



Minutes of the
100th South Carolina
State Convention
April 16 - 18, 2021
at the
Low Country Conference Center
Summerville, SC

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 100th Annual State Convention to order at 11:30 am A.M. on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Because of the coronavirus pandemic this was a predominately virtual convention. The State Officers, General Agent, Spiritual Director and Program Director gathered together at the Low Country Conference Center in Summerville while the delegates attended virtually via “Go to Webinar”.

Our State Chaplain, Fr. Robert Higgins, was unable to attend because of Pastoral obligations. In his absence, our Spiritual Director, Deacon Robert Cox opened the meeting by saying 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 100th state convention. He reminded delegates with voting rights that they must be registered with “Election Buddy” in order to be counted in the official role of voting members. He clarified who had the right to speak during the convention and how to notify the “screeners” should they wish to do so. He also explained the procedures for unmuting themselves when it became time for them to speak.

The State Deputy explained that the Minutes of the 2020 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 2021-2022 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 instructions for rejoining the convention in the event a delegate was dropped.

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 video message from our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, was played.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

State Secretary Paul Burchell reported there were 6 State Officers, 1 Immediate Past State Deputy, 73 Delegates, and 58 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 2020 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 2020 State Convention. There being no corrections, the minutes are approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

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

REPORTS OF THE STATE OFFICERS:

Before moving to the reports of state officers, the State Deputy reminded delegates who had not yet registered with “Election Buddy” to do so and that after the State Deputy’s report, Election Buddy would be closed.

The State Deputy turned the gavel over to the State Secretary, Paul Burchell who introduced the State Deputy, Daniel E. Barton for the purpose of making his annual report on the State of the Order in South Carolina.

The State Deputy presented his annual report and the report is published as attachment 1 of these minutes.

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

The State Deputy announced to all delegates that Election Buddy was now closed.

ADDRESS BY THE STATE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:

Our State Spiritual Director, Deacon Robert Cox addressed the State Convention.

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, 74 Delegates, and 59 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 emphasized that voting delegates follow the instructions on how to vote and that voting would be anonymous. The system we are using records the vote but does not show how any particular delegate voted. He once again explained the procedures for being recognized to speak should anyone with speaking rights chose to do so.

The State Deputy explained that nominations presented from the floor would be restricted to the straightforward format of: *“My name is Joe Delegate, from Council #_____, and I nominate Jim Knight for the position of State Warden.”*

He then explained that even though we were using an electronic polling system for the vote, in case of an unforeseen issue, he had appointed Thomas Monahan, PSD, VSM as the Judge and Michael Allen, PSD, DM and Steve Dunlop, PSD, FVSM as tellers.

The State Deputy, reported the following list of Nominees:

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

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, 2021.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES 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 four alternates.

As noted in the State Nomination Committee Report distributed prior to the State Convention, the following nominations were submitted”

Insurance Delegate – Jeffrey M. Crouch
Insurance Delegate – Patrick A. Davis
Associate Delegate – Keith A. Kingren
Associate Delegate – Sherrill E. Wilcox
Associate Delegate – Christopher T. Carter
Alternate Delegate – Scott J. Schweitzer
Alternate Delegate – Michael A. Allen
Alternate Delegate – Joseph Mule’
Alternate Delegate – Donald E. Thurlow, Jr.

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 Jeffrey M. Crouch and Patrick A. Davis as Insurance Delegates; Keith A. Kingren, Sherrill E. Wilcox, and Christopher T. Carter and Associate Delegates; and, Scott J. Schweitzer, Michael A. Allen, Joseph Mule’, and Donald E. Thurlow, Jr. as Alternate Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting.

Following the election of the delegates, the State Deputy asked all Insurance, Associate and Alternate delegates to submit their full name, membership number, council number, date of birth, and phone number to the State Secretary. He then provide the State Secretary’s email address.

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 stated that there was only one resolution which addressed grammatical corrections to Article V, Section 3 of the State Bylaws and the recommendation for the Resolutions Committee is Adoption. Hearing no comments on any of this 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 2021-2022 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.

For the purpose of making a report on the location of the 101st State Convention in 2022, the State Deputy called upon State Secretary Paul Burchell.

State Secretary Paul Burchell reported that the 101st Annual State Meeting would be held April 22 – 24, 2022 at the Landmark Resort located in Myrtle Beach, 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, he called upon our General Agent, Robert Boni, to present his report.

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

The State Deputy asked our Spiritual Advisor to lead everyone in prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney.

The State Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Robert Cox led the convention in the prayer for the Canonization of our founder, Blessed Father McGivney.

There being no further business, the State Deputy thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.

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 2020-2021

It is my honor and privilege to report to you that the South Carolina State Council is in the midst of a successful year. Much has changed since Blessed Father Michael J 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 our 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 we continued to operate under a worldwide pandemic. We would like to thank those councils that embraced technology in order to keep their members connected. Shortly we will be back to a new sense of normal, especially since all South Carolinians over the age of 16 are now eligible for vaccination coupled with the loosening of restrictions in our local communities and parishes. Over the next several months, as we transition back to full capacity, let us re-double our efforts and look for new ways to truly be a servant leader.

As always, charity is the cornerstone of the Knights of Columbus programs at every level. Our Faith In Action and Leave No Neighbor Behind programs stress our strong held conviction of love for our fellowman. St John Paul II summed it up best in his 1979 address at Yankee Stadium where he said “you must never be content to leave just the crumbs of the feast. You must take of your substance, and not just of your abundance, in order to help them, and you must treat them like guests at your family table.” My brothers, that is what our South Carolina Knights do on a regular basis.

