type of continual communication between the State Council and the Grand Knight will give the councils more incentive to participate. That has been my objective since becoming Membership Director a year and half ago.

Now, down to the statistics. The following is where we stand in the area of membership through March 31, 2020:

Total number of members in South Carolina:	9,736
Supreme Council goal for new members:	501
Number of new members added to rolls:	272
Percentage of goal achieved	54%
Total number of councils that have achieved their goal:	5
Total number of councils that have achieved 50% of their goal:	9
Total number of councils that have not recruited a single member:	16

My fraternal thanks to you, Worthy State Deputy, for giving me this tremendous opportunity to serve the South Carolina State Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Rooney

Bob Rooney PGK FDD

State Membership Director

ATTACHMENT 12**Report of the 4th Degree Master**

**District Master Report to the Fourth Degree Annual Meeting
South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus
Blythewood, South Carolina
April 8, 2020**

Reverend Robert F. Higgins, Worthy State Chaplain, Supreme Guest, Vice Supreme Master Thomas M. Monahon, State Deputy Daniel E. Barton, Former Vice Supreme Master Steven Dunlap, Former District Masters, Past State Deputies, State Officers and my Brother Sir Knights. Welcome to our 99th Annual State Convention.

This is the official Report for the South Carolina Fourth Degree District of the DeSoto Province.

At the outset, let me first Congratulate SK Thomas M. Monahon for being the third South Carolinian to serve the Order as Vice Supreme Master. And for Dennis Stoddard, Supreme Master for having faith in me as a replacement for Tom's unexpired term.

Our State Deputy reminds us that "We are Called" to be men of faith and action in serving our Church and those in need. We are living in the time God chose for us. We must be determined to embrace our church and our priests even more. As Sir Knights we have a special duty to stand by our Post as men of recognized civic virtue, faithfulness in Church and in family life and fidelity to the promises we have made. Do not let our current difficulties deprive us of the most precious gift we have: our faith.

It is our choice. I would like to reflect on a Lenten message from Msgr. Charles Pope: "Deeds become habits; habits become character; character becomes destiny. Many little choices form our hearts, establish our character, and move us into one future or another."

Of course, part of our reflections must be "how are these words lived out within our assemblies; generally recognizing our charitable deeds as brother Knights can move us toward a future that is filled with the transforming grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. But it starts with those little choices made daily.

Each of us as Sir Knights is called to invite other men – our brothers at the council or men in the pew not yet members to rise to their potential as men of God through the lessons of the Knights of Columbus and participation in our activities. Our focus as leaders in the Knights should be on these values above all other considerations.

Membership

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, many of the Supreme reports are unavailable, however the Patriotic Degree continues to be strong in South Carolina. The South Carolina District hosted two exemplifications bringing in 96 new members this Fraternal year. I want to personally thank SK James Roche and SK Richard Jacobson for their leadership in facilitating these Exemplifications.

We must continue to recruit new Sir Knights, and assemblies need to host exemplifications, so it is convenient for candidates to attend locally. A reminder that every 3rd Degree Member in good standing is immediately eligible to become a Sir Knight, and that every new Knight is a third degree Knight – plan to recruit them from the new degree to the next scheduled fourth degree exemplification.

Exemplifications

My thanks to the Sir Knights who assisted in hosting exemplifications this fraternal year, and thanks to our degree staffs.

To build a healthy fourth degree district in South Carolina we need new Sir Knights in every part of the state. Experience shows that having more exemplifications in all areas of the state make it convenient for busy younger men to join our ranks as Sir Knights. Currently we are planning exemplifications in Myrtle Beach in September and Hilton Head after the first of the year. Contact myself or the District Secretary to discuss scheduling one in your area.

This past year we lost one our valued team members SK Charlie Van Demark will leave a gap that will be hard to fill. This I would like more volunteers to fill in as backups and potential future team members. You don't have to be perfect, only passionate about the patriotic degree. Talk to me if you are interested in taking a part in the exemplification.

