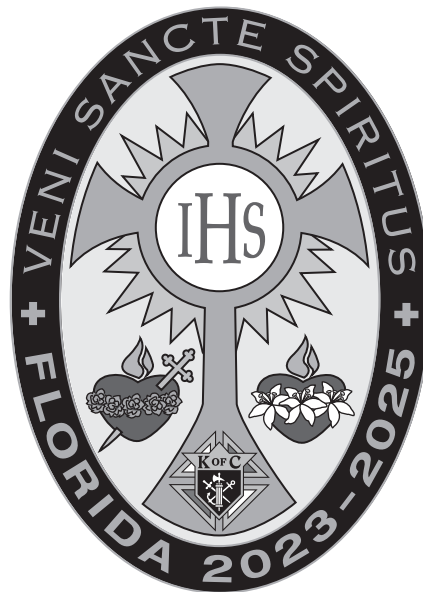




121st Convention FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL



2025 State Convention Reports Book

May 23-25, 2025
Hyatt Regency Riverfront
Jacksonville, Florida

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Sat. 24 **MATHEWS** VIP Luncheon 12PM - 1:15PM

Fri. 23 **ACOSTA** CHAPLAINS/PSD 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Fri. 23 **HART** State Deputy Dinner 5:30PM - 7:30PM

4TH FLOOR

Sat. 24 **City Terrace 9**
Spinelli Agency Meeting 10:15AM - 12PM

Fri/Sat **City Terrace 12** Adoration Chapel

3RD FLOOR

Fri, 23 **RIVER TERRACE 2** Workshop 3PM - 5:15PM

Fri, 23 **RIVER TERRACE 3** Florida State Council Reception 7:30PM - 11PM

Thu/Sun **RIVER TERRACE 1** LADIES Room all day

Fri/Sat **DAYTONA** MUSEUM 11PM - 5PM

BOARDROOMS

Fri, 23 **ST. JOHNS** Workshop 3PM - 5:15PM

Fri, 23 **CLEARWATER** Workshop 3PM - 5:15PM

PARKING

Fri/Sat **REGISTRATION OFFICE**
REGISTRATION all day

REGISTRATION

2ND FLOOR

Fri/Sat all day
121st State Convention
Mass / Open Session / Banquet

BALLROOM FOYER

PROMOTIONAL TABLES AND EXHIBITS
Thur. 22 5PM to Sat. 24 10PM

1ST FLOOR

MAIN ENTRANCE



Thursday May 22, 2025

Start Time	End Time	Event/Activity	Location
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	State Warden Meeting	Client Office 2
9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Convention Bag Preparation	Registration Office
12:00 PM	10:00 PM	Ladies Gathering Place Setup	River Terrace 1
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Board Meeting	SD Suite
1:00 PM	8:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Registration Desk/Off
2:00 PM	8:00 PM	Promotional Tables and Exhibits Setup	Ballroom Foyer 1-4
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Tabulation of Caucus Election Results	TBD
TBD	12:00 AM	Chamber Setup	Grand 1-4
7:00 PM	12:00 AM	Museum Setup	Daytona

Friday May 23, 2025

Start Time	End Time	Event/Activity	Location
7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Registration (<i>will close during Mass</i>)	Registration Desk/Off
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Fire Marshal Inspection?	Grand 1-4
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Opening Mass/Eucharistic Adoration	Grand 1-4
11:00 AM	6:00 PM	Adoration Chapel Open	City Terrace 12
11:00 AM	5:00 PM	State Museum Open	Daytona
11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch (<i>on your own</i>)	
		Open Session	
12:45 PM	1:00 PM	Parade of Banners	Grand 1-4
		US and Bahamas National Anthem	
1:00 PM	1:15 PM	State Deputy Address	Grand 1-4
1:15 AM	1:25 AM	State Deputy Appreciation Awards	Grand 1-4
1:30 PM	5:00 PM	Ladies Gathering Place Open	River Terrace 1
1:30 PM	5:00 PM	Closed Session	
1:30 PM	1:40 AM	Opening remarks, Convention rules, Committee Appointments	Grand 1-4
1:40 PM	1:50 PM	State Chaplain Report	Grand 1-4
1:50 PM	2:20 PM	State Officer Reports	Grand 1-4
2:20 PM	2:35 PM	Master of the 4th Degree	Grand 1-4
2:35 AM	2:45 AM	Ceremonial Chairman Report	Grand 1-4
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	Recess General Session	Grand 1-4
3:00 PM	5:15 PM	Workshops (Session 1: 3:00-4:00 PM, Session 2: 4:15-5:15 PM)	
		COR	River Terrace 2
		State and Supreme Website	Clearwater
		Fraternal Benefits Event Seminar	St Johns
5:30 PM	7:30 PM	Past State Deputy / Chaplain Reception and Dinner (<i>Invitation Only</i>)	Acosta
5:30 PM	7:30 PM	State Deputy Dinner (<i>Invitation Only</i>)	Hart
7:30 PM	11:00 PM	Florida State Council Reception--Music/dancing/dessert/cash bar	River Terrace 3
9:00 PM	11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	TBA

Saturday May 24, 2025

Start Time	End Time	Event/Activity	Location
6:30 AM	11:00 AM	Registration (<i>will close during Mass</i>)	Registration Desk/Off
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Mass of Remembrance (See Notes 3 and 4)	Grand 1-4
8:45 AM	3:00 PM	Adoration Chapel Open	City Terrace 12
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Continental Breakfast	Ballroom Foyer 1-4
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	VIP Continental Breakfast (<i>Invitation Only</i>)	Boardroom 4
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	State Museum Open	Daytona



Knights of Columbus® **121st FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION AGENDA**
Florida **May 23-25, 2025**
State Council **Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverside**



Saturday May 24, 2025 (continued)

Start Time	End Time	Event/Activity	Location
9:15 AM	12:00 PM	Open Session	
9:15 AM	9:20 AM	Opening Prayer	Grand 1-4
		Pledge of Allegiance	Grand 1-4
9:20 AM	9:30 AM	Supreme Knight Video Address	Grand 1-4
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Ladies Gathering Place Open	River Terrace 1
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Past State Deputy Meeting	Boardroom 2
9:30 AM	11:30 AM	State Chaplain Meeting (<i>Invitation Only</i>)	State Deputy Suite
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Special Olympics Speaker	Grand 1-4
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	American Wheelchair Mission	Grand 1-4
10:15 AM	12:00 PM	Spinelli Agency Meeting (<i>Invitation Only</i>)	City Terrace 9
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Council Awards Session	Grand 1-4
		Membership	Grand 1-4
		Charities	Grand 1-4
		Programs	Grand 1-4
12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Ladies Luncheon	River Terrace 1
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	Recess-Men's Lunch (on your own)	
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	VIP Lunch (<i>Invitation Only</i>)	Matthews
1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Closed Session	Grand 1-4
1:15 PM	1:30 PM	Roll Call	Grand 1-4
1:30 PM	1:35 PM	Credentials/Registration Report	Grand 1-4
1:35 PM	2:15 PM	Appointment of Tellers	Grand 1-4
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2:15 PM	2:30 PM	Audit and Budget Committee Reports	Grand 1-4
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3:00 PM	3:20 PM	Recess-Break	Ballroom Foyer 1-4
3:20 PM	3:30 PM	Past State Deputies Report	Grand 1-4
3:30 PM	4:15 PM	Resolutions Committee Report	Grand 1-4
4:15 PM	4:20 PM	Keynote Speaker Preview of Evening Remarks	Grand 1-4
4:25 PM	4:30 PM	Closing Prayer/Meeting Adjournment	Grand 1-4

Start	End time	Event/Activity	Location
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	State Deputy Reception (<i>Invitation Only</i>)	Matthews
6:00 PM		Kids Pizza Party	TBA
6:00 PM	6:45 PM	Pre-Banquet Reception/Cash Bar	Ballroom Foyer 1-5
		121st State Convention Banquet/Awards	
7:00 PM	9:30 PM	Special Guest: Scott O'Connor, PSD Supreme Director Council, Family, and Knight of the Year Awards	Grand 1-6
9:30 PM	12:00 AM	Reception for Newly Elected Officers	Ballroom Foyer
10:00 PM	12:00 AM	Hospitality Suite Open	TBA

Sunday May 25, 2025

Start	End time	Event/Activity	Location
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Closing Mass (<i>See Note 3</i>)	Grand 1-4
10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Tear down	All



STATE CONVENTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

A significant number of Delegates attend the Knights of Columbus Florida State Council Annual Meeting (otherwise known as the State Convention). In order to ensure an orderly convention and a suitably fraternal weekend, please read the following information.

Before you leave home: Read and discuss with your council members all State Convention-related materials. Remember, the more familiar you are with the State Council By-Laws and proposed resolutions, the easier it will be for you to participate in the discussions and the business meetings.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

Q. What rules govern the procedures followed during Convention meetings?

A. We follow the most current version of "Roberts Rules of Order".

Q. Who is allowed to make motions, debate an issue, nominate from the floor, or present a resolution?

A. Any State Officer, Past State Deputy, District Deputy or Delegate after first going to a microphone and being recognized by the Chair (State Deputy) may be allowed to participate. Any member of the Order who desires to speak on any matter before the State Council may do so upon receiving a favorable vote from the membership of the State Council. By a majority vote the members may, at any time, limit debate on a specific question.

Q. How may I amend motions or resolutions?

A. Write out your amendment, if possible, or voice your amendment lucidly. Be concise. Do not make change for change's sake. Amendments may insert, substitute or remove words or paragraphs.

Q. How many amendments may be on the floor at one time?

A. Only two amendments to the original motion pending may be considered at one time.

Q. What does "I move the previous question" mean?

A. The delegate wishes to stop debate and vote immediately on the motion. The Chair stops discussion and votes whether to close debate. If the vote is "Yes", then the Chair takes the vote of the motion. If the vote is "No", the Chair allows debate to resume.

Q. I disagree with the decision of the Chair on the outcome of the vote, what can I do?

A. Call out loudly from your seat "Division." This must be done immediately after the Chair announces the vote. (See, 6. Voting, a. standing votes, below.)

GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Seating Arrangements:

Business meetings: The business meetings of the State Convention shall be open to all 3rd Degree members who have registered and received an official convention badge. All accredited Delegates shall be seated in the Chamber by District with their District Deputies. In the absence of a Delegate, the elected alternate shall occupy the Delegate's seat after notifying the State Secretary. All non-voting members will be seated separately in sections designated by the State Warden. Past State Deputies will be seated in the first rows on the far left or right side as designated by the State Warden.

Non-business meetings: Members and guests may occupy a seat without regard to business seating arrangements.

Parliamentary Procedure is an accepted set of rules used to maintain decorum, ascertain the will of the majority, preserve the rights of the minority, and facilitate the orderly transaction of business in the most expeditious manner. The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the convention in all instances in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the State Council's By-Laws. In the event of an inconsistency, the most recent approved State Council By-Laws shall prevail. The State Deputy shall appoint a Parliamentarian to rule on any dispute or question on parliamentary procedure.

Rules of Conduct for Business Meetings: Rules of Conduct are designed to expedite State Convention business in a clear orderly fashion.

1. Credentials. All members entering the Chamber for a closed business meeting must show their official convention badge ("Credentials"). Credentials are issued by the



official registration desk, upon presentation of a valid traveling card and Government Issue photo identification.

2. Quorum. There shall be a quorum when one more than half of all duly constituted delegates are present.

3. Speaking.

a. An accredited Delegate, District Deputy, Past State Deputy, or State Officer desiring to speak to the question under discussion shall go to a microphone and address the Chair. When recognized, and before stating his business, an accredited Delegate shall first give his name, his Council's name and number. A District Deputy, Past State Deputy, or State Officer shall give his name and position (for example, "District Deputy 99", "Past State Deputy", "State Advocate") before stating his business.

b. Anyone who does not have accredited status and wishes to speak must request permission by going to the microphone. When recognized by the Chair, he will identify himself, his Council name and number, and state briefly why he wishes to speak. The Chair will then ask for consent by voice vote of the assembly.

4. Motions. Accredited Delegates, State Officers, Past State Deputies, and District Deputies, may make motions, resolutions, or propose amendments. However, see the rules below on resolutions and proposed amendments to the State Council By-Laws.

5. Debates.

a. **Speaker Rules**. No one shall be allowed to speak more than two minutes at a time without consent of the Chair. No one shall be allowed to speak a second time on the same question so long as any accredited or eligible member who has not spoken to that question desires the floor. Debate shall be limited to three speakers for and three speakers against the subject at hand. This rule does not apply to the State Director or State or Committee Chairman making a report or a speaker presenting a subject.

b. **Closing Debates**. If debate is needlessly prolonged, a motion may be made to close debate ("I move the previous question", "I move to close debate", or "I move that debate be closed on all pending questions".) This requires a second and two-thirds vote to adopt. If adopted, debate is closed on the pending question or on all pending questions, depending on the motion.

6. Voting. Only State Officers and duly elected accredited Delegates shall be entitled to vote. All voting, except State Officer and Supreme Delegate elections, shall be by voice or show of hands. Disputes on voice votes or show of hands will be resolved as follows:

a. **Standing votes:** If there is any doubt as to the number voting or a "division" is called, the Chair, where there is a question as to the tally of votes, shall direct the members to stand affirmatively or negatively. If there is any doubt of the result, the State Warden shall be directed to count the standing votes.

b. **Ballot vote:** If a Delegate wishes a ballot vote to be taken on a question, he says, "I move that, when the question is voted upon, the vote be by ballot." This motion needs a second and a majority vote to adopt. The State Deputy will determine if by electronic or paper ballot.

c. **Roll call vote:** If a delegate wishes a vote be taken by roll call, he calls for a "roll call ballot vote." This motion needs a second and a majority vote to adopt.

7. Announcements for the State Convention shall be legibly written and given to the State Secretary.

8. Hospitality rooms are not to be open to Delegates while any of the official convention proceedings (Masses, meetings, meal breaks, etc) are in session.

RESOLUTIONS, AMENDMENTS, AND ELECTIONS

Resolutions: Prior to a vote thereon, the Resolutions Committee must review all proposed resolutions, and shall, if necessary, conduct hearings relating to such resolutions, submitting a report to the Annual Meeting on all resolutions, approved or rejected, with recommendations, if any. The Committee may refuse to consider any resolution that is not submitted either by electronic means by properly completing and submitting the form using the Resolutions Template on the Florida State Council Website (if available), or by paper submittal that has been typed using Council letterhead, signed by the Grand Knight and Council Recorder, and submitted to the State Advocate. All resolutions shall be emailed or postmarked to the State Advocate forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Late resolutions may be accepted after the postmarked due date but will not be included in the State Convention Report Book and will require the submitter to supply the original and seven-hundred (700)



copies of the resolution for distribution to the convention delegates. No resolutions will be accepted after 12:00 Noon of the first day of the State Convention.

The content of resolutions for consideration by the Delegates of the State Convention must conform to the latest guidance from the Office of the Supreme Advocate, as published in the online Officers Desk Reference. Resolutions that do not conform to this guidance may be deemed as out of order by the majority vote of the Resolutions Committee and affirmation of the State Deputy. Resolutions deemed out of order will not be published for consideration at the State Convention.

Amendments to the State Council By-Laws: Amendments to the State Council By-Laws must be proposed via resolution, following the rules above, and will require a two-thirds vote for adoption. Every amendment to the By-Laws shall become effective and binding on all Councils and the Florida State Council. Any change becomes effective immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise provided.

Officer and Supreme Delegate Elections

1. Policies on campaigning. Section 162 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus establishes certain categories of misconduct that may expose a member to disciplinary action. Section 162(23), set forth below, provides a general rule for the conduct of candidates for State and local offices, including Supreme Delegate.

“Section 162: Any member of the Order who after trial, excepting where it is provided that no trial shall be had, shall be found guilty of the conduct specified in the subdivisions following shall be fined, suspended or expelled as set forth therein, to wit:

Appeals for Political Support

23. Issuing appeals for, or soliciting by virtue of his membership in the Knights of Columbus, aid, or assistance or support by or in behalf of or announcing candidates for public office, or candidates for office (including delegates to State and Supreme councils) in another society or body or in the Order; fine, suspension, or expulsion. Any member who knowingly permits or acquiesces in such appeals, solicitation, etc., shall if elected, be ineligible to hold office.”