Based upon councils that have submitted their Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the calendar year 2020, the councils within South Carolina have donated approximately \$714,000.00 and dedicated 133,000 hours of service to their local communities. Additionally, council brothers made roughly 4,400 visits to the sick and bereaved. According to the Independent Sector, the estimated national value of each volunteer hour is \$27.20 per hour thus the total value of the Knights of Columbus service to South Carolina in 2020 was \$3,611,996.80.

At present, this year's State Charity Drive has raised over \$60,965.00 of which \$17,832.50 will be rebated back to councils for their local charities. In addition, over \$30,000.00 will be distributed by the State Council Charity Board to support our Diocese and many other worthwhile organizations within the state.

Furthermore, our support of our fellowman with intellectual disabilities has continued through the Columbus HOPE Foundation. This year, the amount raised by local councils is roughly \$120,000.00. At the Columbus HOPE Foundation meeting later this year, the foundation will present grant checks to several organizations throughout the state.

Based upon nominations for this year's State Council Service Program Awards, it is apparent that the councils that have achieved the greatest success are those whose members are united in a common goal of serving their fellow man. Congratulations to our State Council Award winners.

For 139 years, the Knights of Columbus has continued to grow both internationally and within our State. From our humble beginning dating back to the Spanish American War with only one member, the Rev Charles D Wood, to the establishment of our first council in 1902, to the creation of the State Council of the Carolinas in 1911, to the Supreme Board of Directors voting to allow both North and South Carolina to form their own State Council on June 27, 1921, we have continued to grow. After a century of service, the South Carolina State Council has roughly 9,800 knights in 64 councils. However, while this is impressive there is much more work that needs to be done.

Again, 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". However, in order for us to build upon the solid foundation that past generations of knights within our state have built, we must inspire other men to begin their journey as a Knight of Columbus.

One way we can do this is by making it a priority within our councils to foster an inviting attitude towards all men. To accomplish this, every council must put as much focus on

membership as they do their programs. Without council members, how will our programs continue?

I am pleased to announce that South Carolina currently stands in 20th place out of the Order's 75 Jurisdictions in membership; and, as of today, we have added 273 new knights to our ranks. While these totals are commendable, we can and must do more. Over the course of the past several years, we have focused on the reasons why we ask men to take up the mantle of knighthood in our Order. Therefore, let us redouble our efforts and continue to grow our Order for the right reasons. We look forward to seeing each council within the state grow in membership during the remainder of this fraternal year.

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. Shortly, we will be back to in-person statewide meetings, and as you lead your council throughout the remainder of this fraternal year, please know that your District Deputy and State Officers are here to assist you and your councils. It is our goal that every council within the state is fully ready for when we can implement all of our programs in a post-pandemic world.

Lastly, I would like to thank each of you for your outstanding leadership during this pandemic. Our works of charity being accomplished in local parishes and communities is truly an outstanding witness of the love we have for neighbors.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel E Barton
State Deputy
South Carolina State Council
Knights of Columbus

ATTACHMENT 2

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

Report of the State Secretary July 2020 - April 2021

What a year this has been and it is difficult to know where to begin this report. The pandemic that has now gone on for over a year has really changed the way we do business.

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. This was made even more challenging this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. Most in-person activities had to be cancelled or significantly modified to protect our members.

It all started with cancelling our 2020 state convention scheduled to take place in Myrtle Beach and having to resort to a "phone only" state meeting that consisted of a recorded message from our Supreme Knight and voting on resolutions and elections of state officers and delegates to the 2020 Supreme Convention. This state meeting took less than an hour – a far cry from our standard convention.

We also had to cancel our Organizational Meeting and Installation of State Officers and District Deputies. The organizational meeting was conducted virtually and the installation took place later on in the fraternal year. The Grand Knight Organizational Meeting and mid-year meeting were also conducted virtually.

The Supreme Convention scheduled to take place in our nation's capital was virtual only; however, our delegates were able to gather together in Summerville to participate.

Our District Deputy mid-winter meeting was significantly modified as well. Instead of meeting in Hilton Head to thank our District Deputies for their efforts and celebrate, we held a blended "business only meeting" in Anderson. Some DDs elected to attend in person and others chose to attend virtually.

The State Officers gathered at St. Mary of the Angels (parish of our State Chaplain) in Anderson to celebrate the Beatification of Father Michael McGivney. We were again in Anderson in March to participate in ethnic recruiting training facilitated by our Supreme VP for Hispanic and Ethnic Development, Brother Jose Jimenez and our Regional Growth

Director, Brother Dave Tebo. Following the training, the State Officers participated in recruitment drives after all 3 Masses which resulted in adding 14 new on-line members.

On February 7, 2021 I served as a member of Bishop Henry P. Northrop Council's Exemplification Team and we added 3 new members plus had two existing members advance to the third degree.

Again this year we have to significantly downscale our state convention. This is extremely disappointing because it is our 100th anniversary. Because of the continuing pandemic, the State Officers and Convention Committee will gather at the planned site of the convention (Summerville). All other delegates will attend virtually. Unlike last year however, in addition to the business meeting, we will conduct our annual charity drawing, an awards ceremony, and a tribute to our deceased members. These events will be live streamed from the convention site. Additionally, we will gather for Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday morning. Following the Mass, the Bishop will present some of the major awards. The Mass and the Bishop's presentation will also be live streamed.

I continue to support my local council and serve as the chairman of the Helping Hands committee which, each month, provides a meal to the residents of the United Ministries Emergency Shelter.

I look forward to another year serving on the State Council and the opportunities that it brings. Hopefully, we will finally be able to put this pandemic behind us and once again gather together in person.