New Assemblies

Why new assemblies? To give men the opportunity to be involved with the work of patriotism and Catholic citizenship in their local area. The advantages of a local assembly include less travel distance which has shown to increase participation in meetings, functions and honor guards. A new assembly can be formed with as few as six new members. With 30 Assemblies and 64 councils there are still opportunities to form additional assemblies in South Carolina. I've been in conversation with several men around the state about creating new assemblies. If your council is interested in starting a new assembly, please let me know so we can get up and running after the quarantine is lifted.

Serving Those Who Served

The Fourth Degree Knights are a volunteer partner with the Veterans Affairs Medical Facilities in Augusta, Georgia, Charleston, and Columbia, South Carolina in a program known as "Serving Those Who Served". Established in 1946, the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) has become the largest volunteer program in the Federal Government. If you are interested in serving as a representative please contact me, we need all the help we can get.

Military Chaplains Fund

The Fourth Degree was again called upon to lead the effort to fund scholarships for those preparing to serve as Chaplains to our deployed men and women abroad. And once again we came through reaching the new goal or \$2,000,000. Thanks to all who donated.

Honor Guards

Let me remind all that honor guards in church or church related events are directed by the local Bishop or presiding priest. If they say no swords, there are no swords. No discussion. Honor guard participants should sit at the back of the Church so as not to obstruct the vision of the faithful attending mass.

Without exception, honors by the Honor Guard shall be offered to deceased Sir Knights, their immediate family members, Council members and to their immediate family members provided a request is made. It must be distinctly understood that the wishes of the family of the deceased member are paramount and will be given the fullest consideration as to the selection of elements of the Honor Guard involved if any.

It is my opinion that no Knight or family of a Knight that passes expecting his brothers to gather around him in honor and send him off in prayer should be left unaided during their time of loss. Keep in mind that no matter the wishes of the family or last request by a brother Knight, under no circumstances will the old regalia be used in any ceremony at any time for any reason.

There are several recognition awards available to assemblies that are engaged in programs supporting the vision and goals of the 4th degree. I encourage each assemble to work toward the Civic Award and the "To Be a Patriot" award.

The Civic Award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities. To qualify, the assembly must conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs held within the fraternal year.

The "To Be a Patriot" Award annually recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year. The assembly must submit a report on their single best patriotic activity on form [#TBP-2](#) and send it directly to the Master. All the assemblies that have achieved their membership goal have been contacted and requested this application. I will accept these through the end of May.

The Supreme Council now awards the "Star Assembly Award" It includes the above two distinctions and several other items. I encourage assembly leadership to review the requirements and make them part of your yearly goals. You will be hearing from me separately on this again as I believe many more assemblies qualify than have applied.

Installation of Officers

Laws and rules of the Fourth Degree require that assembly officers be installed no later than the first regular meeting in October. Send your request and several potential dates to myself (districtmastersc@gmail.com) so that I may schedule myself or a representative be present. I will make as many as I can but will need to rely on the Assistants to the Master to help. It works out well if you can combine your installation with other area assemblies. It is nice if you have a social with wives and families invited. Tuxedos or dark suits should be worn.

Forms

Please be timely in your submission of assembly forms. **NOTE that all copies of forms indicating they be sent to District Master should be mailed to District Secretary, Mike Williams** at 151 Olde Still Lane, Elgin, SC29045-8514 or emailed to Mike at: williams460902@att.net. Report due dates are listed in the Assembly Report Forms Booklet sent annually to each assembly. Forms can also be found on the Supreme Council website at: <http://kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/assembly.html> along with their due dates.

PLEASE submit your Report of Officers Chosen as soon as you can. This allows us to get the State Directory updated in a timely manner and gives the Supreme Office accurate names and addresses for them to mail their information. This form needs to be submitted each year – even if the officers remain the same.