However, there is the need to permit men standing for Supreme Council Delegate or State Officer to promote their candidacies. Supreme allows State Council elections to be conducted in accordance with that State Council's By-Laws and with customary practices in the jurisdiction. Accordingly, to protect the Order, to prevent candidates

from violating Sec 162(23) of the Laws, and to provide standards consistent with Supreme directives, the following guidelines for the Florida State Council have been established.

2. Guidelines for Candidate Conduct. A candidate for State Officer or Supreme Delegate is expected to conduct himself as a Catholic gentleman. While he may promote his candidacy by highlighting his own qualifications, he may not comment negatively about any opponent. A candidate is responsible for all third parties acting on his behalf.

a. A candidate for State Council Officer or Supreme Council Delegate may NOT:

- (1) Solicit the endorsement of a current State Officer.
- (2) Use, accept, or receive council funds to support his candidacy in any manner whatsoever.
- (3) Distribute campaign buttons, t-shirts, pins, hats, bumper stickers, or any other souvenirs or promotional items.
- (4) Send mailings or e-mails, or use social media to support his candidacy.
- (5) Arrange or participate in debates with other candidates or their supporters.
- (6) Campaign or have promotional items in the chambers of any business meeting, nor within close proximity to the entrance of any business meeting.
- (7) Campaign or have promotional items at or outside any religious ceremony.
- (8) Disseminate any type of derogatory information concerning another candidate.
- (9) Hold a fund-raising event to finance his candidacy.
- (10) Establish and conduct a hospitality suite to promote his candidacy.

b. A candidate for State Council Officer SHOULD:

Ask his Council to pass a resolution in support of his candidacy. This is a time-honored tradition in the Florida State Council and mirrors the process that the Supreme Council uses for nominations. The resolution must be written and submitted according to the specifications on Resolutions listed above. Only a resolution from the candidate's home Council will be allowed and accepted. All candidate resolutions meeting these specifications will be published in the State Convention Reports book for all accredited Delegates attending the State Convention.

3. Nomination and Election Procedures:

a. **Eligibility.** Any Third Degree member in good standing within the Order, in a subordinate Council, is eligible and may be nominated for Supreme Council Delegate or a State Council Officer, per Article 92a of the Laws).

b. Nomination and Election of Delegates to the Supreme Convention.

Nomination and Election of Delegates to the Supreme Convention will be done electronically before the State Convention, generally 3-4 weeks before the State Convention convenes. The period for making nominations will be 10-14 days, followed by a 7-10 period for elections, as determined by the State Deputy. In accordance with the traditional practices of the Florida State Council, Councils will be divided into four roughly equal Caucuses, each of which will nominate candidates for one Insurance Delegate and one Associate Delegate to the Supreme Convention. Nominations can be made by duly registered State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, and Delegates in the Caucus to which their home Council is assigned. Specific instructions on the platform for electronic nominations and elections will be issued and posted on the State website before the nomination period begins. Confirmation of the election results via voice vote will take place during a closed business session at the State Convention.

c. **Nominations for State Officers.** Nominations and seconds of candidates for State Officers will be conducted during a closed session and may be made only for those candidates who have submitted a resolution in support of their candidacies according to the specifications on Resolutions listed above. A candidate who has submitted a resolution may be nominated for a different office than the office listed in his resolution if the Chair determines that circumstances require, such as unexpected vacancies or withdrawal of other eligible candidates. If there are no candidates for a particular

position who have submitted a resolution, the Chair may allow nominations to be made from the floor.

Nominations can be made by duly registered State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Delegates or Alternate Delegates who have replaced their primary Delegate. Each candidate will be entitled to a single nominating speech. The nominator will announce his name, position and Council affiliation. In the process of nominating his candidate, the nominator shall not exceed 3 minutes in duration for the nomination of said candidate. The Chair shall give a 30 second warning of the expiration of the nomination period. The speaker shall cease immediately upon notification that his time has expired. The person making the second of the nomination will only be permitted to announce his name, position and Council affiliation and acknowledge his seconding of the nomination of the candidate.

d. Election of State Officers. All State Officer elections will be conducted in a closed business session. A voice vote of affirmation shall be taken for all uncontested positions. For contested positions, voting will be conducted either electronically or by paper ballot as determined by the State Deputy. In addition, voting for contested positions will be conducted in a manner that does not preclude the completion of other State Convention business.

(1) Prior to the commencement of voting, the State Secretary shall verify with the Credentials/Registration Chairman the number of members eligible to vote and the clear majority of members needed for election. For electronic balloting, the State Secretary shall verify that all eligible voters are entered into the electronic voting system. If errors are found after voting commences, the State Secretary will ensure that the necessary corrections are made before voting concludes. For paper balloting, the State Deputy shall conduct, and the State Secretary shall record, a count by District of the Delegates seated in the Chamber.

(2) A Voting Committee (tellers) for the State Officer Elections, appointed by the Chair, comprised of at least one Past State Deputy, one State Officer, and one member of the Convention shall preside over balloting and counting the votes. For electronic balloting, additional tellers may be appointed to operate voting kiosks and to assist voters with voting on personal electronic devices. Balloting is complete when the Chair determines sufficient time has elapsed for eligible voters in the chamber to cast their votes and that any errors in the electronic voting system have been corrected. For paper balloting, District Deputies will collect the paper ballots for the Delegates in their



District. The Voting Committee shall collect paper ballots from the District Deputies and take all collected ballots to the designated voting area for counting. Balloting is complete when all ballots have been collected by the Voting Committee.

No member shall be allowed to enter or leave the Chamber while the balloting is in process without first getting permission from the Chair.

(3) Normal business may resume during the counting of the ballots as determined by the Chair. Each nominee may attend and/or view the counting of the votes or appoint a representative to attend in his place.

(4) All State Officers must be elected by a clear majority of ballots received. If a ballot results in no winner by clear majority of the votes cast, those candidates receiving the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated from consideration and only the top two candidates shall be considered in the next round of voting, provided that both the top two candidates have received at least 10% more votes than the next lowest candidate. If not, all candidates, receiving a total number of votes within 10 percent of the top two candidates shall be included in the next round of voting. Balloting will continue until one candidate has received a clear majority of eligible votes. For paper balloting, a recount of the Delegates present for voting shall be conducted prior to each successive vote.

(5) When the count is complete and verified, the Voting Committee Chairman will provide a written tally to the Chair. If necessary, Delegates shall be recalled to the Convention Chamber and once seated the Chair shall announce the result of the election.



Caucus Group 1 (Districts 1-21) Chairman Cesar Mascardo, RA #1 caucus1@floridakofc.org

Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District
8589	1	7968	5	7399	10	12619	13	10514	17
11125	1	11893	5	17029	10	6108	14	11961	17
15836	1	13527	5	11668	10	11448	14	17480	17
16080	1	3599	6	15132	10	11784	14	1895	18
11878	2	10513	6			13207	14	8791	18
13389	2	11850	6	648	11	13900	14	13018	18
15007	2	17689	6	10626	11	5758	15	5357	19
15366	2	3521	7	11220	11	8101	15	6274	19
16724	2	12929	7	11566	11	8917	15	6584	19
778	3			4727	12	10572	15	13571	19
7027	3	7589	8	5535	12	18358	15	4934	20
7402	3	9720	8	14866	12	611	16	8086	20
8450	3	13037	8	17161	12	7121	16	12569	20
4444	4	5407	9	17182	12	11046	16	5960	21
7272	4	11069	9	1951	13	13337	16	15644	21
13277	4	12896	9	10850	13	16492	16	16413	21
7667	5	14295	9	12664	13			16886	21

Caucus Group 2 (Districts 22-40) Chairman John Papa, RA#4 caucus2@floridakofc.org

Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District
8012	22	14132	25	6125	29	14975	32	10377	36
8510	22	14217	25	11348	29	6168	33	15779	36
9649	22	5958	26	18557	29	6391	33	6476	37
13676	22	11488	26	3746	30	14485	33	7621	37
14222	22	12402	26	5845	30	15225	33	8155	37
5644	23	2112	27	7408	30	15624	33	12196	37
8120	23	10462	27	13243	30	6800	34	1768	38
10034	23	11328	27	14573	30	12544	34	8104	38
10853	23	11673	27	2505	31	15154	34	11138	38
13300	23	16495	27	10169	31	17531	34	11497	38
5150	24	17915	27	11651	31	11317	35	13525	39
5618	24	6624	28	13907	31	11680	35	667	39
12761	24	13116	28	4726	32	11877	35	3580	40
15266	24	15357	28	5643	32	13209	35	5635	40
16236	24	4826	29	7091	32	16536	35	7109	40
13240	25	5667	29	10484	32	5869	36	9916	40
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Caucus Group 3 (Districts 41-61) Chairman Robert C. Guillery, RA #5 caucus3@floridakofc.org

Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District
4892	41	14495	46	15332	51	12071	56	14203	61
11226	41	6724	47	7052	52	13483	56	16735	61
14456	41	7282	47	7672	52	10498	57		
5737	42	12746	47	7997	52	11425	57		
17162	42	15675	47	9924	52	13624	57		
17249	42	7210	48	11553	52	6265	58		
2105	43	8095	48	15821	52	8440	58		
5131	43	14084	48	5399	53	9618	58		
13657	43	14278	48	8074	53	10886	58		
14178	43	5604	49	11483	53	4357	60		
15862	43	7414	49	12456	53	10757	60		
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12306	44	15231	49	7245	54	11281	60		
16929	44	3358	50	14717	54	14202	60		
8612	45	13341	50	8017	55	14698	60		
12110	45	13639	50	11284	55	6344	61		
12165	45	7826	51	7131	56	12178	61		
12956	46	13307	51	11177	56	10197	61		

Caucus Group 4 (Districts 62-86) Chairman William Van Keuren, RA#6 caucus4@floridakofc.org

Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District
5629	62	6988	65	11421	69	8382	73	15224	80
8009	62	12322	65	13051	69	6032	74	5972	81
12141	62	13139	65	13172	69	12240	74	10055	81
13153	62	2075	66	6590	70	14390	74	10087	81
3416	63	8419	66	8838	70	17477	76	17907	81
7514	63	12376	66	13355	70	4772	76	9888	82
12159	63	15619	66	15425	70	17003	76	10201	82
13042	63	3393	67	3080	71	7420	77	13369	82
13047	63	11669	67	4851	71	12880	77	14730	82
13055	63	16018	67	4955	71	15686	77	4800	83
6241	64	4839	68	16980	71	13654	78	4998	83
8048	64	12873	68	13118	72	15858	78	18228	83
10718	64	13338	68	16423	72	1726	79	3652	84
18167	64	13996	68	17299	72	3274	79	10823	84
4999	65	7166	69	17358	72	10663	80	10647	85
6569	65	11241	69	5971	73	12990	80	10415	86
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COMMITTEE TO ASSIST AT CONVENTION
Ed Sleyzak- State Warden

Chairman	Weldon “Tuey” Watkins, Marketing and Brands Director
Vice-Chairman	Robert Higgins, State Logistic Coord. & Marian Chairman
Vice-Chairman	William Kelly RA #02
Co-Chair	William Cosgrove, DD #29
Co-Chair	Christopher Berens Special Olympics Director
Co-Chair	James Noblin, DD #08*
Co-Chair	Albert Capone, DD #11
Co-Chair	Jimmy Hundley DD #12*
Co-Chair	Nicholas Mrozinske DD#14
Co-Chair	Robert Billoni, DD #16
Co-Chair	Greg Gully DD#17*
Co-Chair	Michael Sosinski, DD #27
Co-Chair	Billy Antley, DD #31
Co-Chair	Harold Richards, DD #32
Co-Chair	Paul Emiro, DD#39
Co-Chair	Benjamin Kristoff, DD#41
Co-Chair	Robert Bielicki, DD#43
Co-Chair	Harry Rother DD #28
Committee	GKs, Delegates, & Attendees TBA

Registration/Credentials Committee

Chairman	Richard Gallant, DD #65
Vice-Chairman	Chris Laudato, DD #69
Co-Chair	George Darmetko DD #62
Co-Chair	Peter Overhuls, DW #63
Co-Chair	Jesse Nasianceno, DW #64
Co-Chair	Raymond J. Abair DD #67
Co-Chair	Christopher G. Beckett, DD #68
Co-Chair	Peter R. Swanson, DD #70
Co-Chair	John Yardley DD #71
Co-Chair	Alexander A. Santos DD #74
Co-Chair	John Ramirez, DD #76
Co-Chair	Richard Amsden DD#72
Co-Chair	John Pisula DD#73
Co-Chair	Patrick Coggins DD#19
Co-Chair	Michael Coleman DD#24
Co-Chair	Robert Urrutia IPSD
Co-Chair	Michael Eddie DD #66
Committee	GKs, Delegates, & Attendees: TBA

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Chairman	Mark Lynn, State Vocation Chairman
Vice-Chairman	John Hashtak, DD #13*
Co-Chair	Bill Mc Clelland #42
Co-Chair	John Hansen, DD #49
Co-Chair	Kirk Brown, DD #50
Co-Chair	Richard Zahn, DD #52
Co-Chair	Norman Wagner, DD #55
Co-Chair	John Paddock, DD #56
Co-Chair	George Becker, DD #58
Co-Chair	Randolph Browne, DD#83
Co-Chair	Mark Berenz, DD#84
Committee	GKs, Delegates, & Attendees appointed by DDs

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Chairman	Dr. Dennis M. Dillenschneider, Sr. DD#6
Vice-Chairman	John Hashtak , DD#13
Co-Chair	Thomas Lavalley, DD #15
Co-Chair	Greg Gully, DD #17
Co-Chair	Stephen Ashley, DD #54
Committee	GKs, Delegates, & Attendees appointed by DDs

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairman	Chuck Demino DD #22
Vice-Chairman	Chuck Armstrong DD#18*
Co-Chair	Alan Gauzens, DD #40
Co-Chair	Paul Erni, DD #45
Co-Chair	Michael Trumbull, DD#44
Co-Chair	Arnold Neely, DD#85

COMMITTEE AT LARGE AT THE CONVENTION
Ed Sleyzak - STATE WARDEN

CHAIRMAN	Stephen Zajac, St. Life Director
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Osmany Periu, St. Family Director
Co-Chair	Rick Kiesau, DD #02
Co-Chair	Selestino Morales, DD #04
Co-Chair	Travis Robinson, DD #05
Co-Chair	Jerome Todd, DD #07
Co-Chair	James Noblin, DD #08*
Co-Chair	Nicholas Mrozinske DD#14
Co-Chair	John O Malley, DD #20
Co-Chair	Rogelio P Perez, DD #21
Co-Chair	James Ball DD # 26
Co-Chair	Joseph La Guardia, DD #35
Co-Chair	David Creamer, DD #37
Co-Chair	Mason Stevenson, DD #38
Co-Chair	George Nichols DD#34
Co-Chair	William Ingham, DD #47
Co-Chair	Manuel Gonzalez, DD #79
Co-Chair	Thomas Visney, DD #82
Committee	GKs, Delegates, & Attendees: TBA

Resolutions Committee

Chairman	State Advocate Robert Rasch
Co-Chair	
Co-Chair (Honorary)	james Schonefeld
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Committee	Harry Rother DD #28
Committee	John Yardley DD #71
Committee	George Elliott DD
Committee	Danny McIntyre, State Membership Director

Budget Committee

Chairman	Rich Dawn, State Treasurer
Co-chair	FSC State Officers
Committee	FSC Executive Board

Audit Committee

Chairman	Rich Dawn, State Treasurer
Co-Chair	Mark Anderson, FL KofC Charities Director
Committee	Allen Heyman
Committee	George Elliott
Committee	Jeff Vespo
Committee	Christopher Beckett
Committee	John Yardley
Committee	Ernie Jackson
Observer	Paul Unsworth
Observer	Mike Gizewski State Secretary
Observer	Ed Sleyzak State Warden
Observer	Robert Urrutia IPSD

FELICITATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman	Jeffery Vespo DD# 60
Vice-Chairman	Jon Engelbrektson DD#51
Co-Chair	George Elliot, DD #03*
Co-Chair	Jimmy Hundley DD #12
Co-Chair	Denis Milonas, DD #23
Co-Chair	John Conroy, DD #33
Co-Chair	James Stephens DD#61
Co-Chair	Michael Eddie, DD #66*
Committee	GKs, Delegates, & Attendees appointed by DDs

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Co-Chair	John Haag, DD #09

Co-Chair Edwin Thompson, DD#86

ELECTION TELLERS

Committee Allen Heyman, DD #53 *
Committee William Kelly RA #2

DISTRICT CAUCUS CHAIRMAN

Region 01 Chairman: Cesar Mascardo, RA #01

Region 02 Chairman: John Papa RA #04

Region 03 Chairman: Robert Guillery, RA #05

Region 04 Chairman: William Van Keuren, RA #06

Co-Chair
Committee

Thomas Scherch, DD #10
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Security Committee

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Co-Chair
Co-Chair
Co-Chair
Co-Chair
Co-Chair
Co-Chair
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Co-Chair
Co-Chair
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Co-Chair

Gerald Grillo, Regional Administrator #3

Pat Farrelly DD#30*
Chuck Armstrong DD#18*
Eddy Merlet DD30
Bill Quinn PGK
David Amrhein GK
Jose Montes DGK
Tom Berdis RA Asst 3
Robert Knapik KNOB
John Tarnif KNOB
Miles Brookes KNOB
Jose Cadet
Chris Fazio FDD (Friday Only)



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April 15, 2025

Richard P. Hughes State
Deputy
Florida State Council
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FL 33596-9217

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Richard,

In accordance with the Florida State Council By-laws, I am pleased to submit my final report for fraternal year 2024 - 2025.