Respectively Submitted,

Paul V. Burchell

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SC State Secretary

ATTACHMENT 3

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

Report of the State Treasurer July 2020 - April 2021

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

It is the duty of the State Treasurer to be custodian of all the funds and securities of the State Council. Including receiving all monies, keeping a true and accurate account thereof and 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 2020-2021 fraternal year I attended and participated in the following:

- Supreme Convention, Summerville, SC, 4-6 Aug 2020
- Beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney, Anderson, SC, 31 Oct 2020
- Fourth Degree Exemplification, Myrtle Beach, 21 Nov 2020
- Proudly Pro-Life Dinner, March & Rally, Columbia, 8-9 Jan 2021
- Fourth Degree Exemplification, Bluffton, SC, 20 Feb 2021
- Hispanic Recruitment Drive, Anderson, SC, 14-15 Mar 2021

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 served on the 100th Annual State Convention Committee.

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.

I served on the District 8 Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Team as the Presenter of Unity, and the Fourth Degree Exemplification Team as Registrar. I participated in 5 different degree exemplifications in addition to those I attended and observed.

I have managed to continue to participate in 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.

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Like everyone else this year, I have experienced many new and previously unknown challenges in this role. However, through prayer and support of each other, we have persevered through the worst of it. One of the ways that my position helped serve the Councils of SC through this Pandemic, was analyzing and organizing the 50 percent reduction in State Per Capita for this Fraternal Year. I hope that each Council benefited from less of a financial burden as shown in the enclosed breakdown, thanks to the efforts of the Supreme Council and the SC State Council Officers.

Overall, it has been an extremely 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
State Treasurer

ATTACHMENT 4

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

Report of the State Advocate July 2020 - April 2021

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 be imposed by the State Council or the State Deputy.

One of my official duties as the State Advocate is 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.

- In our Region during the FY I had 2 Knights that due to their actions I was required to file charges against them and then report to the State Deputy and the Supreme Advocate. Resulting in 1 man being permanently removed from the Knights of Columbus and the other a 1-year suspension.
- I also am the South Carolina Safe Environment Coordinator for the Knights of Columbus, and take the weekly reports from Supreme and break down the information so that the District Deputies could easily see how their Districts/Councils were doing. Giving them the tools and ability to spot and direct the improvements quickly.
- Additionally, I worked with several Grand Knights and District Deputies throughout FY2020-2021.

I also had the pleasure and honor of attending many functions and events, here are some:

- Our Supreme Regional Growth Director David Tebo holds a monthly South East Region meeting and we are exposed to ideas from Supreme and the many other regions.
- With the loss of Council 6900's Financial Secretary (SEPT. 2020) I took control of the council's checkbook and their Bank account.

- In Oct 2020 I attended Charles Van DerMark's Memorial Mass
- November 2020 I attended the 4th Degree Exemplification in Myrtle Beach.
- Monthly a Virtual meeting was held with the State Officers and the District Deputies.
- Attended the Proudly Pro Life dinner in Columbia, SC. (Jan, 2021).
- Participated in the South Carolina March for Life at the State Capital in Columbia, SC.(Jan, 2021).
- DEC (2020) I attended the 4th Degree Explication in Bluffton, SC.
- March 2020 traveled to Anderson, SC to meet with David Tebo Supreme Regional Growth Director, and Jose Jimenez Supreme Director for Hispanic Growth to do aHispanic Membership Drive at Father Higgins' Parrish.
- And will attend the South Carolina State Convention in April 2021.

Fraternally,

Patrick A. Davis
South Carolina State Advocate

ATTACHMENT 5

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

Report of the State Warden July 2020 - April 2021

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

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

The State Warden works hand-in-hand with the District Deputies and Host Grand Knights to ensure the success of each activity. One of the key factors is the checking of current membership cards prior to allowing attendees to enter the venue. The Warden is also responsible to ensure protocol procedures are followed concerning seating and the display of flags and banners. Additionally, the State Warden assists in recruiting volunteers to serve in the various ministries during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass held in conjunction with State Meetings.

During the 2020-2021 fraternal year I attended and participated in the following:

- Supreme Convention, Summerville, SC, 4-6 Aug 2020 (Virtually)
- Fourth Degree Exemplification, Myrtle Beach, 21 Nov 2020
- Proudly Pro-Life Dinner, March & Rally, Columbia, 8-9 Jan 2021
- Hispanic Recruitment Drive, Anderson, SC, 14-15 Mar 2021
- Virtual Meetings; Monthly DD, State Officer Meetings, others as assigned

As a State Council Officer, I have served on the 100th State Convention Committee, Resolutions Committee and as Chairman of the KCIC campaign for the State.

While serving as the State Warden I also serve as the Online Membership Coordinator for the State and have served in this capacity since the program's inception. In this role I have provided support and instruction to the councils assisting them in implementing an effective strategy for recruitment using the online program. Serving in this role I have contributed to the States membership growth.

I also serve on the Upstate Fourth Degree Exemplification Team providing Audio/Visual

support. I have participated in several degree exemplifications in that role. For the past several years I have been the Fourth Degree District Program Director serving two District Masters and helping increase Assembly involvement and reaching upper level participation in Assemblies submission of the Civic Award.

This year has been extremely challenging for us all and we have had to change and adapt. I cannot be more proud of the leadership our State Deputy has provided and the collaboration of my fellow State Officers in making this a very successful year. I look forward to the next opportunity to continue to serve the State Council and the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally submitted,

Keith A. Kingren

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State Warden

ATTACHMENT 6

Report on Fraternal Benefits

Robert Boni, Jr. – General Agent

It feels sort of cliché to get up here and say that this past year was unprecedented for our insurance program. It was unprecedented for everyone and everything.

It has been, without question, a difficult year.

No doubt you have all suffered in your own ways, both big and small. You've lost loved ones. You've had lives upended. You've lost jobs. You've missed family. Or maybe just you've spent more time in your house than you ever thought possible.

Whatever it was, it wasn't what you had planned. It wasn't what any of us had planned.

And though there was, of course, tremendous suffering, I believe that God glorifies all things. And I believe that this past year taught us a lot, and gave us a lot of gifts that we'll take with us going forward.