A key reminder each assembly MUST complete an IRS Form 990 and to send a copy to the District Master. Don't put this off. Failure to comply can be an expensive proposition.

A Final Thought:

How many times do we hear about how busy this or that person is? It's a common complaint from all quarters (including my own) these days. A recent reflection from Dr. Tod Worner caught my eye and I believe it worth sharing with you.

You see the desire to be our best self often leads us to strive harder, to achieve more, to be excellent at tasks and activities. This builds a resume of accomplishments worthy of regard by others but perhaps devoid of personal warmth. GK Chesterton according to Dr Worner observed: "comradeship and serious joy are not interludes in our travel; but ... rather our travels are interludes in comradeship and joy, which through God shall endure forever."

How descriptive of the Knights. A band of brothers – comrades in charity whose joy and happiness comes from our deep commitment to each other and to helping those in need.

Brothers let us focus less on building our resume of busyness and more on our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism building toward those sturdy bonds of comradeship and shared joy in the life of Christ.

Many Thanks

To all who have helped me get through this year as your Master.

To the Sir Knights from assemblies that hosted exemplifications for your efforts in putting on first class events.

To Father Robert Higgins who served as Faithful Friar again this year.

To the degree teams for your time and effort in traveling, memorizing your parts and dedication to advancing the Fourth Degree.

To Mike Williams and Keith Kingren for all their administrative support.

To Thomas Monahon for his advice and encouragement as our Vice Supreme Master.

To my wife Debbie for sharing her organizational skills, her help putting together the banquets and ladies' events for the exemplifications and keeping me in line and always being at my side for support.

And finally, to my Brother Sir Knights for defending the faith and supporting our veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Allen
District Master, South Carolina

ATTACHMENT 13

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council Report on 2020– 2021 State Budget



	Proposed Fraternal Year Budget 2019- 2020	Actual thru 04/15/202 0	Anticipated 6/30/2020	Estimated Fraternal Year 2019 - 2020	Actual Fraternal Year 2018 - 2019	Proposed Fraternal Year Budget 2020 - 2021
40001 · Per-Capita	\$ 50,050.00	\$ 43,551.48	\$ 4,935.27	\$ 48,486.75	\$ 49,858.25	\$ 50,050.00
40005 · Insurance Liability	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 14,062.56	\$ 1,778.82	\$ 15,841.38	\$ 15,660.06	\$ 16,900.00
40006 · K of C Supreme - Incentive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40008 · Disaster Relief Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,435.00	\$ -
40010 · Interest Earned	\$ 39.00	\$ 27.27	\$ 12.32	\$ 39.59	\$ 37.96	\$ 40.00
40045 · Supplies - State Pins	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,351.52	\$ 128.48	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 2,410.00	\$ 2,500.00
45020 · Convention Fees	\$ 21,060.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,755.00	\$ 30,000.00
45021 · Convention Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
45022 · SC Men's Conf. Other Income	\$ -	\$ 905.00	\$ -	\$ 905.00	\$ 5,778.06	\$ 905.00
45024 · Donations	\$ 2,214.00	\$ 3,869.10	\$ -	\$ 3,869.10	\$ 4,084.00	\$ 4,000.00
Total 45025 · SC Men's Conf. Fee	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,526.98	\$ -	\$ 5,526.98	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 5,525.00
45041 · Offering - Mass Collection	\$ 6,125.00	\$ 297.00	\$ -	\$ 297.00	\$ 1,081.00	\$ 1,100.00
45050 · Warriors to Lourdes	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,081.00	\$ 500.00
45060 · Miscellaneous	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,755.00)	\$ -
47020 · Ceremonials - Membership	\$ -	\$ 473.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 490.00	\$ 577.50	\$ 550.00
47120 · Christmas Card Sales	\$ 550.00	\$ 9,469.50	\$ -	\$ 9,469.50	\$ 3,571.75	\$ 9,000.00
47140 · Ace Awards	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 80.00
48120 · Charity Drive Donations	\$ 108.00	\$ 55,005.00	\$ -	\$ 55,005.00	\$ 57,965.00	\$ 60,000.00
49500 Ultra Sound Initiative	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 30,064.50	\$ -	\$ 30,064.50	\$ 255.42	\$ -
State Council Support SCCMC	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Total Income	\$ 174,946.00	\$ 165,611.41	\$ 6,871.39	\$ 1172,482.80	\$ 169,888.00	\$ 186,650.00