The duties of the States Secretary as defined in Article VII; Section 3 of the Florida State Council By-Laws have been executed to completion.

In accordance with the current system of communicating bank deposits, transmittals, vouchers and approvals via electronic transmissions, all State Council funds, routed through this office, have been accounted for. Numerous vouchers have been drafted and approved and sent on to the State Treasurer for further processing. The annual outside audits for the 2023 - 2024 Fraternal Year for both the Florida State Council and Florida K of C Charities Inc. accounts has been conducted by the firm of Hoskins Quiros Osborne and LaBeaume, CPA, LLC, and the results will be published in the State Convention Report Book. IRS forms 990 2023-2024 Fraternal Year for both the Florida State Council and Florida K of Charities Inc. have also been completed and submitted to the IRS by the audit firm. As of April 15, 2025, we have collected \$385,78111 of State Per Capita assessments, representing 99.01% of all Active Councils in the Florida jurisdiction; collection effort for the remaining balance of Councils will continue for the rest of the Fraternal Year. The 2025 State Florida Per Capita assessments will be prepared for each Council and will be published on the State Website at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. The Liability Insurance policy has been renewed for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025.

All minutes for the Florida State Council Executive Board Meetings have been reported and will be archived. All official business transactions, routed through this office, have been completed and will be stored.

I would like to thank all the brothers who have participated in making this Fraternal Year a great success for our State Deputy, who has worked tirelessly to make sure that Florida is a strong, vibrant State Council.

It is always my honor and my privilege to serve the members of the Florida State Council as their State Secretary for the past Fraternal Year and I look forward to serving next year, if elected, as your Florida State Deputy.

Fraternally,

Michael P. Gizewski

Michael P. Gizewski, State Secretary



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Memorandum For: Richard Hughes, State Deputy
Delegates of the 121st Florida State Council Convention

Re: 2025 State Treasurer's Report
Dear Worthy State Deputy,

By the Florida State Council By-Laws, I am pleased to submit this final report regarding the financial Condition of the Florida State Council Knights of Columbus and the final report for Florida K of C Charities, Inc. as of March 31, 2025. As of this date, all deposits have been made and as of March 31, 2025, all accounts have been balanced. All vouchers you received and approved have been paid. All financial reports are up to date, and all entries in the financial records are current and reflect the true condition of the Florida State Council and Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

The proposed budgets were only presented but thoroughly discussed and reviewed by the Budget Committee. These budgets for 2025-2026 were meticulously crafted using the new membership figures as of April 1, 2025, and the actuals from the income and expenditure budgetary categories for this and last year's financial periods. The committee, with their valuable insights, reviewed and approved the proposed budgets for both General Funds and Florida K of C Charities, Inc. These budgets, which are attached to this Convention Report Book, are not just submitted, but are eagerly expected to be acted upon by the delegates of this 121st Annual Convention (The Annual Meeting) for the upcoming fraternal year.

The State Audit Committee reports on the internal audit for the Florida State Council and Florida K of C Charities, Inc. in a separate report, which can also be found in the report book.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the members of the Florida State Council as your State Treasurer for the last half of this fraternal year as well as the VP of Charities for the past 2 years. The opportunity and confidence afforded to myself by the State Board and State Directors has been overwhelming and my wife and I are looking forward to continuing assisting the Florida State Council for years to come.

Fraternally,

Rich Dahn



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April 28, 2025

Memorandum for: Richard Hughes, State Deputy
Executive Board, Florida State Council

Re: State Advocate Report

Worthy State Deputy Rick:

This will be my final report as your State Advocate. As of June 30, 2025, I will have served 6 years as the State Advocate, serving under 3 different State Deputies. Although all 3 of you have had different management styles, each of you have allowed me to function as the State Advocate in the manner that I felt best. I've been able to rely on my 52 years as a corporate executive and a trial lawyer in completing my tasks as State Advocate. I have been honored to serve as your State Advocate and be of whatever assistance and support I could provide to you.

Of course, as one could only expect as if there is a constant full moon, all hell has broken out within the last month. You have had to suspend a member who has now filed an appeal with Supreme. You have had to counsel multiple Grand Knights about the need to complete their personal Supreme-mandated Safe Environment training, even though it is a condition for achieving Star Council.

More recently, we have received battling cross formal complaints between a district deputy and a council. We are currently attempting to seek an informal resolution; however, if we are not able to do so, we will conduct a formal hearing before a trial committee.

As I stated earlier, it's been a privilege to serve as your State Advocate and at the same time sometimes challenging. Never a dull moment in the legal end of the Knights of Columbus. I look forward to being able to serve the Florida State Council in whatever capacity might seem appropriate. However, my days as the State Advocate are coming to a rapid close.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Rasch



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May 22nd, 2025

Richard P. Hughes
State Deputy
Florida State Council
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Dear Worthy State Deputy,

I confirm that I have fulfilled my duties as State Warden, as prescribed in Article VII, Section 6 of the FSC By-Laws. Working alongside my team, we ensured that proper decorum was maintained at all meeting places, accounted for all FSC paraphernalia, and kept the FSC storage units in good order. I acknowledge the efforts of the FSC State Convention committees for their work in ensuring that the upcoming meeting runs smoothly.

It has been a responsibility to serve this Florida jurisdiction by representing the Florida State Council (FSC) at various events and interacting with our Brother Knights and their families. I have been part of the board members who aim to bring the vision of Blessed & Fr. Michael J. McGivney to life within this jurisdiction.

I express my appreciation to my fellow Knights who entrusted me with the responsibility of serving as State Warden for the past year. Their support has been important in enabling me to fulfill my role for this jurisdiction. I also thank my fellow executive board members for their patience and understanding during my time as State Warden. I acknowledge the guidance and leadership of our State Deputy, ensuring that I perform effectively for this jurisdiction.

I look forward to the continued success of the Florida State Jurisdiction in the years to come. This concludes my report.

Vivat Iesus,

Edward Sleyzak

Edward F. Sleyzak
State Warden
Florida State Council



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Florida District

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Richard P. Hughes
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May 1, 2025

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Rick,

The Florida Jurisdiction of the Desoto Province of the 4th degree has had a busy year. I am happy to report that as of this writing there have been 4 exemplifications held in the jurisdiction with a total of 325 new Sir Knights. We have 1 more exemplification to be held in June at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach. We are still working on possibly during another exemplification in July as well.

This past February, The Supreme Master hosted a special degree in New York City at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Over 640 candidates took their degree as we had over 2000 members and their wives and family to witness the exemplification. The exemplification was held on the 22nd of February in honor of the 125th anniversary of the 4th degree. To coincide with this historic event, Supreme presented; for the first time the new exemplification of Patriotism. The new degree was very well received by everyone in attendance. On April 26th, 2025, The Florida Jurisdiction presented the new exemplification for 90 new members at Our Lady of the Angles in Lakewood Ranch Florida.

The Entire 4th degree team and I would like to Thank you for the continued support you and the Florida State Board have given us through out your 2 years as State Deputy. Congratulations on a very successful 2 years as State Deputy. You and your staff did a tremendous job these 2 years and it has been an honor and privilege to work with you these past few years.

Vivat Jesus,

Robert S. Urrutia

Robert S. Urrutia
Master
Florida Jurisdiction



May 1, 2025

State Deputy Richard P. Hughes
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Valrico, FL. 33596-9217

Florida State Council – State General Program Director's Final Report

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Rick:

Once again, it has been a distinct honor to work for the Florida State Council as your State General Programs Director for a fourth year. As in years past, the state encountered the usual challenges, but with the hard work and determination of the councils, alongside superb leadership in the state council, regions and districts, the majority of the councils in the great state of Florida have excelled and significantly promoted the principles of our order: CHARITY, UNITY & FRATERNITY.

The Knights of Columbus councils of Florida were at the forefront of service work to our churches and communities; providing solace to those less fortunate that needed our help and defend the most vulnerable among us. The participation of Florida Knights in the Faith, Family, Community and Life program activities not only exemplified our primary principle of Charity but greatly facilitated our Order's mission in "building the domestic church."

Florida's Councils continue to participate in service activities that are visible proof of the Order's commitment to evangelization. Florida led the way in Holy Hours, Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon, Rosaries, Spiritual Reflection, the ever-popular Eucharistic Processions and the much-loved Silver Rose presentation. Our brother knights continue to take the lead in bringing people back to the Church by the example of their service in charitable good works.

The Knights of Florida can always be counted on to support those who are in dire need and to unswervingly defend the most defenseless in our midst. We have held second place, behind California, in the Ultrasound Initiative for the entire past year; despite that we are very well ahead of third place with placement of over 150 ultrasounds since the Program was instituted. Florida has held fourth place in the nation for donations to the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program, sixth place in wheelchair placements and has consistently been in 1st place for the ASAP Pass-the-hat Initiative. The Knights of Columbus in Florida should also be proud of their successful and continuous efforts to actively support Special Olympics, both with volunteer service, monetary donations and our "plungers," raising money for Special Olympics every chilly February. Florida knights were well represented in all Marches for Life; nationally, statewide and locally. The Silver Rose visited more councils and parishes than it ever has in the past with Florida having two Silver Roses to travel through the state for nearly 30 days, thousands of Catholic Floridians got to see the Silver Rose in their parishes; and much thanks



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to the Knights on Bikes for transporting the Rose. Florida placed 9th nationwide in Coats for Kids. Food for Families program also had outstanding results, as is now expected in Florida. Two families from the Florida jurisdiction were nationally recognized as Family of the Month for the Order.

The Programs Team has the privilege every year of reviewing the many projects and programs carried out by our Councils in the past fraternal year. Selecting a winner is always difficult, but it is incredibly rewarding to see how Florida Councils embody the ideals expected of the Knights of Columbus. Every and all members of our Order in Florida are encouraged to motivate their Councils to report the good deeds of their Councils by submitting applications for awards on service activities, special projects, Chaplain of the Year, Family of the Year and Knight of the Year. A Council may not win, but its members will know that their good works are recognized and acknowledged by their leaders.

On behalf of the Programs Team, I present a hearty congratulations to all the Councils: those who win awards; those whose leaders recognized their members' work by submitting applications; and especially, those who continue to serve those who need our support the most in our communities and state.

Finally, as I thank all the members of the Programs Team for their contributions of their precious time and immeasurable talent to the Florida State Council, I must call to mind those who have served the Florida State Council in the Programs Team that will leave us. Brother Tony Constantini, our Hockey Shootout Co-chair, Brother Doug Blair, our trusted and faithful Youth Director for many, many years and Brother Larry Fusco, our hardworking Coats for Kids Chair, will retire after this year. The commitment of all the men in the Programs Team to our Order and the Florida State Council has made this another special and gratifying year indeed!

Faternally,

Kris Elliott

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris Elliott".

State General Programs Director

State Florida K of C Charities, Inc. Director

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05/02.2025

Memorandum For: Richard Hughes, State Deputy
Delegates of the 121st Florida State Council Convention

Worthy State Deputy Richard,

Brother Knights in Florida have been "Fishers of Men" this fraternal year. As this is written, Florida is at 89.25% of our annual goal. We are 19 in the Order. 2714 Catholic men in Florida have joined our Order to put their Faith into Action. We are nearing 61,000 knights in Florida. I am confident we will add the 327 men needed to meet the Circle of Honor goal and go well beyond.

Most of our Councils started early and have been building throughout the year. We continue to work to get the zero intake of councils' membership active. Another concerning trend is a small number of councils who hit 100% early and quit inviting men to join, or a few who added men as E-Members, but never brought them home with a ceremonial Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We are working with the DDs and RAs to resolve these issues, while maintaining a strong focus on helping the Councils who are growing. The number of strongly active Councils is at the highest level I can remember. They are to be commended.

We asked Councils to place extra emphasis this year on Membership Engagement. Engaging our existing members means keeping them in the communication loop and providing meaningful opportunities to assist the Council in meeting its mission. Engaged members invite other men to join, pay their dues, and help the Council develop new programs. When you go home from this convention, challenge all the men in your Council to reach out to 3-5 knights who aren't consistently active. Active knights help your Council in many ways, including inviting Catholic men to join our Order.

Invite Catholic men and their families who aren't yet knights to attend Fraternal Benefit Events. Invite our brother knights and their families too. Financial protection of families was an original goal of Order. It's still needed today. This is an excellent way to bring in new members and fully engage our existing brothers. Properly promote your FBEs to achieve the highest level of success. Our General Agents and Field Agents share our goal of growing our Order to Build His Body, which is the Church.

113 Councils achieved or exceeded their annual membership goal as of the latest Star Tracker (4/15/25). Another 16 are above 85%. Five Councils are already above 400%. Special recognition goes to Coral Springs Council 8838, who already added 132 men (880% of goal). They earned the first Florida State Council Century Award in a decade last year and followed it up with a repeat this

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year. 45 Districts have exceeded 100% of goal, with another 11 over 85%. Region 7 is already at 107% with 3 more Regions above 89%.

Let's band together, help one another, and finish this fraternal year with our best finish ever! Ask each brother knight to invite a Catholic man to join. Strengthen your Council, strengthen our Order... there is much work to be done. We need more Knights!

We opened 1 new Council this year, in Saint Johns. Are there parishes in your area without a KofC presence? Work with your DD, and the Membership team. Let's bring our Order to all parishes and missions and fulfill the plan Blessed Michael McGivney set into action 143 years ago. Florida has 24 Roundtables registered with Supreme. This is down since last year. Let's finish strong and get the RT reports submitted. Then make a note to do it again on July 1^a as Roundtables need to be reported every year.

Has your Council completed all the requirements for Star Council? By the time you are reading this report, there is only a month left. Finish the paperwork, fix Safe Environment issues now, and resolve now to get these requirements handled at the beginning of the year for the 25-26 fraternal year. Every year a few Councils miss the Star Council Award over 1 missing item. Don't let your Council fall short. The Star Council Award is a prestigious recognition for all of your members showing your Council met all of the Supreme requirements to be an excellent example of Catholic men working together to build their Faith, support our Church, and serve the community.

I continue to stay active in my Fourth-Degree responsibilities as District Marshal and Section Leader - Section

2. We are seeing more men with the uniform and more men responding to Color Corps callouts. This visibility should have a positive impact on membership growth opportunities. I encourage all Councils to promote membership in the Fourth Degree.