It reminded us to slow down.

It reminded us to focus on what matters most.

It reminded us that life is precious.

It reminded us to hold dear to those closest to us.

It reminded us that our faith and our sacraments are precious and not to be taken for granted.

It reminded us of the importance of community and of brotherhood.

In a way, actually, I think it reminded us of why our fraternity is so important.

Think of that list: slow down, focus on what matters most, life is precious, community is important, the bonds of brotherhood are critical, our faith is precious.

Is there anything on this list that we as Knights don't believe? Is there anything on this list that we as Knights don't represent?

And so this year more than ever, I and my fellow general agents and field agents are deeply proud to be members of this great organization, and deeply motivated to do as much as we can to help move our mission forward.

And so I'd like to update you today on how we're doing in that regard.

Being in the life insurance business during a global pandemic is a humbling experience. We have filed so many claims. We have comforted so many loved ones. We have seen such heartache. And yet we've also seen renewed focus from you, our brother Knights, to make sure that your financial situation is secure.

But we have also seen more of you than ever before. Technology has allowed us to connect easily and more quickly. Fraternal Benefit Nights have, for the most part, gone virtual and drawn crowds that would've been hard to match in person. More phones have been answered and emails returned, even if just because more people were home.

The Order now has more than \$121 billion of life insurance in force, manages over \$28 billion in assets, and - just last year alone - paid out nearly \$750 million in benefits to members and policyholders in dividends and death claims.

This year, despite the pandemic, despite the lockdowns, and despite the panic that led to a near-total shutdown in the spring, the Knights of Columbus set sales records too. I'll say that again: the Knights of Columbus set sales records.

Why?

I think there are three simple reasons. First: our brothers want to secure their families. Second: our brothers trust us. And third: Our brothers know what we stand for.

They know they need to plan for their retirement, and safeguard their families' future.

They know we're one of the most financially secure life insurers in North America.

And they know that by doing business with the Knights, they can get the same great and competitively-priced products that they can get anywhere, but that the special satisfaction of knowing where that money goes is something they can only get with us.

Speaking of products, we continue to expand our portfolio to ensure that the Knights can provide financial solutions that meet our members' needs. Earlier this year, we began the process of rolling out a full suite of mutual funds, which will be able take advantage of the same Catholic investment strategy that the Supreme Council uses, and have the comfort of knowing that their money is being managed in a way that is consistent with their values. Our funds will be offered both to Knights of Columbus members and families, as well as the

broader Catholic community.

We are unique organization. All of the good work you have done this past year, all of the dollars you have donated and the hours you have given to make sure that you leave no neighbor behind are a testament to that.

And we are a unique company too. A company who established a multi-million-dollar loan fund for suffering dioceses amid the pandemic. A company whose founder - just this year - was beatified and is just one final step away from canonization.

In the midst of all the rest, that is something to celebrate.

And so as we look back on the fraternal year that was, and look forward to the fraternal year ahead, I want to thank all of you, on behalf of all the agents here in South Carolina for your leadership and our partnership. If this past year has taught us anything, it's that your parishes and your communities need you. They need you now more than ever.

And maybe - just maybe - you and your brother Knights need our financial protection - the very same financial protection envisioned by our Blessed founder - now more than ever. Maybe now is the time for some peace of mind. Maybe now is the time to put your money where your faith is.

Whenever you're ready, we'll be here to take your call as we always are.

And we look forward to being with you again next year to celebrate all of our Order's successes.

Vivat Jesus!

ATTACHMENT 7**Report on Ceremonials**

Daniel Barton
State Deputy
South Carolina Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy:

A lot has happened to ceremonials over the past year and a half. We went from First, Second and Third Degrees to a ceremonial of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. However, before councils were able to make the adjustments, the world was hit with a major pandemic. Through it all, South Carolina was able to successfully make the transition.

At first, we had to rely on virtual ceremonials. This was necessary because we were completely unable to have any type of live meeting. During this current Columbian Year, restrictions in most areas decreased. This enabled councils and districts to conduct live ceremonials. As a result, there were 27 live ceremonials reported that were performed for about 100 candidates. This number does not consider virtual ceremonials or, ceremonials that were not reported to me.

My message to District Deputies and Grand Knights was to, if at all possible, conduct live ceremonials. Ceremonials have always, in the past, been the first impression a member receives of the Knights of Columbus. Now, with the new ceremonial, nonmembers are invited to observe thus, giving those a first impression of the Knights of Columbus as well. If a new member is impressed, he will then have an ambition to become more involved in his council. As Chairman for Ceremonials, I always offered to provide a team to any council or district that had candidates ready for initiation rather than to take the easy route of informing the candidate how to observe the ceremonial online.

The following chart is a summary of the ceremonials that were performed during this Columbian Year:

EXEMP DATE	HOST COUNCIL	DISTRICT	SUBMITTED BY	NEW	ADVANCING
07/15/2020	6726	13	Patrick Davis	1	
07/18/2020	6726	13	Patrick Davis	1	
07/30/2020	6726	13	Michael Cousino	1	1
08/20/2020	11991	13	Michael Cousino	1	
08/24/2020	9575	14	Jeffrey Crouch	3	3
09/17/2020	11991	13	Michael Cousino	2	1
10/15/2020	11991	13	Michael Cousino	2	
10/15/2020	1668		James O. Alford	5	1
10/17/2020	1668		James O. Alford	3	4
10/18/2020	6629		Bill Williamson	2	3
11/05/2020	6076	14	Donald Vennergrund FS	1	1
12/05/2020	8980	11	Form not yet submitted	6	4
12/10/2020	11471	13	Michael Cousino	1	1
12/14/2020	9575	14	Mike Lukridge	3	1
12/19/2020	11910		Joe Friend	1	
01/07/2021	11991	13	Michael Cousino	2	
01/30/2021	13713		Chris Hilditch	1	1
01/14/2021	6726	13	Michael Cousino	1	
01/30/2021	13713		Chris Hilditch	1	1
01/31/2021	6629		Bill Williamson	7	5
02/07/2021	2207		Chris Hilditch	2	2
02/18/2021	11910		Joe Friend	2	1
02/24/2021	8980	11	Ron Gilbert	2	
03/14/2021	6629		Bill Williamson	4	2
03/18/2021	5086		Bob Rooney	1	
03/27/2021	5086		Bob Rooney	6	2
04/06/2021	16903	16	Michael Mancari	3	