Budget based upon Per Capita of \$6.50 for 7,700 billable members

Expenses	Proposed Fraternal Year Budget 2019-2020	Actual thru 04/15/2020	Anticipated 6/30/2020	Estimated Fraternal Year 2019 - 2020	Actual Fraternal Year 2018 - 2019	Proposed Fraternal Year Budget 2020 - 2021
60005 · Insurance & Liability	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 15,817.76	\$ -	\$ 15,817.76	\$16,075.00	\$ 16,900.00
60007 · Disaster Relief Expense	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
60010 · Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ 41.83	\$ -	\$ 41.83	\$83.03	\$ -
60020 · Charity Raffle Council Awards	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,625.00	\$ 10,625.00	\$14,158.00	\$ 13,000.00
60025 · Food	\$ 27,900.00	\$ 6,968.92	\$ 600.00	\$ 7,568.92	\$29,390.31	\$ 30,274.40
60026 · Speakers' Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
60034 · State Pins	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,500.00
60035 · Awards and Gifts	\$ 41,200.00	\$ 12,707.69	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 32,207.69	\$50,503.61	\$ 37,300.00
60036 · Audio and Computer Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 119.88	\$ 500.00	\$ 619.88	\$49.99	\$ 1,200.00
60037 · Charitable Gifts & Supplies	\$ -	\$ 4,003.57	\$ -	\$ 4,003.57	\$0.00	\$ 3,900.00
60038 · Web site and Video Calling	\$ 225.00	\$ 272.39	\$ 600.00	\$ 872.39	\$154.18	\$ 419.00
60039 Office Supplies	\$ 826.00	\$ 92.25	\$ -	\$ 92.25	\$843.78	\$ 1,050.00
60040 · Printing and Copying	\$ 3,645.00	\$ 1,941.46	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,991.46	\$ 2,175.11	\$ 4,310.00
60041 · Postage and Mailing	\$ 400.00	\$ 660.47	\$ 75.00	\$ 735.47	\$ 227.27	\$ 250.00
60043 · Advertising	\$ 525.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500.00
60045 · Supplies	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 975.20	\$ -	\$ 975.20	\$ 2,284.09	\$ 2,900.00
60047 · Audit	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,250.00
60048 · Fees and Permits	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
60049 Incentives	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 790.00	\$ -	\$ 790.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,300.00
60050 · Travel	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 4,425.10	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,575.10	\$ 5,022.59	\$ 7,300.00
60051 · Meeting/Facility	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,493.61	\$ 1,300.00
60055 · Hotel	\$ 22,075.00	\$ 13,792.98	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 17,792.98	\$ 20,044.20	\$ 23,100.00
60070 · Christmas Card Expense	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 8,422.75	\$ -	\$ 8,422.75	\$ 7,209.36	\$ 8,400.00
60071 · Warriors to Lourdes Project	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,100.00
60075 Ultrasound Initiative	\$ -	\$ 30,064.50	\$ -	\$ 30,064.50	\$ 0.00	\$ -
60080 · Bishop/State Chaplain	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00
60085 · Seminarians' Support	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,300.00
60090 Bereavement/Health Masses	\$ -	\$ 489.77	\$ -	\$ 489.77	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00
60095 · State Chaplain's Support	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
60100 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,267.58	\$ -	\$ 1,267.58	\$ 3,820.42	\$ 3,346.60
60101 · Military Chaplains' Scholarship	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
State Council Support SCCMC	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 179,746.00	\$ 117,729.10	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 168,129.10	\$ 165,884.55	\$ 186,650.00