Everyone on the State Membership Team is committed to provide every Council and Knights of Columbus member in our Jurisdiction with the necessary tools and guidance to:

- Strengthen our presence at every Parish
- Give everyone the opportunity to learn about the benefits of being a Knight of Columbus
- Invite them to strengthen their Faith
- Come fully back to our Spiritual Home to practice our Faith with their Family, and
- Allow them to protect the financial future of their family

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We have a passion for the role of our Order in building the Body of Christ and we intend to bring that passion to every Council and member in our jurisdiction

I encourage all Councils to lead with ACTION in all their faith formation, programs, and parish/community support.

Catholic men and their families are looking for ways to grow their Faith and put their Faith into Action. Share your Knights of Columbus experience with them. Show them we are a band of brothers committed to using the power of Unity to strengthen our Faith, our Families, our Financial Security, and our outreach to our parish and community. INVITE them to join today. (kofc.org/join) Be a "Fisher of Men."

1..., 2..., 3..., ACTION!

On behalf of the entire State Membership Team, I want to thank you, Worthy State Deputy, for allowing us to serve and show that we can get Florida into the Circle of Honor again. I also ask all brothers to pray for the repose of the soul of Ron Clampi, who served the Florida State Council and the Membership team for many,

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danny McIntyre'.

Danny McIntyre



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April 18th, 2025

State Deputy Richard P. Hughes
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Florida State Council – State Marketing and Brands Director’s Final Report

Submitted by Weldon Otis Watkins III, State Marketing and Brands Director

The Florida State Council Marketing and Brands Committee proudly reports a productive 2024–2025 fraternal year, marked by growth, innovation, and service. Our mission remained centered on promoting the good works of the Florida State Council, its Councils and Assemblies, and the noble values of the Order.

Key Achievements:

- **Expanded Communication Channels:**
Utilized direct communication, Vertical Response, Mailchimp, the FSC Website, and social media (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube) to keep members informed and engaged.
- **Major Initiatives:**
 - Maintained a robust statewide event calendar.
 - Launched a Leaders Resource page, streamlining access to critical information.
- **Convention Support (2025):**
Our team ensured a seamless experience at the 2025 State Convention, supporting logistics, registration, security, hospitality, A/V operations, and post-convention breakdown and storage. Special thanks to Robert Higgins, and all volunteers whose dedication and faithfulness exemplified our Order’s values.

Committee Acknowledgments:

Gratitude to the following brothers for their outstanding service:

- **Public Relations:** Brother John O'Malley
- **Invocation Editors:** Brother Ed Sleyzak & Scott Huetteman
- **State Photographer:** Brother Harry Rother
- **State Communication Chairman:** Christopher J. Berens
- **State Audiovisual Coordinator:** William M. Cosgrove

New Appointments:

- State Advertising Chairman: Robert S. Billoni
- State Social Media Chairman: Mason Stevenson



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Conclusion:

The Marketing and Brands Committee stands stronger than ever, unified in purpose. We thank all who contributed their time and talent. With God's continued blessings, we move forward boldly to further the mission of the Knights of Columbus in Florida.

In closing, I am immensely grateful for the continued support and camaraderie demonstrated by our brothers throughout this journey. Together, I am confident in our ability to propel the Florida State Council and the Knights of Florida towards a future defined by excellence and unwavering dedication to our shared principles.

Thank you, Brothers, for your steadfast support and enduring friendship.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

Weldon Otis Watkins III

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Knights of Columbus

Florida State Council

April 28th, 2025

Richard P. Hughes
State Deputy
Florida State Council
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Valrico, FL 33596-9217

Dear Worthy State Deputy,

In the fraternal year July 1, 2024 ~ June 30, 2025, there have been many anniversaries and milestones in the Florida jurisdiction that the Florida State Council (FSC) gives recognition and appreciation for achieving.

When we think of the Milestones and Anniversaries in the State of Florida, we would be remiss if we did not begin with a brief history of the Catholic Church in the State of Florida. It was not until March 11, 1870, that Florida, east of the Apalachicola River, was designated as the Diocese of St. Augustine. The growth of the church in Florida from this Mother Diocese to the six additional dioceses and more than two million Catholics is a significant part of the story of the Catholic Church in the United States. From that Mother Diocese, the Diocese of Miami is formed in 1958, and in 1968 elevated to that of an Archdiocese. That same year, the Dioceses of Orlando and St. Petersburg is formed. In 1975 the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is formed, and finally in 1984 the Dioceses of Venice and Palm Beach are formed. It is within that history that the Felicitations committee, whom I would like to thank for all of their help and support, have created this Felicitations report for you and for all of our Brother Knights as part of the 121st Annual Convention of the Florida State Council.

The FSC, through the felicitations committee, would like to congratulate the following clergy and Parishes in the state of Florida on their 2025 Anniversaries and Milestones:

<u>Parishes</u>	<u>Diocese of St Augustine (1870)</u>
<i>150th Anniversary</i> St Ambrose Parish in Elkton	<u>Clergy</u> Bishop Emeritus Filepe Estevez
<i>130th Anniversary</i> St. Philip Neri Mission in Hawthorne St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Mission in Jasper	<i>55th Anniversary</i> Msgr. Simon Peter Ignacio
<i>50th Anniversary</i> Corpus Cristi Parish in St Augustine Holy Family Parish in Williston	<i>50th Anniversary</i> Rev. Jose Maniyangat <i>25th Anniversary</i> Rev. Timothy Cusick Rev. Ignatius Yeruva Rev. Cesar Torres-Pinzon
	<i>New Priests (6/7/25 Ordination)</i> Rev. Charles Ashley Bemis

Archdiocese of Miami (1958)

Parishes

100th Anniversary

Little Flower Parish in Coral Gables

75th Anniversary

Holy Redeemer Parish in Miami

40th Anniversary

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Miami

St Bonaventure Parish in Davie

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Coral Springs

St Mark Parish in Southwest Ranches

Clergy

Rev. Ronald Brohammer

Msgr. William Dever

Rev. Michael A. Kish

Rev. Martin Adu

Rev. Victor Babin

Rev. Carlos Céspedes- Serrano

Rev. Joseph Fishwick

65th Anniversary

Msgr. John Glorie

60th Anniversary

Msgr. Jude O'Doherty

Rev. Jeremiah Singleton

50th Anniversary

Rev. Michael J. Greer V.F

Rev. Javier Lopez

Rev. Joaquin Pérez-Pupo

25th Anniversary

Rev. Andrew Chan-A-Sue

Rev. Chidi Evaristus Ogbuagu

Rev. Ireneusz Ekiert

Rev. Juan Carlos Paguaga

Rev. Eduardo García Tamayo, SJ

Rev. Hector Perez

New Priests (5/10/25 Ordination)

Rev. Jakub Bereza

Diocese of St Petersburg (1968)

Parishes

165th Anniversary

Sacred Heart Parish in Tampa

100th Anniversary

St Mary Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Masaryktown

75th Anniversary

St. Jude Cathedral in St Petersburg

50th Anniversary

St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Clearwater

Clergy

Rev. Msgr. John A. Cippel

Msgr. Richard P. Funke

Rev. Msgr. Algimantas Bartkus

Rev. Kenneth Gerth, M.C.C.J.

Rev. Thomas Gwozdz, SDB

Rev. Msgr. Dennis E. Hughes

Rev. Michael Cormier

Very Rev. Dermot J. Dunne, VF

65th Anniversary

Rev. Paul Goudreau

60th Anniversary

Rev. George J. Markwell

50th Anniversary

Rev. Augustine Mailadiyil

Rev. Jacob Monteleone

25th Anniversary

Very Rev. Sojan Punakkattu, VF

Rev. Michael R. Smith

Diocese of Orlando (1968)

Parishes

60th Anniversary

Blessed Trinity Parish in Orlando

40th Anniversary

St. Jude Catholic Community in Ocala

St. Stephen Catholic Parish in Winter Springs

Clergy

Rev. Fabian G. Gimeno

Rev. Robert Kurber

Rev. Bernard Fernando

Rev. Ken Metz

Rev. William J. Neumann

Rev. Sajimon Muthirenthikal Chandy

Rev. Ralph I. DuWell

65th Anniversary

Rev. Joseph Long

60th Anniversary

Rev. Patrick J. Sheedy

Rev. William J. Slight, M.S.

50th Anniversary

Rev. Allen Stahl

25th Anniversary

Rev. Nazaire Massillon

Rev. Luis Osorio

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee (1975) – Celebrating 50th Anniversary as a Diocese

<u>Parishes</u>	<u>Clergy</u>
<i>180th Anniversary</i>	<i>60th Anniversary</i>
Blessed Sacrament Parish in Tallahassee	Rev. Msgr. C. Slade Crawford
<i>120th Anniversary</i>	<i>50th Anniversary</i>
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola	Rev. Msgr. Michael Tugwell
<i>50th Anniversary</i>	<i>40th Anniversary</i>
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Crawfordville	Rev. Joseph Callipare
St. Peter Parish in Mary Esther	Rev. Roy Marien
	Very Rev. Stephen Voyt, VF
	<i>25th Anniversary</i>
	Rev. Philip Fortin
	Rev. Douglas Halsema
	<i>New Priests (5/31/25 Ordination)</i>
	Rev. William Gibson
	Rev. Peter Jutras
	Rev. Christopher Holcomb
	Rev. Grant Stennott

Diocese of Palm Beach (1984)

<u>Parishes / Schools</u>	<u>Clergy</u>
<i>100th Anniversary</i>	<i>65th Anniversary</i>
Rosarian Academy in West Palm Beach	Rev. James Leone
<i>25th Anniversary</i>	<i>60th Anniversary</i>
St. Therese de Lisieux Parish in Wellington	Rev. James Bowman
	Rev. Richard Champigny
	Rev. Frank O'Loughlin
	<i>50th Anniversary</i>
	Rev. David Acker
	Rev. John Mericantante
	Msgr David Benz
	Rev. Michael O'Flaherty
	Rev. Stephen Duffy
	Rev. Adrian Torres
	Rev. Msgr Michael D. McGraw
	Rev. Joseph Torretto
	<i>25th Anniversary</i>
	Very Rev. Gavin J. Badway
	Rev. Brian G. King
	Rev. Robert G. Benko, OFM
	Rev. Kevin C. Nelson
	Rev. Juan Raúl Cárdenas
	Rev. Paul C. Nguyen
	Rev. Timothy Cusick
	Rev. Daniel Pal, OFM Conv.
	Rev. Geto Jacques

Diocese of Venice (1984)

<u>Parishes</u>	<u>Clergy</u>
<i>115th Anniversary</i>	<i>35th Anniversary</i>
St. Francis Xavier Parish in Fort Myers	Rev. Paul Dechant, O.S.F.S.
<i>70th Anniversary</i>	Rev. Claudio Stewart
St. Ann Parish in Naples	<i>25th Anniversary</i>
<i>60th Anniversary</i>	Rev. Saji Ellickal Joseph, MCBS
St. Andrew Parish in Cape Coral	Rev. Mark Yavarone, OMV
St. Cecilia Parish in Fort Myers	Rev. Luis H. Pacheco
<i>50th Anniversary</i>	<i>20th Anniversary</i>
Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in LaBelle	Rev. Austine Ignasi
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Naples	Rev. Elbano Munoz
	Rev. Reji Joseph, O.S.F.S.
	Rev. Gordon Zanetti
	Rev. Simon Hoang Minh Dao, C.R.M.

The FSC, through the felicitations committee, would also like to congratulate the following Councils and Assemblies in the state of Florida on their 2025 Anniversaries:

75th Anniversary

San Jose Council #3270
Coral Gables Council #3274
Our Lady of Victory Council #3358
Lake Worth Council #3393

50th Anniversary

Mother Seton Council #6724
Monsignor Ed Thompson Assembly #1667
Lake County Assembly #1675

25th Anniversary

Epiphany Council #12569
San Jose Council #12619
Switzerland Council #12664
North Eleuthera Council #12692
Saint Sharbel Council #12699

Saint John Bosco Council #12746
Saint Mary Cathedral Council #12758
Annunciation Council #12761
Frank J. Durbin Assembly # 2608

Councils and Assemblies Formed since 120th Annual Convention of the Florida State Council

Holy Spirit Council #18557
St Mark the Evangelist Council #18677

St John XXIII Assembly #4015

The felicitations committee apologizes if we missed or did not recognize any other anniversaries or milestones in this report.

I would like to thank my committee for their invaluable assistance in researching these milestones and for those who have helped to provide us with the information. This concludes the felicitations report.

Fraternally,

Jeffrey Vespo

**SK Jeffrey T. Vespo, PGK, PFN
Felicitations Committee Chairman
DISTRICT DEPUTY #60**



Felicitations Committee: Vice-Chairman DD#51, Jon Engelbrektsen; Co-Chairs: George Elliott, DD #03; Jimmy Hundley, DD #12; Denis Milonis, DD #23; John Conroy, DD #33; James Stephens, DD#61; Michael Eddie, DD #66



April 28, 2025

Memorandum for: Richard Hughes, State Deputy
Executive Board, Florida State Council

Re: State Historian Report

Dear Clergy, Worthy State Board, and Brother Knights,

I am proud of the Historical Team who work with me for the Florida State Council. It has been a busy time since the Organization Meeting in December 2024. I have done a lot behind the scenes which is why I am proud to be a State Historian and Curator.

Communicated with the State Warden Ed Sleyzak that five 8x10 frames will need replacement.

Arrangements have been made with George "Monk" Lopez to welcome a leather vest from the Knights on Bikes at the 2025 State Convention. Programs Director Kris Elliott and I purchased a mannequin from my new neighbor. We plan to display the vest so that delegates will be able to walk around it rather than just by laying on a table.

Former Master John O'Toole agreed to be our Sabre Consultant because of his authoritative knowledge on Fourth Degree swords.

State Warden provided new plastic containers which most of the archives that would fit were placed within.

History reinforces Programs which builds interest amongst membership. I plan to keep working with the State Deputy, State Marketing, State Warden, and State Programs as we are involved in exciting projects.

God Bless and Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

Sean P Denny
Sean P Denny

Florida State Council Knights of Columbus State Curator Historian



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Richard P. Hughes
State Deputy
Florida State Council
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Valrico, FL 33596-9217

Dear Worthy State Deputy,

The Good of the Order's purpose is to focus on our Catholic values, aid brothers, and provide areas of prayer to your councils. I now present the Good of the Order Report.

Good of the Order Report

Under the continued Solidarity with our Priests, Seminarians, and Religious:

We Request ...

- Continued prayers for, and support in solidarity with, the Pontiff, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious and Seminarians.
- Continued support for our Council and Chapter Chaplains and our Assembly Friars, including hosting Diocesan-wide clergy and religious appreciation events every year.
- Continued support for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney with prayers and by enrolling in the Fr. McGivney Guild, to report any favors received to the Guild and to invoke his blessings upon each Council during their opening or closing prayers.
- Councils to remember our Priests when choosing a council Knight of the Month or Knight of the Year and to remember them when applying for State Awards.
- All Councils to continue prayerful and monetary support of our Seminarians and all Religious Vocations, through increased participation in the RSVP program to ensure that every seminarian or religious is supported and never needs to cease their vocational pursuit due to financial concerns.



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Under the continued support of our Country and Patriotism:

We encourage ...

- Continued support and prayers for our elected officials, public servants, our military service members and their families, law enforcement and first responders, especially during these challenging times.
- Members and their families to vote consistently with the teachings of the Church in every election, and to especially show the courage to stand firm in support of Right to Life and the fight to end abortion.
- Support for all efforts to keep "...under God" in the US Pledge of Allegiance.
- Awareness of the need for spiritual and medical support for all of our active military and veterans, and to volunteer in and support the USO, VA and Florida Veterans' Homes, VA hospitals and VA cemetery ministries.
- All Knights to become informed on the issues concerning the protection of religious liberty and participate as faithful citizens in events that demonstrate our faith.
- All Knights to become 4th Degree members of our Order and to encourage all Assemblies to assist, as needed, any brother seeking the Patriotic 4th Degree.
- All Knights to display a US flag at their home and/or business and to ensure that the flag is properly exhibited per flag etiquette in all public circumstances.