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, PGK FDD
State Ceremonial Director

ATTACHMENT 8

*New Council Development
Director Report June 2020-April 2021*

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. Due to the Pandemic I have not been able to work with the District Deputy as closely as in the past. Due to the little access and ability to provide information and trainings has greatly affected my efforts. All information presented has been done virtual at the scheduled DD training sections

The potential to develop a new council in Districts 1, 12, 13 and 16 still exists 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 black ink that reads "Richard A. Gabriel".

Richard A. Gabriel, PSD
New Council Development Director

ATTACHMENT 9

SOUTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
DIRECTOR - ANNUAL STATE REPORT
April 2020-2021

Worthy State Deputy,

On behalf of the South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference, I am sorry to say that the February 2021 conference was canceled due to the pandemic. Presently, we are looking to see if a conference can be held in late summer or early fall. The rescheduling of the conference will be determined on the easing of restriction of large groups and the availability of a location.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Gabriel".

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

ATTACHMENT 10**Report of the 4th Degree Master**

**District Master Report of the Fourth Degree
South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus
Pawleys Island, South Carolina
April 14, 2021**

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

At the outset, let me first Thank SK Thomas M. Monahon for his support and help as Vice Supreme Master. And for Dennis Stoddard, Supreme Master for having faith in me as a District Master. And, for our State Deputy Daniel Barton for his love, patience, support and constant enthusiasm for all things Catholic.

This year our State Deputy reminds us that “We need to rejoice and stay hopeful because our finest hour is yet to come.” In this year dedicated to St. Joseph, we are called to be strong yet humble and to always stand up for what is right and just. To be men of both Faith and action, serving our Church and those in need. 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.

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

In spite of all that the pandemic restrictions have done to deter many districts from holding exemplifications, here in South Carolina we have, with all safety in mind, continued to grow through in person exemplification continued steady growth throughout the fraternal year. The South Carolina District has hosted two exemplifications bringing in 90 new members with one more still on the schedule. I want to personally thank SK Bob Rooney and SK Peter Watson 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.

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.

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 assembly 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. 4th degree uniform, 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 Master, Mike Allen** at 100 Northwoods Ct. Pawleys Island, Elgin, SC29585 or emailed to: districtmastersc@gmail.com. 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:

This past year we lost one of our valued leaders and a personal friend and golf companion, SK Edward Griffin will leave a void in South Carolina that will be hard to fill.

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 Monahan 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 11