ATTACHMENT 14

GOOD OF THE ORDER REPORT
99TH South Carolina State Council Convention
Columbia, South Carolina
April 26, 2020

Worthy State Deputy

Much of the world has come to standstill over the Coronavirus epidemic. In addition, most Civic, Fraternal and Service organizations have been losing membership for several years. One bright spot has been the growth and activities of the Knights of Columbus, with South Carolina leading the way. While group meetings have recently been cancelled, the South Carolina Knights have continued with our work in Charity, Unity and Fraternalism.

Over 138 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, never could they have imaged what we have in South Carolina today and the world today. From the start of a mutual benefit society for the working class and Irish immigrant Catholics, we now have 2 million Knights in 16,000 councils. All 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 64 councils and 10,000 members. Our state has been under excellent leadership that has led us to have outstanding membership, projects, charity work and finances.

An audit of the South Carolina state 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. The state could show a drop in income and an increase in charity expenses, but due to years of planning, we will still be in excellent financial shape. We continue to grow in both financial and personal service for charity. The Knights always raise to the occasion in times of an emergency.

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. Together our State Charity Drive continues to raise over \$55,000 a year. The Columbus Foundation's Operation HOPE continues to grow and raises over \$350,000 to \$400,000 each year for citizens with mental disabilities and special needs. 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. The Pro-Life programs continue to be extremely successful with fine leadership and projects, with large numbers attending rallies. 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 most of the Charity, Social, Fraternal and Service organizations are losing members, while both the South Carolina State Council and National K of C organization continue to grow. South Carolina now has 64 Councils and is at the 10,000-member mark. Our state has done a good job in both recruiting and retention, however the current “stay at home” situation will probably keep the membership from increasing for the last half of the year below membership projections.

Ceremonials are held to inform and keep the interest of members. Our state, district and local councils are doing an excellent job in implementing the new degrees. Like any changes there will be a few problems at the start and due to the COVID 19 epidemic, many councils will not be able to make their quota this year. AS with any change, not everyone is happy with the changes, but the only thing constant in life is change. The new degrees are shorter and hope to increase the recruitment of younger members in the future.

The future of the Catholic Church lies in recruiting and training seminarians. South Carolina now has the largest number of men in the Seminary that it has had in years. For the past two years we have had a major increase in vocations and the current class and projected 2020 class are among the largest in years, Our S C Knights have helped vocations with prayer and finances. Prayers like the Silver Rosary program, RSVP, support of Catholic Men’s Conferences and the sending of support to seminarians. 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 Robert Guglielmone, State Chaplain Fr. Robert F. Higgins and Vocations Director Fr, Mathew Gray 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.

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 is off to 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.

Our youth are recognized in many programs. The State Free Throw Contest, Special Olympics, Camp Hope and many local activities.

Catholic men do make a difference, and this would have been shown at the 38th 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, but the numbers may be done due to closure of activities caused by the virus.

The Order in South Carolina has done an outstanding job in living up to our Service Programs and to the Principals of the Order. The State Officers under the leadership of State Deputy Daniel E. Barton are to be commended for their dedicated service and leadership. Special thanks to Past State Deputy Edward Griffin, All District Directors and State Chairmen for their hard work this year.

A special thanks to the men who planned the 99th State Convention and will make it an outstanding online event. Our hospitality was made possible by the hard work of State Secretary Paul V Burchell, and the committee members. We are all affected by the cancellation of the physical convention, but the South Carolina State Council still looks out for the welfare of families, brothers and their communities.