Under the continued Support for the Right to Life: We Encourage ...

- Support for Life in all of its stages and the promotion of the sanctity of life.
- Continued support for the Diocesan Right to Life Committees, the Supreme Ultrasound Initiatives, and all other Pro-Life efforts in word, prayer, and monetary support.
- Council participation in the running of the Silver Rose across Florida Pro-Life event.
- All Councils to promote, support and attend local and Diocesan Life Campaigns, and other prayerful witness events for life.
- Encourage each Council to support local Pregnancy Resource Centers, Maternity Homes, and other Pro-Life ministries through Council efforts and the ASAP Program.



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- Council support to and/or participation in Special Olympic events, that provide these special children of God with socialization and life-enrichment opportunities.

Additionally, We Encourage ...

- All Councils to participate in at least two Membership Invitation drives each year, and each Brother Knight to ask at least one other Catholic gentleman each year to become a member of our Order.
- Each Brother Knight to call or visit members and their families in their local Councils who are sick or in distress.
- Delegates and representatives to the State Convention to place names of Brothers and their families in need into the Good of the Order Intentions booklet, for remembrance at the Convention closing Mass.
- Councils to maintain an active retention committee to reach out to brothers rarely seen and to reach out to widows of deceased brothers to ensure they are well.
- Councils to remember our deceased Brother Knights at an annual memorial Mass and to invite the widows and families of deceased Brother Knights to major Council activities.
- Councils to increase Round Table participation with unserved parishes in their area, where applicable.
- Each Brother Knight to take advantage of the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program and to discuss protection for his family with local Field Agent.
- Council officers promote and participate in leadership development opportunities to ensure the success and growth of their council and the Order.
- All Councils to request each member wear his name badge, Council shirt, or 3rd Degree Emblem pin to Mass each Sunday to increase the visibility of the Knights in the parish.
- All Councils to actively reach out to Parish young adult groups and OCIA to introduce them to the Order, and to support local college councils.
- All current first-degree and second-degree members to strive to advance to full knighthood through the unified Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and for Councils to increase council membership through E-Membership.

It has been an Honor to serve under you and look forward to working with the new State Deputy,



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Fraternally,

Chairman Chuck Demino DD#22

Good of the Order Committee:

Chuck Armstrong DD#18

Alan Gauzens DD#40

Paul Erni DD#45

Michael Trumbull DD#44

Arnold Neely DD#85

Edwin Thompson DD#86



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121st Annual State Convention

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Section 3

Audit Committee Report

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Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

04/24/2025

Memorandum For: Richard Hughes, State Deputy
Delegates of the Florida State Council 121st State Convention

Re: 2025 Florida State Council and FL K of C Charities, Inc. Audit Committee Report

Worthy State Deputy and Delegates of the Convention,

In accordance with the Florida State Council By-Laws, from April 14-April 24, 2025, the Audit Committee conducted a thorough examination of all the accounts and financial records of the Florida State Council (FSC) and Florida K of C Charities, Inc. (FLKofCC) as maintained by the State Treasurer. The following members materially participated in the audit:

Chairman: Richard Dahn State Treasurer
Co-Chairman: Marc Anderson, State Charities Director & V.P. of FL K of C Charities, Inc.
Committee: Cesar Mascardo, RA #01
Committee: George R. Elliott, JR, DD #03
Committee: Greg Gully DD #17
Committee: Billy W. Antley, DD#31
Committee: Paul Emiro, DD#39
Committee: Allen Heyman, DD#53
Committee: Jeffrey Vespo, DD 60
Committee: Christopher Beckett, DD#68
Committee: John Yardley, DD#71
Committee: Ernest Jackson, GK 8086
Observer: Michael Gizewski, State Secretary
Observer: Edward Sleyzak, State Warden
Observer: Robert Urrutia, IPSD
Advisor: Paul Unsworth, Assistant State Treasurer

We present to you the findings of the remote audit conducted for the accounting period from July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. We are pleased to report that the process was conducted meticulously, with comprehensive review and analysis facilitated by the electronic repository of records made available by the State Treasurer, Rich Dahn.

Audit Process:

- The audit was conducted remotely, and physical records were not examined. Instead, the state treasurer provided electronic copies of all physical records.
- Our audit reviewed vouchers, transmittals, bank statements, reconciliation reports, and account records for the aforementioned accounting period.
- Beginning and ending balances deposits and disbursements were thoroughly verified to ensure accuracy and compliance.

- We are pleased to confirm that the financial accounting process for the period under review was accurate and in accordance with proper accounting practices.

Findings:

- Electronic copies of physical records were found to be in excellent order, complete, and accurate, facilitating our audit process.
- Minor discrepancies in logs and records were identified, which were promptly rectified with ease.

Support from the Committee:

- The State Treasurer provided invaluable assistance throughout the audit process.
- He ensured the availability of electronic record repositories and extended full support in reviewing the state's electronic files.
- Additionally, the observers provided essential insights into the policies and accounting practices adopted by the Florida State Council and Florida K of C Charities.

Documentation:

- For reference purposes, copies of the Florida State Council By-Laws and the Florida K of C Charities By-Laws were included in the electronic repositories.
- A detailed description of the financial processing operations of both organizations was also provided for comprehensive understanding.

In conclusion, the State Treasurer thanks the State Audit Committee for their cooperation and assistance throughout the audit process. Our findings reflect a commendable level of compliance and accuracy in financial reporting. We remain committed to upholding the highest standards of transparency and accountability within our organization.

If you have any questions or require further clarification on our findings, please do not hesitate to let the State Treasurer know.

The Committee wishes to express thanks for being allowed to serve the Florida State Council and Florida K of C Charities, Inc. for the Good of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman: Rich Dahn, State Treasurer: *Rich Dahn*

Co-Chairman: Marc Anderson, State Charities Dir. & V.P. of FL K of C Charities, Inc.:
Marc Anderson

Committeeman: Cesar Mascardo, RA #01: *Cesar Mascardo*

Committeeman: George R. Elliott, JR, DD #03: *George R. Elliott*

Committeeman: Greg Gully, DD #17: *Greg Gully*


Committeeman: Billy W. Antley, DD #31




Committeeman: Paul Emiro, DD #39:



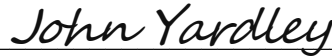
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Committeeman: Christopher Beckett, DD #68:



Committeeman: John Yardley, DD #60:



Committeeman: Jeffrey Vespo, DD #60:



Committeeman: Ernest Jackson GK #8086:



Observer: Michael Gizewski, State Secretary

Observer: Edward Sleyzak, State Warden

Observer: Robert Urrutia, IPSD

Advisor: Paul Unsworth, Assistant State Treasurer

Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

Audited Financial Statements
and Other Information

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

Audited Financial Statements
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June 30, 2024 and 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Knights of Columbus Florida State Council
Valrico, FL

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Knights of Columbus Florida State Council (nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Knights of Columbus Florida State Council as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 and its support, revenue, and expenses for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note A.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Knights of Columbus Florida State Council and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note A of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note A, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Knights of Columbus Florida State Council's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Knights of Columbus Florida State Council's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Knights of Columbus Florida State Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of program and administrative expenses - cash basis on page 13 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Hoskins Quiros Patel & Loid CPA, LLC

Hoskins Quiros Patel & Loid CPA, LLC
Certified Public Accountants
Orlando, Florida
March 31, 2025

Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets - Cash Basis

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 162,034	\$ 178,034
Total Current Assets	<u>162,034</u>	<u>178,034</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 162,034</u>	 <u>\$ 178,034</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Card	\$ 1,581	\$ 720
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,581</u>	<u>720</u>
 Net Assets	 <u>160,453</u>	 <u>177,314</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>160,453</u>	<u>177,314</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 162,034</u>	 <u>\$ 178,034</u>

Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

Statements of Support, Revenue, and Expenses - Cash Basis

For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Change in Net Assets:		
Support and Revenue		
Council Dues	\$ 376,838	\$ 380,343
General Activities (bibles, etc.)	36,196	39,056
State Convention	106,604	102,302
Supreme Convention	36,674	8,000
Miscellaneous	<u>6,205</u>	<u>16,337</u>
Total Support and Revenue	562,517	546,038
Expenses		
Program and Administrative	<u>579,378</u>	<u>530,529</u>
Total Expenses	579,378	530,529
Change in Net Assets	(16,861)	15,509
Total Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>177,314</u>	<u>161,805</u>
Total Net Assets at End of Year	<u><u>\$ 160,453</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 177,314</u></u>

Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Activity of Organization

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of Knights of Columbus Florida State Council (the Organization). The Organization is a not-for-profit entity. Knights of Columbus Florida State Council is an unincorporated organization. The Organization is a Fraternal Catholic charitable organization whose purpose is to provide funds for the community, council and youth. The Organization is authorized to function through their Supreme Council, The Knights of Columbus.

Basis of Accounting

The Organization's policy is to prepare their financial statements on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting recognizes certain revenue and the related assets when received, rather than when earned, and recognizes certain expenses when paid, rather than when the obligation is incurred.

The Organization discloses information regarding its assets, liabilities, and net assets and its support, revenues, and expenses according to two classes of net assets as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. The Organization's board may designate assets without restrictions for specific operational purposes from time to time.

Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where by the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity. The Organization did not have any net assets with donor restrictions for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash

Cash consists of checking or savings accounts.

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Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION – CONTINUED

Revenue Recognition

Council Dues: A majority of the Organization's support and revenue is received from council dues. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, there were over 400 councils with over 50,000 members.

Contributions: Contributions received are disclosed as net assets with donor restrictions or net assets without donor restrictions depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction ends, or the purpose of the restriction is accomplished, donor restricted net assets are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

Contributed Services: No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for donated services. The Organization generally pays for services requiring specific expertise. Many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks in assisting the Organization, but these services do not meet the criteria for recognition as contributed services.

Special Events: The Organization supports its operation by coordinating fund raising events and activities. As such, the Organization recognizes revenues when received.

Property and Equipment

The Organization capitalizes property and equipment at cost or, if donated, at fair market value at the date of acquisition.

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Organization had not capitalized any property and equipment acquisitions.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Organization maintains its cash balances with quality financial institutions. The balances may at times exceed federally insured limits.

Income Tax Status

The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Florida. As a result, income earned in furtherance of the entities' tax-exempt purpose is exempt from federal and state income taxes and; accordingly, the financial statements include no provision for income taxes.

As of June 30, 2024, the Organization is no longer subject to income tax examination, with certain exceptions, by the U.S. federal taxing authorities for any tax years prior to the last three tax years.

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Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION – CONTINUED

Functional Classification of Expenses

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to program or supporting function. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. Expenses which are associated with a specific function are charged directly to the function. Other expenses which benefit more than one function are allocated to the various functions.

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements that follow. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Services	Supporting Services		
	Community Programs & Support Services	Management & General	Fundraising	Grand Total
Organizational Meeting	\$ 54,178	\$ 18,059	\$ -	\$ 72,237
State Convention	174,312	58,104	-	232,416
Supreme Convention	31,188	10,396	-	41,584
General Activities (cards, etc.)	27,908	-	-	27,908
General (web page, printing, etc.)	73,207	-	-	73,207
General Programs	16,928	-	-	16,928
Membership	605	202	-	807
Liability Insurance	76,837	25,612	-	102,449
Council Activities	5,900	-	-	5,900
Youth Activities	5,750	-	-	5,750
Bank Fees	144	48	-	192
Total	<u>\$ 466,957</u>	<u>\$ 112,421</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 579,378</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION – CONTINUED

Functional Classification of Expenses – Continued

	Year Ended June 30, 2023			
	Program Services	Supporting Services		
	Community Programs & Support Services	Management & General	Fundraising	Grand Total
Organizational Meeting	\$ 50,826	\$ 16,942	\$ -	\$ 67,768
State Convention	164,084	54,695	-	218,779
Supreme Convention	15,719	5,240	-	20,959
General Activities (cards, etc.)	22,272	-	-	22,272
General (web page, printing, etc.)	70,893	-	-	70,893
General Programs	8,616	-	-	8,616
Membership	2,712	904	-	3,616
Liability Insurance	78,488	26,163	-	104,650
Family Activities	161	-	-	161
Council Activities	9,318	-	-	9,318
Youth Activities	3,310	-	-	3,310
Regional Exemplification	187	-	-	187
Total	<u>\$ 426,586</u>	<u>\$ 103,943</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 530,529</u>

Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through March 31, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following reflects the Organization's financial assets as of the balance sheet date, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions.

	2024	2023
Financial assets at year-end	\$ 162,034	\$ 178,034
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year	-	-
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditure within one year	<u>\$ 162,034</u>	<u>\$ 178,034</u>

As part of the Organization's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

OTHER INFORMATION

Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

Schedules of Program and Administrative Expenses - Cash Basis

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

<u>Program and Administrative Expenses:</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Organizational Meeting	\$ 72,237	\$ 67,768
State Convention	232,416	218,779
Supreme Convention	41,584	20,959
General Activities (cards, etc.)	27,908	22,272
General Activities (web page, printing, etc.)	73,207	70,893
General Programs	16,928	8,616
Membership	807	3,616
Liability Insurance	102,449	104,650
Family Activities	-	161
Council Activities	5,900	9,318
Youth Activities	5,750	3,310
Regional Exemplification	-	187
Bank Fees	<u>192</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<u>\$ 579,378</u>	<u>\$ 530,529</u>

**Florida State Council General Fund
Budget Planning Fraternal Year 2024-2025**

\$12 Per capita rate, Regular Members

Subaccount	FY 23-24 Actuals	FY 24-25 Actuals (4/17/25)	FY 24-25 Budget	FY 25-26 Proposed Budget
Revenue				
100 Per Capita Income				
1000 Per Capita	376,834.47	388,714.02	389,658.00	397,600.00
Total 100 Per Capita	\$ 376,834.47	\$ 388,714.02	\$ 389,658.00	\$ 397,600.00
110 General Activities Income		0.00		
1120 Coats for Kids		2,758.40		
1200 Christmas Cards & Sales	14,731.23	13,574.50	10,000.00	10,000.00
1250 Misc. Receipts	2,358.00	1,000.00	0.00	
1300 Bible Sales				
1310 Vocations	7,260.25	1,966.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total 110 General Activities Income	\$ 24,349.48	\$ 19,298.90	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
120 Supreme Administrative Income		0.00		
1030 Sup Recruit Incentive Income	1,868.63	1,500.00		
1040 Supreme Disaster Assistance	2,000.00	50,000.00		
Total 120 Supreme Administrative Income	\$ 3,868.63	\$ 51,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
150 State Sale Income		0.00		
1500 State Pin Sales	3,194.00	304.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
1510 State Merchandise Misc		0.00		
1520 State Shirts	8,653.04	883.99	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total 150 State Sale Income	\$ 11,847.04	\$ 1,187.99	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
160 Convention Income				
1600 Convention Activities	8,854.45	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
1610 Convention Ad Book	14,175.00	4,920.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
1611 Convention Sponsorships		0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
1612 Florida K of C Charities Sponsorships		0.00		
1615 Convention Ladies Luncheon	5,735.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
1620 Convention Banquet	48,000.00	(1,680.00)	50,000.00	50,000.00
1630 Convention Breakfast		0.00		0.00
1640 Convention Registration	19,250.00	(945.00)	20,000.00	20,000.00
1670 Hotel Rebate	10,590.00	10,000.00	13,000.00	10,000.00
Total 160 Convention Income	\$ 106,604.45	\$ 12,295.00	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 131,000.00
165 Supreme Convention Income				
1625 Supreme Convention Tours	8,988.43	0.00		
1635 Supreme Convention Registration	8,759.76	0.00		
1655 Supreme Convention AD Booklet	9,850.00	0.00		