Knights of Columbus

South Carolina State Council

FY 2020 - 2021 State Budget

	Fraternal Year Budget 2020 - 2021	Actual thru 04/02/2021	Anticipated 6/30/2021	Estimated Fraternal Year 2020- 2021	Actual Fraternal Year 2019 - 2020	Proposed Fraternal Year Budget 2021- 2022
Income						
40001 · Per-Capita	\$ 50,050.00	\$ 23,643.75	\$ 3,523.00	\$ 27,166.75	\$ 48,486.75	\$ 48,100.00
40005 · Insurance Liability	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 14,453.96	\$ 1,865.06	\$ 16,319.02	\$ 15,841.38	\$ 15,275.00
40006 · K of C Supreme - Incentive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40008 · Disaster Relief Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
40010 · Interest Earned	\$ 39.00	\$ 7.81	\$ -	\$ 7.81	\$ 33.52	\$ 39.00
40045 · Supplies - State Pins	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 2,500.00
45020 · Convention Fees	\$ 21,060.00	\$ 70.00	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ -	\$ 21,060.00
45021 · Convention Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
45022 · SC Men's Conf. Other Income	\$ 2,214.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 905.00	\$ 2,214.00
45024 · Donations	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ -	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 3,869.10	\$ 3,000.00
Total 45025 · SC Men's Conf. Fee	\$ 6,125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,526.98	\$ 6,125.00
45041 · Offering - Mass Collection	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297.00	\$ 600.00
45050 · Warriors to Lourdes	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
45060 · Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
47020 · Ceremonials - Membership	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 490.00	\$ 550.00
47120 · Christmas Cards Sales	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 5,711.40	\$ -	\$ 5,711.40	\$ 9,469.50	\$ 8,500.00
47140 · Ace Awards	\$ 108.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ 108.00
48120 · Charity Drive Donations	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 14,350.00	\$ -	\$ 14,350.00	\$ 55,005.00	\$ 60,000.00
49500 · Ultra Sound Initiative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,064.50	\$ -
State Council Support SCCMC	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Total Income	\$ 174,946.00	\$ 59,561.92	\$ 5,388.06	\$ 64,949.98	\$ 173,476.73	\$ 171,371.00
Expenses						
60005 · Insurance & Liability	\$ 16,900.00	\$14,544.00	\$ -	\$ 14,544.00	\$15,817.76	\$ 15,275.00
60007 · Disaster Relief Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
60010 · Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$41.83	\$ -
60015 · PayPal Exp. SC Men's Conf.	\$ 200.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 200.00
60020 · Charity Raffle Council Awards	\$ 14,000.00	\$14,350.00	\$ -	\$ 14,350.00	\$10,781.00	\$ 13,500.00
60025 · Food	\$ 27,900.00	\$1,720.41	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,820.41	\$6,968.92	\$ 26,400.00
60026 · Speakers Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,600.00	\$ 5,000.00
60034 · State Pins	\$ 2,500.00	\$4,495.00	\$ -	\$ 4,495.00	\$2,600.00	\$ 2,500.00
60035 · Awards and Gifts	\$ 41,200.00	\$2,444.53	\$ -	\$ 2,444.53	\$41,849.76	\$ 41,200.00
60036 · Audio and Computer Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,196.80	\$ -
60038 · Web site and Video Calling	\$ 225.00	\$5,486.86	\$ -	\$ 5,486.86	\$365.87	\$ 2,600.00
60039 · Office Supplies	\$ 826.00	\$167.08	\$ -	\$ 167.08	\$92.25	\$ 826.00
60040 · Printing and Copying	\$ 3,645.00	\$1,422.04	\$ -	\$ 1,422.04	\$2,120.37	\$ 3,645.00
60041 · Postage and Mailing	\$ 400.00	\$218.61	\$ -	\$ 218.61	\$674.67	\$ 400.00
60043 · Advertising	\$ 525.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 525.00
60045 · Supplies	\$ 3,450.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$975.20	\$ 3,450.00
60047 · Audit	\$ 3,250.00	\$3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
60048 · Fees and Permits	\$ 100.00	\$113.13	\$ -	\$ 113.13	\$100.00	\$ 100.00
60049 · Incentives	\$ 3,000.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 3,000.00
60050 · Travel	\$ 6,200.00	\$165.00	\$ -	\$ 165.00	\$4,425.10	\$ 5,700.00
60051 · Meeting/Facility	\$ 1,050.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$575.00	\$ 1,050.00
60055 · Hotel	\$ 22,075.00	\$3,404.89	\$ 1,833.45	\$ 5,238.34	\$14,448.48	\$ 22,000.00
60070 · Christmas Card Expense	\$ 7,200.00	\$4,905.55	\$ -	\$ 4,905.55	\$8,422.75	\$ 7,200.00
60071 · Warriors to Lourdes Project	\$ 1,500.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 1,500.00
60075 · Ultra-Sound Initiative	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$33,064.50	\$ -
60080 · Bishop/State Chaplain	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -
60085 · Seminar/ians' Support	\$ 4,300.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,500.00	\$ 4,300.00
60090 · Bereavement/Health Masses	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$489.77	\$ -
60095 · State Chaplain's Support	\$ 750.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 750.00
60100 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,250.00	\$579.43	\$ -	\$ 579.43	\$4,228.06	\$ 1,250.00
60101 · Military Chaplains' Scholarship	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -
61102 · Patriotic Support Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Council Support SCCMC	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 174,946.00	\$ 61,016.53	\$ 3,933.45	\$ 64,949.98	\$ 161,338.09	\$ 171,371.00

ATTACHMENT 12

GOOD OF THE ORDER REPORT
100TH South Carolina State Council Convention
Summerville, South Carolina
April 17, 2021

Worthy State Deputy

For almost one hundred and forty years, the Knights of Columbus has been there to assist when unfortunate things happen. The last one hundred years have seen the Knights of South Carolina lead the way through wars, pandemics, depressions, and serving the people of the state in their times of need.

While much of the world has come to standstill during the Coronavirus epidemic, South Carolina Knights have been active. Most Civic, Fraternal and Service organizations have been losing membership for several years, but not the Knights. 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.

The Knights in South Carolina under the outstanding leadership of State Deputy Daniel Barton and his State Officers and District Deputies have found ways to keep our organization active and informed. The small in person meetings have been a valuable assist to the large and important Zoom meetings. Local Councils have held in-person meetings and projects, zoom meeting, phone calls and personal and individual visits.

Over 139 years ago, Fr. McGivney and a small group of Catholics formed an organization to assist widows, orphans, and Catholics in need. From the basement of St. Mary's Catholic church, they never could have imaged what we have in South Carolina and the world today. From the start of a mutual benefit society for the working class and Irish immigrant Catholics, we now have 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 continued under excellent leadership that has led us to have outstanding membership, projects, charity work and finances.

An audit of the South Carolina State Council Knights of Columbus included a review of membership, activities, and finances. The financial audit committee reports that our books are in excellent shape and the state council is solvent. Due to the slowdown of the pandemic, the state council could show a drop in income and an increase in charity expenses, but due to years of planning, we are still in excellent financial shape. The State continues to grow in both financial and personal services for charity. The Knights continue to 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. While the lack of meetings and members' financial conditions have reduced our State Charity Drive, it still continues to average over \$55,000 a year. The Columbus Foundation's Operation HOPE continues to grow and raises over several hundred thousand dollars 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. This year additional funds were spent on Food for the needy and South Carolina was a leader in NO NEIGHTBOR LEFT BEHIND. The Pro-Life programs continue to be extremely successful with fine leadership and projects, with smaller physical numbers attending rallies, due to Covid restrictions. 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 has kept the membership from increasing in the normal numbers, due to a minimal number of meetings.

Ceremonials are held to inform and keep the interest of members. Our State, District and Local councils are holding and implementing the new degrees to members. Changes have been made to limit in person degrees and use virtual degrees when necessary. Like any changes there were a few problems due to the COVID 19 epidemic, and many councils will not be able to make their quota this year. 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 will 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 of (21) twenty-one and the projected 2021 class are among the largest in years. Our S C Knights have promoted vocations with prayer and finances. Prayers like the Silver Rosary program, RSVP, support of Catholic Men's Conferences and the sending of financial support to seminarian's help promote vocations. Members' contributions to the seminarians include financial, prayers and cards of support. The state has an outstanding vocation program and leadership. Special thanks to Bishop 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 continues after a great start. It promotes retreats, Way of the Cross, Pro-Life, VA, prayer and families in projects including the Catholic Men's Conference, traveling Icon, 40 Days of Life, and working with mothers in need and babies.