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

Vivat Jesus,

James P. Nettles Jr., PSD
South Carolina State Council
Knights of Columbus

ATTACHMENT 15

SOUTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
DIRECTOR - ANNUAL STATE REPORT
99th South Carolina State Council Convention
April 2020

Worthy State Deputy,

On behalf of the South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference, I am proud to report that the State Council continues to support the Diocese of Charleston on a spiritual and religious level. The 7th Annual South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference was successfully held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia, SC. We were blessed with the Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, as the celebrant for the opening Mass. Our speakers included Rev. Fr. Sean Kilcawley from Diocese of Lincoln and National Speaker and Evangelist Mike Aquilina. Deacon Robert L. Cox, III and Deacon Bruce Fortnum from Florence, SC led the Adoration and Benediction. After lunch three visiting priest were able to heard confessions for about 2 hours. 11 vendors were present.

The Conference is open to all men of the Diocese. Approximately 193 men attended – 93.5% were brother Knights. Again this year, we extended our invitation to the men of other Catholic organizations by inviting, with special rates, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Peter Claver, and Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and offering special rates for students.

Special thanks are extended to Robert Watson, dean of facilities and operations, and his maintenance personal for their outstanding assistance during the weekend. Again this year, Michel A. Allen did an outstanding emcee job. The program ran very smoothly and we completed the conference on time. Also, we must thank our local GKs Eric Cannon and Bill Smith from Councils 6847 and 13713 for providing the much needed help running the conference. The manpower they provided ensured the smooth flow of the events as well as very successful conference. Also, we need to acknowledge the support of the Diocese of Charleston's Family Life Director – Kathy Schmutge; Bishop of Charleston, the Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone.

Next year, the 8th Annual South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference will be held in the Spring of 2021 at Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia, SC. Rev. Jeffrey F. Kirby will be one of our speakers and the search for an additional speaker is underway. As the directors

of the South Carolina Catholic Men’s Conference, I continue on a mission to provide to the men of the Diocese of Charleston an opportunity to grow their Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and live up to their callings as Catholic men, husbands, and fathers in order to enable men to be the spiritual leaders of our families, church, work, and community.

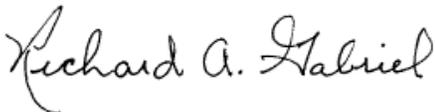
I would also like to acknowledge the support of Kathy Schmugge, Office of Family Life Director and Jerry White, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Director for the Diocese of Charleston for their support.

I would also like to acknowledge all the other Directors of the South Carolina Catholic Men’s Conference:

- State Deputy Daniel E. Barton - Ad Hoc
- Rev. Richard Harris, Vicar General - Spiritual Advisor
- Thomas M. Monahan, VSM, PSD – Speakers Coordinator

- Jeffery Crouch, ST - Financial Officer
- Keith A. Kingren, SW - Information Technology
- Michel A. Allen, DM, PSD - Board Member
- James C. St. Clair - Board Member

Respectfully submitted,



Richard A. Gabriel, PSD
South Carolina Catholic Men’s Conference Director

ATTACHMENT 16

**Resolutions Presented for Consideration
of the South Carolina State Council**



Knights of Columbus

South Carolina State Convention South Carolina

April 26, 2020

1. In Honor of Pope Francis

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, pledge our eternal love, our prayers, our commitment to help the poor, renew our 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 Guglielmone

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, pledge our continued support, admiration, and love to His Excellency, The Most Reverend Robert Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston.

3. Salutations to State Honoree

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, extend our sincere and heartfelt thank you and appreciation to Immediate Past State Deputy Edward M. Griffin for his service and untiring dedication to our order.

4. Salutations to State Chaplain

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, extend our sincere and heartfelt thank you and appreciation to our State Chaplain, Rev. Robert Higgins for his service and dedication to the State Council and the Order, 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 the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, 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 on the 26th day of April, 2020 extend to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson 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 Staff our most sincere thank you for a job well done.

7. Felicitation to Regional Growth Director

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, extend to the Southeast Region Growth Director, David K. Tebo our sincere thank you and appreciation for his tireless efforts on behalf of our great order.