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Subaccount	FY 23-24 Actuals	FY 24-25 Actuals (4/17/25)	FY 24-25 Budget	FY 25-26 Proposed Budget
1665 Supreme Convention Merchandise	4,199.92	0.00		
1685 Supreme Convention Activities	11,425.76	0.00		
Total 165 Supreme Convention Income	\$ 43,223.87	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
170 Installation Income				
1700 Installation Banquet		0.00		
Total 170 Installation Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
175 Organizational Meeting Income				
1750 Organizational Meeting	1,840.00	325.00		1,500.00
1760 Organizational Meeting Banquet	8,500.00	0.00		
1770 Mid-Year Meeting		3,792.00		0.00
Total 175 Organizational Meeting Income	\$ 10,340.00	\$ 4,117.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500.00
190 Bank Adjustmennt - Income				
1900 Interest Inc.	2,165.20	0.00		
1910 Bank Adjustment	1.00	0.00		
Total 190 Bank Adjustmennt - Income	\$ 2,166.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Revenue	\$ 579,234.14	\$ 477,112.91	\$ 544,658.00	\$ 551,100.00
Expenditures				
300 Per Capita Expense				
3000 Per Capita Returns		309.00		0.00
Total 300 Per Capita Expense	0.00	309.00	0.00	0.00
308 Organizational Meeting Expense				
3005 Organizational Gen Expenses	27,640.41	23,755.46	28,000.00	28,000.00
3035 Mid Year Gen Expenses	27,721.16	24,248.90	28,000.00	28,000.00
3070 Mid-Year Mtg Mieagal/PerDiem	3,601.06	2,779.64	5,000.00	5,000.00
3080 Organizational Mtg Mil/perdeim	4,112.67	3,427.51	5,000.00	5,000.00
3085 Organizational Meeting Banquet	9,554.07	0.00		
Total 308 Organizational Meeting Expense	\$ 72,629.37	\$ 54,211.51	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 66,000.00
309 Special Event Expense				
3060 Installation of Officers		0.00		
3090 Supreme Convention Expense	3,384.53	3,598.39	10,500.00	10,500.00
Total 309 Special Event Expense	\$ 3,384.53	\$ 3,598.39	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
310 General Activities Expense				
3010 State Deputy Expenses		121.98	2,000.00	2,000.00

**Florida State Council General Fund
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Subaccount		FY 23-24 Actuals	FY 24-25 Actuals (4/17/25)	FY 24-25 Budget	FY 25-26 Proposed Budget
3020 State Officers Expenses		1,190.67	348.30	3,000.00	3,000.00
3025 DD Expenses		18,487.99			
3050 State Officers Meetings			1,845.73	18,000.00	18,000.00
3054 Regional Administrator Expense			135.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
3055 Dir & Chairman Mileage&PerDiem		324.50	509.28	1,200.00	1,200.00
3100 State Newsletter			659.88		
3110 State Directory		0.00	0.00	8,000.00	7,000.00
3120 Printing_ General Fund			0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
3130 State Web Page & Internet Serv/Newsletter 3100		27,665.67	18,691.12	28,000.00	28,000.00
3140 State Equip Purchase		741.18	238.33	2,000.00	1,000.00
3145 State Equip Storage		8,987.57	6,419.83	7,800.00	7,500.00
3150 Coats for Kids			2,758.40		0.00
3160 Disaster Assistance Distribution		2,000.00	50,700.00		0.00
3200 Name Badges		2,920.24	307.53	2,000.00	2,000.00
3250 Equipment Maintenance		331.23	(142.57)	0.00	
3260 Other Administrative Expenses		4,449.12	(53.49)	0.00	
3300 Annual CPA Audit		5,825.00	6,230.00	6,000.00	6,500.00
Total 310 General Activities Expense		\$ 72,923.17	\$ 88,769.32	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 78,700.00
340 Convention Expense					
3401 Activities including Friday Night Entertainment		40,153.07	0.00	41,258.00	40,000.00
3405 State Convention Per Diem-Mileage		91,675.75	-4,412.75	100,000.00	100,000.00
3410 State Convention Awards		5,613.64	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
3416 State Convention Ladies Luncheon		6,200.09	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
3420 State Convention Banquet		39,812.31	0.00	44,000.00	44,000.00
3424 State Convention Registration Expense		16,924.00	0.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
3430 State Convention Expenses		32,369.37	1,527.99	12,000.00	12,000.00
3431 Advertising/Promotional		120.00	0.00		
3433 Sunday Breakfast Expense			0.00		
3440 State Convention Printing		4,358.11	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
3461 Other Business Exp		1,271.81	312.12		
3470 Hotel, Hotel Related Costs A/V		117.58	0.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Total 340 Convention Expenses		\$ 238,615.73	-\$ 2,572.64	\$ 235,758.00	\$ 234,500.00
345 Supreme Convention Expense					
3415 Sup Convention Ladies Luncheon					
3425 Supreme Convention Registration		1,514.31	0.00		

**Florida State Council General Fund
Budget Planning Fraternal Year 2024-2025**

Subaccount	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
	Actuals	Actuals (4/17/25)	Budget	Proposed Budget	
3435 Supreme Convention Tours	11,503.53	0.00			
3445 Supreme Convention AD Booklet	3,979.22	0.00			
3465 Supreme Convention Merchandise	10,083.00	0.00			
3475 Supreme Convention Volunteer Support	3,332.87	0.00			
3485 Supreme Convention Activities	12,150.61	0.00			
Total 345 Supreme Convention Expense	42,563.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
350 General Program Expense					
3030 State Program Administrator Exp		211.25	0.00		
3105 Vocations	16,799.95	0.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
3500 Program Administrator Meeting		0.00			
3510 Program Administrator Postage & Mailing	128.00	0.00			
3600 Gen. Program Printing		0.00			
3610 General Programs Misc		9.93	0.00		
Total 350 General Program Expense	\$ 16,927.95	\$ 221.18	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
370 Membership Expense					
3700 Membership Supplies & Awards	112.88	-221.32	4,000.00		4,000.00
3710 Membership Meetings		0.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
3720 Membership Postage & Phone	521.30	127.47	500.00		500.00
3730 Membership Printing	25.80	1,073.93	2,000.00		2,000.00
3740 Sup Recruit Incentive Exp	146.58	151.58	0.00		0.00
Total 370 Membership Expense	\$ 806.56	\$ 1,131.66	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
380 Public Relation Expense					
3800 Public Relations Activities		0.00			
Total 380 Public Relation Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
390 State Sale Expense					
3910 Bible Sales		0.00			
3915 State Pin	3,400.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
3920 Christmas Card Expense	12,090.73	10,823.20	10,000.00		10,000.00
3925 State Shirts	12,416.76	1,130.35	5,000.00		5,000.00
3935 Misc Merchandise Expense		31,404.00			0.00
Total 390 State Sale Expense	\$ 27,907.49	\$ 45,357.55	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
400 Liability Insurance - Expense					
4000 Liability Insurance	102,449.00	121,019.35	110,000.00		120,000.00
Total 400 Liability Insurance - Expense	\$ 102,449.00	\$ 121,019.35	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
410 Family Activities Expense					

**Florida State Council General Fund
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Subaccount	FY 23-24 Actuals	FY 24-25 Actuals (4/17/25)	FY 24-25 Budget	FY 25-26 Proposed Budget
4100 Family Activities		0.00		
4110 Family Flowers		0.00		
Total 410 Family Activities Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
420 Council Activities Expense				
4210 Fraternal Recognition	5,804.45	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
4220 Special Projects	96.00	0.00		0.00
Total 420 Council Activities Expense	\$ 5,900.45	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
430 Youth Activities Expense				
4300 Youth Activities	1,204.94	-375.00	900.00	900.00
4310 Youth Spelling Bee	420.00	0.00		0.00
4320 Youth Soccer	1,980.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4330 Youth Altar Server of the Year	2,145.16	397.81	0.00	0.00
4340 Youth Basketball Free Throw		0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 430 Youth Activities Expense	\$ 5,750.10	\$ 22.81	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00
445 Regional Exemplification Expenses				
4450 Regional Team Expenses		0.00		
Total 450 Regional Exemplification Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
450 Bank Adjustment - Expense				
4500 Bank Fees & Returned Checks		0.00		
4520 Credit Card charges	192.35	-13.80		
Total 450 Bank Adjustment - Expense	\$ 192.35	-\$ 13.80	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 590,050.24	\$ 318,054.33	\$ 544,658.00	\$ 551,100.00
Net Operating Revenue	-\$ 10,816.10	\$ 159,058.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00



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Report Book

Section 4

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Director Report

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**Florida State Council – State Florida K of C Charities, Inc. Director’s Final Report**

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Rick:

I am both blessed and humbled by the opportunity to serve as Vice President and Director of Florida K of C Charities, Inc. This past year brought significant challenges, testing our resolve and resilience. The back-to-back impact of Hurricanes Helene (September 2024) and Milton (October 2024), occurring within just two weeks of each other, compounded devastation across Florida. These storms strained emergency response systems, delayed recovery efforts, and highlighted the state’s vulnerability to consecutive natural disasters.

Nevertheless, through these trials, we have grown in experience and demonstrated extraordinary resilience. The unwavering dedication of our Directors, Chairmen, and Team Leaders enabled us to respond more swiftly and effectively. Your commitment consistently rose to meet the moment, going above and beyond every expectation.

Charity stands at the heart of our Order as its first and most enduring guiding principle. To all of you across the state, I extend my heartfelt thanks not only for your generous monetary support, but also for the time and talent you have devoted to serving those in need.

Our shared devotion has never wavered. Because of your efforts, we continue to deliver meaningful assistance to programs and communities in need throughout Florida.

Vocations continues to be one of the most vital programs we support through Florida K of C Charities, Inc. Our bishops, priests, and seminarians are the spiritual foundation of our Church and essential to the future of our Catholic faith. By supporting them, we help ensure that vital diocesan ministries not only continue but flourish, strengthening parishes, forming future leaders, and nurturing the faith of generations to come. Locally, we’ve continued backing our parishes and showing unwavering support for seminarians answering their call to serve. While the Vocations Program has faced some hurdles in recent years, I’m happy to report a positive trend—more funding and new opportunities are allowing us to expand our reach. The new FSC form encourages direct council support, and we’ll keep fine-tuning that process over the next year.

Our support for the Military Chaplain Fund continues to grow, but there is still much work to be done. These brave men and women—true patriots—sacrifice so much to protect the freedoms we cherish, and they deserve strong spiritual guidance wherever they serve. Likewise, our Mass Card Program allows us to remember and pray for our ailing and deceased brothers, while also supporting our regional seminaries. Thanks to your generosity, we honor these men and their families and provide meaningful financial aid directly to our seminaries.

Now more than ever, Florida K of C Charities’ support for our seminarians and clergy is vital. As we navigate the challenges of today, it is important that we continue offering both spiritual and financial support to help sustain our parishes, strengthen our dioceses, and nurture the future of the Church in Florida. A special thank you to Brother Ed Smith for his continued leadership and dedication in keeping this program strong and effective over the past several years.

Our Disaster Relief Program led by Chairman John Shelton distributed over \$60,000 this year assisting areas devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The response from Brother Knights across the state and our country was nothing short of amazing. When the call went out, you answered, quickly and generously. Across

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the state, our efforts continue to bring vital support to those who need it most. Your willingness to step up offering your time, your talent, and your heart—has made a real difference. Thank you for being a shining example of what it means to live out our mission of charity.

The Florida Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program remains one of the most successful in the Order. Councils raised over \$386,000 this year, with Supreme contributing over \$185,000 in matching funds. By convention time, we expect to have placed ten (10) new machines, bringing our total to over 150. We have several more projects in the pipeline and already have funds in place. Thanks to Chairman Jason O’Neil for jumping in with both feet and getting things moving so efficiently. Our ASAP Program has also continued to provide vital support to mothers and infants after birth. And to everyone participating in weekly or monthly Right to Life Prayer Walks at Planned Parenthood and other clinics—THANK YOU. Your commitment gives a voice to the voiceless and brings our pro-life mission to life.

Our Mobile Disabilities Program had one of its best years yet, raising over \$165,000 to provide wheelchairs for those in need. The American Wheelchair Mission made some changes this year, which created a few bumps in the road—but Florida Knights met those challenges head-on. Huge thanks to Chairman Michael Costanza for leading the charge, and to Chris Lewis for his national support. Also, we cannot forget State Secretary Mike Gizewski, thank you for handling the unexpected container delivery and ensuring the wheelchairs got where they were needed. Many thanks as well to the Councils and Assemblies that continue to run Wheelchair Sunday drives. Your efforts are changing lives.

Special Olympics continues to be a major part of our mission. While the Tootsie Roll Program saw a dip in support due to some of the recent changes, direct donations to Special Olympics Florida came in strong. From the Polar Plunge to local competitions, we saw great involvement this year. Chairman Chris Berens has done an amazing job promoting events and will continue working to increase participation around the state. If you haven’t already, consider volunteering, whether it is coaching, or just lending a hand. Events like bocce, track and field, bowling, swimming, soccer, and flag football happening every weekend, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and show what our brotherhood is all about. Please take the time to go to the Special Olympics Florida website to find an event near you.

The Citizens with Disabilities Program led by John Gearon continues to make an incredible impact. Thanks to his tireless work and yes, those constant email reminders—we’ve surpassed \$200,000 in charitable donations again this year. Final numbers for the year are still coming in, but this support makes a real difference for Special Olympics Florida, the American Wheelchair Program, and many other schools and community organizations across the state.

The Helping Life Program went through some changes this year, but with strong support from our Councils and the ASAP Program from Supreme, we were still able to distribute over \$70,000 to those in need. From pregnancy centers to Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, and Food for Families, your generosity continues to touch lives across Florida.

Thank you to all our Charities Chairmen. This past year brought its share of challenges, but together we faced them head-on, adapted, and grew stronger in the process. Your unwavering commitment, leadership, and willingness to go the extra mile are the driving forces behind every success we’ve achieved. It’s because of you that these programs continue to thrive and make a real difference in the lives of so many. Let’s carry that momentum forward continuing to grow, serve, and expand the good work of Florida Knights of Columbus.



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Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Rich Dahn, who served as a Director of Florida K of C Charities for the past six years. Rich's dedication to serving those in need knows no bounds. His compassion and leadership have left a lasting impact on our mission and those we serve. Thank you, Rich, for your commitment to God, our Order, and the Florida State Council.

Fraternally,

Marc R. Andersen

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Memorandum For: Richard Hughes, State Deputy
Delegates of the Florida State Council 121st State Convention

Re: 2025 Florida State Council and FL K of C Charities, Inc. Audit Committee Report

Worthy State Deputy and Delegates of the Convention,

In accordance with the Florida State Council By-Laws, from April 14-April 24, 2025, the Audit Committee conducted a thorough examination of all the accounts and financial records of the Florida State Council (FSC) and Florida K of C Charities, Inc. (FLKofCC) as maintained by the State Treasurer. The following members materially participated in the audit:

Chairman: Richard Dahn State Treasurer
Co-Chairman: Marc Anderson, State Charities Director & V.P. of FL K of C Charities, Inc.
Committee: Cesar Mascardo, RA #01
Committee: George R. Elliott, JR, DD #03
Committee: Greg Gully DD #17
Committee: Billy W. Antley, DD#31
Committee: Paul Emiro, DD#39
Committee: Allen Heyman, DD#53
Committee: Jeffrey Vespo, DD 60
Committee: Christopher Beckett, DD#68
Committee: John Yardley, DD#71
Committee: Ernest Jackson, GK 8086
Observer: Michael Gizewski, State Secretary
Observer: Edward Sleyzak, State Warden
Observer: Robert Urrutia, IPSD
Advisor: Paul Unsworth, Assistant State Treasurer

We present to you the findings of the remote audit conducted for the accounting period from July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. We are pleased to report that the process was conducted meticulously, with comprehensive review and analysis facilitated by the electronic repository of records made available by the State Treasurer, Rich Dahn.

Audit Process:

- The audit was conducted remotely, and physical records were not examined. Instead, the state treasurer provided electronic copies of all physical records.
- Our audit reviewed vouchers, transmittals, bank statements, reconciliation reports, and account records for the aforementioned accounting period.
- Beginning and ending balances deposits and disbursements were thoroughly verified to ensure accuracy and compliance.