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

Father McGivney Guild continues to grow. South Carolina now has 1,700 members praying for the Canonization of the founder of our Order. All Knights should join the Guild.

Catholic men do make a difference, and this will be proven at the 39th 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 the late Past State Deputy Edward Griffin, the State Officers, Past State Deputies, All District Directors and State Chairmen for their hard work this year.

The past year has been an unusual one for the Knights, limiting our ability to hold many in-person meetings, events, and projects. It has been said that "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." This past year has proven that the Knights have the leadership, desire, and ability to overcome all obstacles and provide help and assistance when needed. The image of hard work and planning by our State Leaders has guided the State and activities of the Local Councils. The State Council is alive, well and preparing for an even better future.

A special thanks to the men who planned the 100th State Convention and will make it an outstanding in person and virtual event. Our hospitality and meeting events were 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 our 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

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ATTACHMENT 14

Knights of Columbus

South Carolina State Council

Daniel Barton
State Deputy
South Carolina Knights of Columbus

March 28, 2021

Membership Director's Report for Fraternal Year 2020-2021 YTD

Worthy State Deputy:

Summary:

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

Unfortunately, our membership intake continues to be sub-standard. While COVID has shutdown many council's recruiting efforts, it cannot be blamed for 30 of our councils not recruiting at least one new member. However, we have made some great progress from the last few years. We are currently 23rd in the order for new member intake. As of today, we have 249 new members which is 70% of our state goal. I expect us to have a good run to finish the year at 100%. All of this could be accomplished with 50% of our councils not recruiting 1 new member for most of the fraternal year.

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

1) Attacking the belief that State Membership is all about the Circle of Honor. I have repeatedly engaged the District Deputies and Grand Knights with the belief that Membership has 2 parts: Programs and Recruiting. Our programs or works are what define us as Knights of Columbus. Recruiting eligible catholic gentlemen not only provides a council with many benefits but it allows them to continue and expand their programs. It is through our works as knights that we visibly put our faith into practice.

2) I have constantly reinforced 2 themes this year to help Grand Knights better understand the importance of recruiting. First is the idea that the Knights of Columbus is a great tower of charity in South Carolina. From the top of the tower shines the Light of Christ via our councils' charitable works and programs. This light shines in every corner of the state. The foundation of this tower is built on recruiting as new members insure, we will continue to have the hands, energy, ideas and talent to keep these programs alive and growing. The "Laws of Attrition" is the 2d theme – "people move away, people fade away and people pass away". The Laws of Attrition remind our leaders that you constantly need to recruit for the long-term health and welfare of your councils as you will lose your core group.

- 3) Our General Insurance Robert Boni and I developed and launched a new recruiting initiative, “Faith, Family and Financial Security” in February 2021. This program is designed to reach out to parishioners and members to help them in a variety of financial issues like long-term healthcare or financial planning. A virtual program, it is open to all parishioners and the presentation is done by our local Field Agent.
- 4) Promoting council unity throughout the state. I have asked each council to share their successful programs and recruiting ideas with me so the information can be shared around the state. By sharing our councils’ success, they help each other with new ideas for programs or ways to improve current programs. The Palmetto Push is a monthly Membership newsletter that I started several years ago and continue to publish as programs and events are known. Early issues this year focused on recruiting during COVID and holding Exemplifications during COVID.
- 5) I have given the councils the Top 10 Recruiting Rules (attached) and reviewed each of them. Following these will result in recruiting success. I have also instilled the Golden Rule of recruiting; “Everything a council does is a recruiting opportunity”. Supreme has used these rules as their first “Best Membership Practices” publication shared throughout the order.
- 6) I have updated the state Membership Guidelines. These guidelines provide Grand Knights with practical information, suggestions and standards for planning and executing their council’s programs and recruiting efforts. The 2020-2021 Guidelines were sent to all the Grand Knights via their District Deputies.
- 7) I have helped councils in the state as requested with advice in programs and recruiting. This includes going to state/district/council meetings, phone conversations and e-mails.
- 8) Our on-line membership program has been doing very well. To date, we have had 71 on-line members join. Council 8295 recruited 14 on-line members during a recent recruiting push held at their parish in Anderson. This McGiney2020 initiative was focused on recruiting new Spanish members and featured the new Q cards. We are working to set-up another Spanish recruiting drive before the end of the fraternal year.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Stanley

Ron Stanley, FDD
State Membership Director



State Membership

Council growth and development



Top Recruiting Rules

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

Rule 1) Be visible in your parish and community

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

Rule 2) Schedule and plan your Membership **Drives**

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

Rule 3) Schedule your 1st Degrees

Point of focus for degree team and recruiters

Rule 4) Every prospect has his own sense of timing

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

Rule 5) Unity of Message

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

Rule 6) Look professional

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

Rule 7) Find your closers

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

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

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

Rule 9) Be Positive

No one wants to join a negative

Rule 10) Ask!

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

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

with his wife and family. Just because he is not a member yet, doesn't mean he can't participate.

ATTACHMENT 15



Resolutions Presented for Consideration of the South Carolina State Council



**Knights of Columbus
South Carolina State Convention
South Carolina
2021**

1. *In Honor of Pope Francis*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled, pledge our eternal love, our prayers, our commitment to help the poor, and our renewal of devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother; and

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

2. *Salutations to Bishop Guglielmone*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina during the year 2021, pledge our continued support, admiration, and love to His Excellency, *The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston*.

3. *Salutations to State Honoree*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina during the year 2021, extend sincere and heartfelt thank you and appreciation to Past State Deputy James P. Nettles for his dedication and many exemplary years of service the Order.