8. Felicitation to Supreme Guest

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, extend our sincere appreciation to John Marrella, Supreme Advocate, 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 on the 26th day of April 2020, support opportunities that allow us to put into practice our Catholic faith through various "Faith," "Family", "Community," and "Life" projects; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that our members, councils, and families live 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 on the 26th day of April 2020 extend a sincere thank you and our love and appreciation to the District Deputies, State Committee Chairmen, Grand Knights, and all Council Officers and 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 on the 26th day of April 2020 reaffirm our gratitude, support and encouragement for the men and women of the Armed Forces who defend our liberties and freedoms; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will never waiver in our commitments to recognize the contributions of every service member on Active Duty, in the Guard, the Reserves, and all Veterans and Retired members; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we 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 of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the service of their country, by observing a moment of silence.

12. In Recognition of Ronald Stanley

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, extend sincere and great appreciation to Ronald Stanley for his dedication and service to the Order while he served as State Advocate, District Deputy, State Convention Committee Chairman, and State Membership Director; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank him for his many years of faithful charitable outreach service to the Order, to his Church, and to his community.

13. In Recognition of V. Patrick Eagan

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, extend sincere and great appreciation to V. Patrick Eagan for his dedication and service to the Order while he served as District Deputy #3 of the South Carolina State Council.

14. In Recognition of James Steffey

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, extend sincere and great appreciation to James Steffey for his dedication and service to the Order while he served as District Deputy #14 of the South Carolina State Council.

15. In Tribute to Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, offer prayers for the repose of the soul of Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant and pay tribute to his long and distinguished service to our Order having served the Supreme Council as Supreme Knight from 1977-2000 and leading the Order to sponsor numerous initiatives including renovation projects in the Vatican; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council recognizes the deep and sincere loss of our caring Brother Knight, Virgil C. Dechant, Past Supreme Knight; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that on behalf of its 9,700 members, the South Carolina Council conveys to the family of Virgil C. Dechant, our deepest sympathy for their loss and our sincerest thank you; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 99th Annual Convention of the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus honor the memory of Virgil C. Dechant, Past Supreme Knight, with a moment of silence.

16. In Recognition of recently Deceased Wives of SC Past State Deputies

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 26th day of April 2020, offer prayers for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth “Betty” Richitelli and Maria Sarolea for their years of dedicated service as wives of Past State Deputies, and pay tribute for their service to our Order and their many charitable outreach programs.

ATTACHMENT 17



**Knights of Columbus
South Carolina State Council**

Notice of Election of State Council Officers 2020 - 2021

2019 – 2020 State Officers

State Deputy	Daniel E. Barton	Council 6250
State Secretary	Paul V. Burchell	Council 2207
State Treasurer	Jeffrey M. Crouch	Council 1668
State Advocate	Patrick A. Davis	Council 6726
State Warden	Keith A. Kingren	Council 1668

Please see the attached Notice of Election of State Council Officers for 2020-2021 (Form 111).



NOTICE OF ELECTION OF STATE COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2020 - 2021



This is to certify that pursuant to the laws of the Order, the following Officers were duly elected at a meeting of the South Carolina State Council held in Virtual Convention. The date of the election was 04/26/2020.

STATE DEPUTY: Daniel Eric Barton Member #: 4235732 Council #: 6250
Res. Phone: N/A Wife's Name: N/A
Bus. Phone: (843) 460-9898 Date of Birth: 12/18/1972
Cell Phone: (843) 367-1871 E-mail: dbarton4221@gmail.com

STATE SECRETARY: Paul V Burchell Member #: 4450981 Council #: 2207
Res. Phone: 803-499-9395 Wife's Name: Judy
Bus. Phone: N/A Date of Birth: 12/30/1946
Cell Phone: 803-983-5004 E-mail: pburchell68@gmail.com