- We are pleased to confirm that the financial accounting process for the period under review was accurate and in accordance with proper accounting practices.

Findings:

- Electronic copies of physical records were found to be in excellent order, complete, and accurate, facilitating our audit process.
- Minor discrepancies in logs and records were identified, which were promptly rectified with ease.

Support from the Committee:

- The State Treasurer provided invaluable assistance throughout the audit process.
- He ensured the availability of electronic record repositories and extended full support in reviewing the state's electronic files.
- Additionally, the observers provided essential insights into the policies and accounting practices adopted by the Florida State Council and Florida K of C Charities.

Documentation:

- For reference purposes, copies of the Florida State Council By-Laws and the Florida K of C Charities By-Laws were included in the electronic repositories.
- A detailed description of the financial processing operations of both organizations was also provided for comprehensive understanding.

In conclusion, the State Treasurer thanks the State Audit Committee for their cooperation and assistance throughout the audit process. Our findings reflect a commendable level of compliance and accuracy in financial reporting. We remain committed to upholding the highest standards of transparency and accountability within our organization.

If you have any questions or require further clarification on our findings, please do not hesitate to let the State Treasurer know.

The Committee wishes to express thanks for being allowed to serve the Florida State Council and Florida K of C Charities, Inc. for the Good of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman: Rich Dahn, State Treasurer: *Rich Dahn*

Co-Chairman: Marc Anderson, State Charities Dir. & V.P. of FL K of C Charities, Inc.:
Marc Anderson

Committeeman: Cesar Mascardo, RA #01: *Cesar Mascardo*

Committeeman: George R. Elliott, JR, DD #03: *George R. Elliott*

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Florida K of C Charities, Inc.
Audited Financial Statements
and Other Information
Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Florida K of C Charities, Inc.
Valrico, FL

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Florida K of C Charities, Inc. (nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of support, revenue and expenses - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Florida K of C Charities, Inc. as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 and its support, revenue, and expenses for the years then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note A.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Florida K of C Charities, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note A of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note A, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Florida K of C Charities, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Florida K of C Charities, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Florida K of C Charities, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of program and administrative expenses - cash basis on page 16 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and

other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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Hoskins Quiros Patel & Loid CPA, LLC
Certified Public Accountants
Orlando, Florida
March 31, 2025

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets - Cash Basis

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 675,519	\$ 632,970
Total Current Assets	<u>675,519</u>	<u>632,970</u>
Property & Equipment - Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,200	1,200
Other Assets		
Investments - Christopher Fund	1,510,049	1,510,049
Total Other Assets	<u>1,510,049</u>	<u>1,510,049</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,186,768</u>	<u>\$ 2,144,219</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Card	\$ 64	\$ 916
Total Current Liabilities	<u>64</u>	<u>916</u>
Net Assets	<u>2,186,704</u>	<u>2,143,303</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,186,704</u>	<u>2,143,303</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,186,768</u>	<u>\$ 2,144,219</u>

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Statements of Support, Revenue, and Expenses - Cash Basis

For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Change in Net Assets:		
Support and Revenue		
Disabilities Fund	\$ 294,163	\$ 287,104
Disaster Relief	29,629	123,793
General Charity	17,249	7,619
Helping Life	408,945	365,671
General Fundraising	7,271	101,885
Vocations	<u>80,920</u>	<u>116,086</u>
Total Support and Revenue	838,177	1,002,158
Expenses		
Program and Administrative	<u>794,776</u>	<u>1,161,845</u>
Total Expenses	794,776	1,161,845
Change in Net Assets	43,401	(159,687)
Total Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>2,143,303</u>	<u>2,302,990</u>
Total Net Assets at End of Year	<u><u>\$ 2,186,704</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,143,303</u></u>

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Activity of Organization

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of Florida K of C Charities, Inc. (the Organization). The Organization is a not-for-profit entity. Florida K of C Charities, Inc. is incorporated in the state of Florida. The Organization is a Fraternal Catholic charitable organization whose purpose is to provide funds for the community, council and youth. The Organization is authorized to function through their Supreme Council, The Knights of Columbus.

Basis of Accounting

The Organization's policy is to prepare their financial statements on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting recognizes certain revenue and the related assets when received, rather than when earned, and recognizes certain expenses when paid, rather than when the obligation is incurred.

The Organization discloses information regarding its assets, liabilities, and net assets and its support, revenues, and expenses according to two classes of net assets as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. The Organization's board may designate assets without restrictions for specific operational purposes from time to time.

Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where by the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash

Cash consists of checking or savings accounts.

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION – CONTINUED

Revenue Recognition

Contributions: Contributions received are disclosed as net assets with donor restrictions or net assets without donor restrictions depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction ends, or the purpose of the restriction is accomplished, donor restricted net assets are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

Contributed Services: No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for donated services. The Organization generally pays for services requiring specific expertise. Many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks in assisting the Organization, but these services do not meet the criteria for recognition as contributed services.

Special Events: The Organization supports its operation by coordinating fund raising events and activities. As such, the Organization recognizes revenues when received.

Property and Equipment

The Organization capitalizes property and equipment at cost or, if donated, at fair market value at the date of acquisition.

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Organization had capitalized in-kind contributions of land. There was no accumulated depreciation.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Organization maintains its cash balances with quality financial institutions. The balances may at times exceed federally insured limits.

Income Tax Status

The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Florida. As a result, income earned in furtherance of the entities' tax-exempt purpose is exempt from federal and state income taxes and; accordingly, the financial statements include no provision for income taxes.

As of June 30, 2024, the Organization is no longer subject to income tax examination, with certain exceptions, by the U.S. federal taxing authorities for any tax years prior to the last three tax years.

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION – CONTINUED

Functional Classification of Expenses

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to program or supporting function. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. Expenses which are associated with a specific function are charged directly to the function. Other expenses which benefit more than one function are allocated to the various functions.

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements that follow. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Services	Supporting Services		
	Community Programs & Support Services	Management & General	Fundraising	Grand Total
Disabilities Fund	\$ 286,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 286,802
Disaster Relief	25,234	-	-	25,234
General Charity	21,000	-	-	21,000
Helping Life	338,483	-	-	338,483
General Fundraising	-	-	2,021	2,021
Vocations	98,243	-	-	98,243
General Administrative	11,986	2,997	-	14,983
Professional Fees	6,408	1,602	-	8,010
Total	<u>\$ 788,156</u>	<u>\$ 4,599</u>	<u>\$ 2,021</u>	<u>\$ 794,776</u>

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION – CONTINUED

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services	Supporting Services		
	Community Programs & Support Services	Management & General	Fundraising	Grand Total
Disabilities Fund	\$ 287,855	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 287,855
Disaster Relief	131,347	-	-	131,347
General Charity	14,371	-	-	14,371
Helping Life	492,070	-	-	492,070
General Fundraising	-	-	56,860	56,860
Vocations	165,494	-	-	165,494
General Administrative	5,590	1,398	-	6,988
Professional Fees	5,488	1,372	-	6,860
Total	<u>\$ 1,102,215</u>	<u>\$ 2,770</u>	<u>\$ 56,860</u>	<u>\$ 1,161,845</u>

Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through March 31, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B – FUNDS FUNCTIONING AS ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Christopher fund consists of funds that have been transferred to and are held by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus on behalf of the Organization. Net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the governing board to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions.

The Christopher fund is functioning as an endowment fund (also known as a board designated quasi-endowment). These funds are classified as unrestricted net assets as they have been voluntarily transferred to the Supreme Council and can be returned to the Organization upon request.

Investment decisions are made by the Supreme Council. The endowment net assets are invested in a manner that is intended to ensure preservation of capital. Interest earned on these funds is used for vocation grants. The Organization seeks to build endowment assets through additional contributions. Fair value of the endowment net assets is substantially equal to the cash value of contributions.

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE B – FUNDS FUNCTIONING AS ENDOWMENT FUNDS – CONTINUED

Changes therein during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	2024	2023
Endowment Net Assets, Beginning	\$ 1,510,049	\$ 1,510,049
Earnings	24,447	26,000
Benefits paid by Christopher fund	(24,447)	(26,000)
Contributions	-	-
Endowment Net Assets, Ending	<u>\$ 1,510,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,049</u>

NOTE C – FAIR VAUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.
Level 2	<p>Inputs to the valuation methodology include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;• quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;• inputs other than quoted prices that are unobservable for the asset or liability;• inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. <p>If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.</p>
Level 3	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE C – FAIR VAUE MEASUREMENTS - CONTINUED

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

Investments – Christopher fund: endowment net assets are substantially equal to the cash value of contributions.

The following tables set fort by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization’s investments at fair value as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

Investments at Fair Value as of June 30, 2024				
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Investments - Christopher fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,510,049	\$ 1,510,049
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,049</u>

Investments at Fair Value as of June 30, 2023				
	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Investments - Christopher fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,510,049	\$ 1,510,049
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,049</u>

The following table reconciles the beginning and ending balances of fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) of the Investments - Christopher fund for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,510,049	\$ 1,510,049
Total gains or losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets	24,447	26,000
Purchases, sales, issuances, settlements, (net)	<u>(24,447)</u>	<u>(26,000)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 1,510,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,049</u>
Total gains (losses) for the year included in changes in net assets attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to assets held at the end of the reporting period	<u>\$ -</u>	

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE D – BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS

The board of the Organization can designate that funds are restricted to specific programs. Such funds are reflected as net assets without donor restrictions. There were no board designated funds for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE E – RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Disaster Relief	\$ 5,000	\$ 975
Special Olympics	2,963	2,118
Helping Life	129,943	44,345
Other Restricted Funds	(44,059) *	3,219
Donor Restricted Funds, Ending	<u>\$ 93,847</u>	<u>\$ 50,657</u>

* The balance in the overdrawn category above was restored in September 2024 with transfer from unrestricted net assets.

NOTE F – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following reflects the Organization's financial assets as of the balance sheet date, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions.

	2024	2023
Financial assets at year-end	\$ 2,092,362	\$ 2,143,019
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year due to donor restrictions	(93,847)	(50,657)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditure within one year	<u>\$ 1,998,515</u>	<u>\$ 2,092,362</u>

As part of the Organization's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. The Organization invests certain excess funds as described in Note B. These funds could be made available if necessary.

OTHER INFORMATION

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Schedules of Program and Administrative Expenses - Cash Basis

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

<u>Program and Administrative Expenses:</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Disabilities Fund	\$ 286,802	\$ 287,855
Disaster Relief	25,234	131,347
General Charity	21,000	14,371
Helping Life	338,483	492,070
General Fundraising	2,021	56,860
Vocations	98,243	165,494
General Administrative (printing, postage, etc.)	14,983	6,988
Professional Fees	<u>8,010</u>	<u>6,860</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 794,776</u>	 <u>\$ 1,161,845</u>

FY 2025-2026 Budget

Budget Item	FY 23-24 Actuals	FY 24-25 Actuals (4/19/25)	FY 24-25 Budget	FY 25-26 Proposed Budget
Revenue				
Helping Life Income				
Helping Life Member Donation	3,124.35	1,500.00	70,000.00	10,000.00
ProLife Label Program	70.00	15,177.02		50,000.00
Ultrasound Program	295,681.26	236,219.33	396,000.00	300,000.00
Helping Life Designated Donation	105,269.72	20,001.62	75,000.00	20,000.00
Helping Life Council General Donation	4,800.00	1,516.00		0.00
Total Helping Life Income	\$ 408,945.33	\$ 274,413.97	\$ 541,000.00	\$ 380,000.00
Vocations Income				
Vocations Council Donations	9,458.69	4,070.35	12,000.00	20,000.00
Vocations Individual Donation	14,765.38	6,243.17	81,000.00	18,000.00
Vocations Designated Donations	2,400.00		12,000.00	0.00
Vocations Memorial Cards	5,843.00	3,669.00	6,600.00	0.00
Vocations Fundraisers	23,282.12	13,256.95		
Christopher Fund Distribution	24,447.29	25,329.33	95,000.00	80,000.00
Military Vocations Fund	724.20	1,032.50		
Total Vocations Income	\$ 80,920.68	\$ 53,601.30	\$ 206,600.00	\$ 118,000.00
Disabilities Fund Income				
Disabilities Fund - General	28,440.43	3,390.41	20,000.00	10,000.00
Disabilities Fund Designated Donations	168,094.85	17,694.90	240,000.00	0.00
Mobile Disabilities Fund	16,399.06	3,658.00	37,200.00	10,000.00
Special Olympics - General	44,916.89	30,564.51	12,800.00	40,000.00
Special Olympics Designated Donation	36,311.62	560.00	60,000.00	0.00
Total Disabilities Fund Income	\$ 294,162.85	\$ 55,867.82	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
General Charities Income				
Miscellaneous Program Income				
Charitable Designated Donations	5,000.00		18,000.00	0.00
Charitable Donation (Undesignated)	11,744.89	16,448.90		43,000.00
Food For Families Program				
Leave No Neighbor Behind Program				
Coats for Kids	500.00	350.00		

FY 2025-2026 Budget

Habitat for Humanity									
Total Miscellaneous Program Income				\$	17,244.89	\$	16,798.90	\$	18,000.00
General Fundraising Income									
State Raffle Income					2,709.55		2,366.50		74,700.00
Fundraising Fees					4,561.07		50.79		10,000.00
Total General Fundraising Income				\$	7,270.62	\$	2,417.29	\$	84,700.00
Disaster Relief									
Disaster Relief Individual Donations					3,387.50		41,044.69		20,000.00
Disaster Relief Council Donations					6,241.00		13,302.00		20,000.00
Disaster Relief Designated Donations					20,000.00				20,000.00
Total Disaster Relief				\$	29,628.50	\$	54,346.69	\$	60,000.00
Bank Credit									
Total General Charities Income				\$	54,144.01	\$	73,562.88	\$	162,700.00
Total Revenue				\$	838,172.87	\$	457,445.97	\$	1,280,300.00
Expenditures									
Helping Life Expenses									
Helping Life Designated Donation					86,202.52		17,944.80		75,000.00
Ultrasound Program					206,196.52		206,476.00		396,000.00
Helping Life State Administrative Expenses									1,200.00
Helping Life Postage/Printing							31,161.12		30,000.00
Helping Life Grant					46,082.50		11,700.00		38,800.00
Total Helping Life Expenses				\$	338,481.54	\$	267,281.92	\$	541,000.00
Vocations Expenses									
Vocation Meeting									
Seminary Meeting/Events							10,000.00		15,000.00
Vocation Memorial Cards							8,000.00		3,600.00
Memorial Card Postage/Printing					2,123.95		80.44		1,400.00
Vocation Designated Donations					2,400.00				12,000.00
Christopher Fund Contribution									30,000.00
Vocation Bishop Grants					80,000.00				95,000.00
Vocation Postage/Printing							16,903.45		13,635.00
Vocation State Administration Expenses									1,800.00

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Vocation Grants	10,000.00		34,165.00	10,000.00
Military Vocations Fund	3,719.04			
Total Vocations Expenses	\$ 98,242.99	\$ 34,983.89	\$ 206,600.00	\$ 118,000.00
Disabilities Fund Expenses				
Disabilities Fund Designated Donations	165,087.41	21,392.90	240,000.00	0.00
Disabilities Fund Tootsie Roll Purchase	2,211.30		9,600.00	0.00
Disabilities Fund Grants		6,000.00	8,600.00	10,000.00
Special Olympics Designated Donations	54,504.69	3,426.50	60,000.00	0.00
Special Olympics Grants	40,000.00		12,800.00	40,000.00
Disabilities Fund Council Reimbursement			1,500.00	0.00
Disabilities Fund State Administrative Expenses				
Disabilities Fund Postage/Printing			300.00	0.00
Mobile Disabilities Fund Expenses				
Mobile Disabilities Grants	25,000.00		36,300.00	10,000.00
Mobile Disabilities Fund Adminstrative Expenses			300.00	
Mobile Disabilities Fund-Printing/Postage			600.00	
Total Mobile Disabilities Fund Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,200.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total Disabilities Fund Expenses	\$ 286,803.40	\$ 30,819.40	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
General Charities Expenses				
Miscellaneous Program Expenses				
Misc Charitable Grants				
Charitable Designated Donations	11,000.00		18,000.00	10,000.00
Food For Families				0.00
Leave No Neighbor Behind				
Coats for Kids				
Habitat for Humanity				
FSC Guatemalan Mission	10,000.00			10,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Program Expenses	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
General Fundraising Expenses				
State Raffle Payouts			32,500.00	0.00
State Raffle - Printing			4,045.00	0.00
State Raffle - Advertising			1,200.00	0.00
State Raffle - Administrative		1,677.96	4,800.00	0.00