4. *Salutations to State Chaplain*

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus extend sincere and heartfelt thank you and appreciation to State Chaplain, Rev. Robert F. Higgins for his service and dedication to the State Council and the Order, his untiring dedication to our brother and sister Catholics in the great State of South Carolina.

5. *In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests*

BE IT RESOLVED, that we commend and support our Bishops, clergy and religious 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. *Felicitatation to Supreme Knight*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 17th day of April, 2021, in Summerville, South Carolina, to give Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly our most sincere thank you and appreciation for his tireless efforts on behalf of our great Order; and

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

7. *Felicitatation to Supreme Knight*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 17th day of April, 2021, in Summerville, South Carolina, to give 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 offices staff our most sincere thank you for a job well done.

8. *Felicitatation to Supreme Regional Growth Director*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus on the 17th day of April, 2021, in Summerville, South Carolina, extends sincere and great appreciation to the Supreme Regional Growth Director David Tebo, for his dedication, leadership and years of service to the Order

9. *Faith in Action*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on this 17th day of, April, 2021, in Summerville, South Carolina, support opportunities that allow us to put in to practice our Catholic faith through various “Faith”, “Family”, “Community”, and “Life” programs; 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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus wish to extend a sincere thank you and our love and appreciation to the District Deputies, State Committee Chairmen, Grand Knights, and all Council Officers along with their wives, for their dedication to the Order and the Church and their proven leadership for the growth of our Order.

11. In Support of our Armed Forces

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 17th day of April, 2021, in Summerville, South Carolina, to give 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 commitment to recognize the contributions of every service member on Active duty, in the Guard, in 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 L Stanley

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled on the 17th day of April, 2021, to extend sincere and great appreciation to State Membership Director Ronald L. Stanley for his dedication and service to the Order by filling in as District Deputy for District 14.

13. In Recognition of Edward F. Kamenski, Jr., DD #1

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Edward F. Kaminski, Jr. for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #1 of the South Carolina State Council.

14. In Recognition of Christopher R. Hilditch, DD #2

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Christopher R. Hilditch for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #2 of the South Carolina State Council.

15. In Recognition of Sherrill E. “Ed” Wilcox, DD #4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Sherrill E. “Ed” Wilcox for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #4 of the South Carolina State Council.

16. In Recognition of Peter D. LaPierre, DD #7

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Peter D. LaPierre for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #7 of the South Carolina State Council.

17. In Recognition of James W. Daugomah, DD #9

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to James D. Daugomah for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #9 of the South Carolina State Council.

18. In Recognition of Claire N. “Buck” Buckley, Jr., DD #10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Claire N. “Buck” Buckley, Jr. for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #10 of the South Carolina State Council.

19. In Recognition of Ronald E. Gilbert, DD #11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Ronald E. Gilbert for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #11 of the South Carolina State Council.

20. In Recognition of James D. Walters, DD#15

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to James D. Walters for his dedication and service to the Order, while he served as District Deputy for District #15 of the South Carolina State Council.

21. In Remembrance of Past State Deputy Raymond “Ray” W. Hock

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Paste State Deputy Raymond “Ray” W. Hock for his dedication and service to the Order.

22. In Remembrance of Past State Deputy William C. Russell

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Paste State Deputy William C. Russell for his dedication and service to the Order.

23. In Remembrance of Past State Deputy Robert “Bob” W. Fico

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Paste State Deputy Robert “Bob” W. Fico for his dedication and service to the Order.

24. In Remembrance of Past State Deputy Edward M. Griffin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina State Council of the Knights of Columbus assembled in Summerville, South Carolina on the 17th day of April, 2021, extend sincere and great appreciation to Past State Deputy Edward M. Griffin for his dedication and service to the Order.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we will pray for the Canonization of our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, and encourage all Brother Knights and their families to become active members of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild; and be it

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

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

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

26. Resolution for Approval for the State Budget Committee

WHEREAS, Article V Finance, Section 1 states: “The State Deputy shall appoint a committee on the Budget and Finance, consisting of not less than three (3) duly accredited members of the State Council, who shall serve until their successors have been duly appointed,” and

WHEREAS, Article V Finance, Section 3 states “At each Convention, the State Officers, acting as the Budget Committee, shall present a budget to the Convention showing the estimated income and expenditures for the ensuing Fraternal Year,” therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the wording of Article V Finance, Section 3 be **amended** from: **SECTION 3 PER CAPITA TAX:**

At each Convention the State Officers, **acting as the Budget Committee**, shall present a budget to the Convention showing the estimated income and expenditures for the ensuing Fraternal Year. The Budget Committee shall recommend to the Convention the amount of any increase or decrease in the Per Capita Tax to be assessed each Subordinate Council to **ensure that** the State Council will not have a deficit.

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Per Capita Tax to each Subordinate Council shall be based on the Subordinate Council’s membership as reflected on the Supreme Council’s records as of July 1 and January 1, of each year less inactive, less Honorary Life Members, less members of the clergy, and less disabled members as approved by Supreme Council.:

SECTION 3. PER CAPITA TAX:

At each Convention the State Officers, acting as the Budget Committee, shall present a budget to the Convention showing the estimated income and expenditures for the ensuing Fraternal Year. The Budget Committee shall recommend the amount of any increase in the Per Capita Tax to be assessed each subordinate Council to ensure that the State Council will not have a deficit.

The Per Capita Tax to each Subordinate Council shall be based on the Subordinate Council’s records as of 1 July and 1 January of each year less Inactive, less Honorary Life Members, less members of the clergy and less disabled members, as approved by Supreme Council.

The Resolutions Committee Voted in favor of this Resolution.

ATTACHMENT 16

Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council

Notice of Election of State Council Officers 2021 - 2022

2020 – 2021 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 2021-2022 (Form 111).