STATE TREASURER: Jeffrey M Crouch Member #: 3615256 Council #: 1668
Res. Phone: N/A Wife's Name: Rebecca
Bus. Phone: N/A Date of Birth: 12/12/1981
Cell Phone: 864-430-0938 E-mail: Jeffrey.crouch7@gmail.com

STATE ADVOCATE: Patrick A. Davis Member #: 3109315 Council #: 6726
Res. Phone: N/A Wife's Name: Margaret
Bus. Phone: 843-218-6046 Date of Birth: 12/01/1952
Cell Phone: 843-830-5939 E-mail: davispatric@gmail.com

STATE WARDEN: Keith A. Kingren Member #: 3744583 Council #: 1668
Res. Phone: 864-962-5295 Wife's Name: Kristi
Bus. Phone: 918-588-4839 Date of Birth: 10/06/1964
Cell Phone: 864-901-5692 E-mail: K1home@aol.com

The last living Past State Deputy actually residing in the jurisdiction as of July 1, 2020:

IPSD: Edward M Griffin Jr Wife: Joyce Member #: 924113
E-mail: edgriffin17@gmail.com Council #: 6756

The 2021 State Council Meeting will be held starting
On 04/16/2021 ending 04/18/2021,
City of Summerville, South Carolina,
Hotel Hilton Garden Inn Phone 843-832-1304

ATTEST:
State Deputy (2019 - 2020) Date
State Secretary (2018 - 2019) Date

A printable version of this form is available on-line at www.kofc.org/stateforms. To ensure your delegates have the proper access to reserve rooms and dinner tickets online, please e-mail this form to thomas.hamling@kofc.org or fax to (203) 752-4103.

If the form is emailed from a State Officer, there is no need to follow up with a signed copy. Only faxed or mailed copies require signatures.

Supreme Council Representatives

Section 4 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus states in part, that "The Supreme Council shall be composed of the following members, all of whom must be in good standing:"

"The State Deputy and the last living Past State Deputy of each State Council who is actually residing in the state or Jurisdiction."

"One representative from each State Council for the first two thousand insurance members, and one representative for the first two thousand associate members, and one representative for each additional two thousand insurance members or major part thereof and one representative for each additional two thousand associate members or major part thereof represented in said State Council as shall appear from the records of the Supreme Secretary. However, any state council having an insurance membership of more than 50% of its total membership will be given credit for any excess insurance members over the minimum number necessary to achieve its last insurance delegate. This excess amount of insurance membership will then be applied toward an additional associate member delegate pursuant to the requirements of this section. But no State Council shall be entitled to more than eight elected representatives to the Supreme Council."

Refer to Section 4(b) and (c) of the Charter, Constitution and Laws for assistance in determining the election of Alternates and the filling of vacancies created when an elected representative can not attend the Supreme Council Meeting.

State Deputy for the Fraternal Year 2020 - 2021

As listed on first page: Daniel Eric Barton

The last living Past State Deputy actually residing in the jurisdiction as of July 1, 2020

As listed on first page: Edward M Griffin Jr

Representatives for Insurance Membership – *Must be Insurance Member*

Name	Member #	Council #	Date of Birth
Paul V Burchell	4450981	2207	12/30/1946
Jeffrey M Crouch	3615256	1668	12/12/1981

Representatives for Associate Membership – *May be either Insurance or Associate Member*

Name	Member #	Council #	Date of Birth
Patrick A Davis	3109315	6726	12/01/1952
Keith A. Kingren	3744583	1668	10/06/1964
Michael A. Allen	2785590	13713	06/26/1956

Alternates for Insurance Representatives – *Must be Insurance Member*

Name	Member #	Council #	Date of Birth

Alternates for Associate Representatives – *May be either Insurance or Associate Member*

Name	Member #	Council #	Date of Birth
Sherrill E Wilcox	3990270	7062	02/13/1960
Robert J Rooney	265953	5086	09/20/1943