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Other Miscellaneous Service Costs	2,020.87	2,327.21		
Total General Fundraising Expenses	\$ 2,020.87	\$ 4,005.17	\$ 42,545.00	\$ 0.00
Disaster Relief Expenses				
Disaster Relief Grants	25,000.00	5,000.00	8,000.00	50,000.00
Disaster Relief Designated Donations			20,000.00	0.00
Disaster Relief Administrative Expenses	234.15	705.07	32,000.00	10,000.00
Total Disaster Relief Expenses	\$ 25,234.15	\$ 5,705.07	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Office/General Administrative Expenses				
State Convention Sponsorships			21,000.00	0.00
State Convention - Officers Expenses			500.00	500.00
Charities Officers			1,969.00	0.00
Org Meet Mileage/Per Diem			500.00	500.00
Mid-Year Mile/Per Diem			500.00	500.00
Council Awards	8,415.03		2,000.00	2,000.00
Printing/Postage		375.37	150.00	100.00
Software/Internet Services	883.00	623.00	936.00	10,000.00
Other Administrative Expenses	5,635.11	523.74	1,600.00	1,600.00
Bank Charges	50.00		800.00	800.00
Total Office/General Administrative Expenses	\$ 14,983.14	\$ 1,522.11	\$ 29,955.00	\$ 16,000.00
Legal & Professional Fees				
Audit/990 Fees	7,350.00	7,755.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees	660.00	780.00	6,000.00	800.00
Total Legal & Professional Fees	\$ 8,010.00	\$ 8,535.00	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 7,000.00
Total General Charities Expenses	\$ 71,248.16	\$ 19,767.35	\$ 162,700.00	\$ 103,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 794,776.09	\$ 352,852.56	\$ 1,280,300.00	\$ 661,000.00
Net Revenue	\$ 43,396.78	\$ 104,593.41	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00



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2025 RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

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Knights of Columbus
West Palm Beach Council 2075
St. Ann Catholic Church
310 North Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401

RESOLUTION

MOTION FOR NOMINATION TO STATE DEPUTY FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL

WHEREAS: Brother Michael P. Gizewski has been an active dedicated member of our Order and has served as State Secretary for two years, State Treasurer for two years, State Warden for two years and in leadership roles in both local and state activities, and

WHEREAS: Brother Michael P. Gizewski has been taking the necessary steps for the last eight years in preparation to be the next State Deputy, if elected. He has secured contracts necessary to conduct the business of the Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus for the hotels for the organizational meetings, the Executive Board meetings and the Florida State Council Annual Conventions. Also, he has developed a new State Pin for the Fraternal Year 2025-2027. He has been working on his administration staffing of the Florida State Council, the Regional Administrators, and the District Deputies and all other necessary State staff to conduct the business of the Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The Very Reverend Fr. Robert Kantor has agreed to stay on as the State Chaplain. Michael will also have an open-door policy for any Grand Knight and/or members of the Knights of Columbus.

WHEREAS: Brother Michael P. Gizewski has the honor and privilege of being a Sir Knight in the Fourth Degree and has served as the Faithful Navigator of Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly, No. 2709. And when called upon by Master of the Florida District, De Soto Province, Robert Read, Michael P. Gizewski was the driving force in the formation of a new assembly named: The Divine Mercy Assembly No. 3698, where he served as Color Corps Commander and Faithful Comptroller. He has been awarded Sir Knight of the Month on two occasions and he has also been a vital member of the Fourth Degree Team serving under Masters Robert Read, Charles McLaughlin and John O'Toole, and

WHEREAS: Brother Michael P. Gizewski also has served as the Grand Knight of one of the largest and oldest councils in the State of Florida, which represented five parishes at the time, with a quota of 22 new members. He directed the council's achievement of the Star Council Award for the first time in 15 years and he was also directly responsible for recruiting 14 of the 22 new members, and

WHEREAS: Brother Michael P. Gizewski further served the state jurisdiction when he was appointed District Deputy by the late State Deputy Christopher Kernan and again by then

State Deputy Paul Koppie. He achieved Star District every year he served. He also was elected as a delegate to the Supreme Convention on several occasions.

WHEREAS: Brother Michael P. Gizewski further demonstrated his ability to help grow the Order when as District Deputy he was responsible for starting two new councils including Holy Name of Jesus Council No. 15619 which today has more than one hundred fifty members and has achieved Star, Double Star and Triple Star Council status. And, he is responsible for starting the first Hispanic Council in Palm Beach County, St. John Fisher Council No. 15643. As a District Deputy and as a brother knight, he has with the help of his wife and children been responsible for hosting a hospitality room at the last six State Conventions. He is famous for his Polish food and his wife's Italian cooking. At his hospitality rooms all are welcome and like the old K of C motto, "Everyone's welcome and Everything is free", and

WHEREAS: Michael P. Gizewski further served the Florida State Council as the Vocations Chairman and Raffle Director. In the two years as the first Raffle Director, Michael P. Gizewski raised over \$350,000. Also, he revived the FAYAK (Five A Year A Knight) program which for that year raised approximately \$50,000.00. As Vocations Chairman and as Grand Knight of Council 2075, he encouraged donations to many supported charities including directing the process of having his Council No. 2075, make donations of: \$300,000.00 to the Bishop Barbarito Foundation, which gives two annual scholarships for Catholic education; as well as a \$75,000.00 donation to St. Vincent De Paul Regional Seminary for Mission trips around the world; A \$50,000.00 donation was made on behalf of Council 2075 for the Supreme Military Chaplain's Fund; a \$60,000 donation for the Right to Life Ultrasound Initiative Program and a \$15,000 donation to then State Chaplain Msgr. Thomas Skindeleski, for assistance with his Guatemalan Food Program, and

WHEREAS: Michael P. Gizewski performed his duties as the Florida State Warden as prescribed in the By-laws of the Florida State Council. He provided hospitality in the 116th Florida State Convention, the Supreme Convention and all the Organizational meetings, the Board meetings, and all other necessary meetings. He negotiated yearly contracts for the storage units in Orlando. He sits as a proud Board member of the Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. His intention was to run for the position of Florida State Council Advocate. Because of the current State Advocate's abilities as a lawyer and his great knowledge of the law and his desire to stay on as Florida State Advocate, Michael P. Gizewski did not run against Robert W. Rasch, Esq. and ran as your Florida State Treasurer. With his knowledge of business, the funds and responsibilities of the Treasurer were in good hands, and

WHEREAS: MICHAEL P. GIZEWSKI has performed all his duties for the past year as the State Secretary, attended all the Board Meetings except for one, attended the Organizational and Mid-Year Meetings, produced all transmittals and vouchers necessary in the duties of the position, received and deposited all Per Capita funds, approximately 98%, and

WHEREAS: Michael P. Gizewski has been in private business for 60 years, is an owner of commercial real estate properties and shopping plazas, is a vital member of his church

community, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and an usher. He has participated multiple times in the Christ Renewed Parish ministry. He has been married to Lisa Gizewski for forty-seven years. They have three adult children. His son, Michael, is an attorney who works with his father. He has eight grandchildren. He is a quintessential family man. He loves God, family, and country. His wife Lisa is a teacher of Religion at St. Ann Catholic School, West Palm Beach. She also volunteers for the CCD program at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and is the Confirmation Class Teacher and started a Columbiette chapter at Holy Name of Jesus Church and was the President for several years.

WHEREAS: Michael P. Gizewski and his wife Lisa are resolved as a couple the full and complete understanding of the time, talents, treasure, and dedication that is required of the family, and pledged to continue to provide this service to the Knights of Columbus and the Florida State Council if elected to the high Office of State Deputy, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Officers and Members of the West Palm Beach Council No. 2075 Knights of Columbus, West Palm Beach, FL do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge and support the election of Sir Knight and Brother Michael P. Gizewski for the Office of State Deputy,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 121st Annual Meeting of the Knights of Columbus, Florida State Council, State Convention in Jacksonville, Florida for consideration and adoption.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was read and unanimously approved by the membership of the West Palm Beach Council No. 2075 at the regular business meeting held on February 3, 2025

Angelo Lista



Grand Knight.

Godfrey Pereira



Council Recorder



Knights of Columbus

*St Stephen Council
10118 St. Stephen Circle
Riverview, FL 33519*

A Resolution Adopted by St Stephen Council 14084 in Support of the Nomination of Brother SK Edward F. Sleyzak for State Secretary

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak has been an active and dedicated member of the Order for over 18 years, having served in leadership roles at the local and state levels, and

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak has served successfully in key positions in his Council including Grand Knight, as well as State Positions and

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak is a member of St Stephen Council 14084. He served as the Grand Knight for the Council from 2014 to 2015, during this time he reinvigorated the Council's Communications structure, including its Website and Social Media Accounts, as well as the coordination and production of a Newsletter which has earned State level recognition,

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak, after his time as Grand Knight, serving as a member of the Marketing team for the Florida State Council as Public Relations Coordinator for Region 4, then as the Florida State Council Communications Coordinator from 2017-2019, during this time convening a Team that refreshed the State's monthly Newsletter, The Invocation, to become more inclusive of a wider breadth of Councils' activities throughout the Florida State Jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak as a Charter Member of Monsignor John F. Scully Assembly 3418 and worked his way through the chairs to be the Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3418. And has been a consistently active member and serves as a member of the Color Corps, and

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak, after having served only a brief period as District Warden in 2017, assumed the position of District Deputy in January 2018 and served through 2021. His District earned Star District and had Councils achieve Double Star and Triple Star during his time as District Deputy and

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak was appointed as the Marketing and Brand Director in 2021 and has been active with helping brothers with the FSC Website, holding Webinars, as well as



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posting events. He created team members that work together to help promote the Good of the Order. He was elected as State Warden in 2023. As an Officer of the Florida State Council, he is involved in all aspects of the State Council working side by side with all the State Officers and Directors. As State Warden he has reduced the inventory of item that are no longer used as well reduced the cost of storage saving the State thousands of dollars.

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak has been active with Exemplifications having been on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree teams

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak throughout his life has actively served the parishes to which he has been a Lector for many years, he has participated in Christ Renews in Parish , most notable where he and his wife initiated a new Ministry in 2010 named 'Hope is Contagious,' in honor of his sister who passed away from Cancer, to offer support not only to those fighting cancer, but also to caregivers, and

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak and his wife Tina have been married for over 40 years, with 3 adult daughters, 1 adopted son and 1 adopted daughter as well as 11 grandchildren, and have resolved as a couple, to dedicate the time and talent required to serve the Knights of Columbus, and

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak and his wife Tina having suffered the loss of their home and belongings to Hurricane Helen in September 2024 still remained active in the Church as well as the Knights

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak and his wife Tina are dedicated to the Church and their families having taken care of his younger sister to her death in 2010, his mother for 12 yrs. and are now taking care of Tina's mother who is 94. They take the time to also attend the events of the Grandchildren as well-being great examples in their Faith.

WHEREAS: Brother Edward Sleyzak, with his wife Tina by his side, desires to further serve the Knights of Columbus and the Florida State Council by continuing to serve as the State Secretary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers and Members of St. Stephen endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight and Brother Edward Sleyzak to the Office of State Secretary, and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That we reaffirm our oath of loyalty and allegiance to the Order and to the Florida State Council that this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 121st Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus in Jacksonville, Florida, for consideration and adoption.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the Officers and Members of St Stephen Council 14084 attending a regular business meeting in which a quorum was established at the St. Stephen Life Center on 3/11/2025.

Attested to:

John Hollingshead
Grand Knight

Cameron Czaja
Recording Secretary



Knights of Columbus

Saint Agnes Council 14202

7775 Vanderbilt Drive

Naples, FL 34120

A Resolution Adopted by Saint Agnes Council 14202, Naples, FL 34120 in Support of the Nomination of Brother Richard Dahn for the Office of State Treasurer

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Dahn has been an active and dedicated member of the Order for over 15 years, having served in leadership roles at the local and state levels, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Dahn has served successfully in key positions in this Council, including Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight, multiple years as a Trustee.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn served two terms as the Grand Knight of the Council, leading the Council to multiple years as Columbian Award winners and leading the Council in recruiting, bringing in over 25 new members in back-to-back years.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn as Grand Knight and Degree Team Captain, trained a First Degree Team and led the team to high points in area exemplifications in Naples as well as Immokalee and Marco Island.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn continued to serve the Order as District Deputy for one term in District 59, achieving the Star Council Awards in 3 of the 6 Councils that he was overseeing. He restarted Councils at the Ava Maria Law School and had back-to-back years as DD helping to achieve Star Council for the Haitian Council at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Immokalee.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn served in multiple chairs of St. Agnes Assembly 3094, including Faithful Navigator, and trustee and beginning many fundraising opportunities to help the Assembly achieve multiple awards in the Desoto Province of the 4th Degree for their support of many charitable and patriotic programs. Brother Rich is also a member of the Color Corp and serves as Vice-Marshall for the Desoto Province.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn continued his service to the Order in the Florida State Council as the Director for Charitable Giving and Fundraising for 2 years under State Deputy Donald Kahrer.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn has also served the Order in the Florida State Council as Memorial and Healing Card Chairman and then simultaneously served as the Citizens with Disabilities Chairman for 3 years before taking on the role of State Charities Director and Vice President of K of C Charities, Inc.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn moved on to become the State Charities Director, which he had served in that respect for almost 5 years. Rich oversaw the jurisdiction through COVID-19 and helped to revitalize the fundraising efforts that have moved to the top of all jurisdictions around the world in many areas, including, Ultrasound, ASAP, Citizens with Disabilities and unprecedented success in the Mobile Disabilities Programs across all jurisdictions.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn, while the State Charities Director, reactivated the State Raffle and restored both direct mail programs. The Vocations Solicitation Mailer, which has given direct support to seminarians and additional vocations around the state. The Return Mail Label Program which aids and assist the state Helping Life Programs has also been re-activated and is being well received as it was a very popular program for many years.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn has served in the United States Army as an ROTC cadet as well as an Army Reserve Member from 1982-1988 where he received his honorable discharge at the rank of E-5.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn attended Central CT State University prior to moving to Florida. Brother Rich has completed the Texas A&M Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Program, and received his certifications as both a response coordinator and trainer by completing these courses. Rich completed the Emergency Medicine Program at Edison State College in 2009. Where he received his certifications as an EMT/Medic from the State of Florida and after passing his National Registry of Medical Technicians has been nationally licensed since that time in 2010.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn has held an active Real Estate and Community Management License in Florida since 2008. He currently is the General Manager of a luxury Hi-Rise facility in Bonita Springs, Florida, that operates with an annual budget of almost 2 million dollars. Rich has been a Community Manager/General Manager since 2010. Rich has overseen multiple major construction projects under his role as General Manager, working with General Contractors, Engineers, DEP, and multiple local and state jurisdictions.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn, was been named the Red Cross Volunteer of the Year in multiple years, serving as a CPR, AED and First AID Instructor in Collier and Lee County, training over 350 community members, teaching and providing training for staff and professional responders throughout those years.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn has volunteered as a Pop Warner Football Coach, a Pop Warner Board of Director, YMCA Basketball Coach, AAU Baseball Coach, High School Baseball Coach and is currently volunteering as an instructor at a local baseball camp that has been active in the Naples area for over 35 years. Throughout his years of being involved in local and national athletics, Rich has been active in many areas of officiating in multiple sports. He umpired professionally for 6 years in both the minor leagues and during many facets of MLB Fall Ball and Spring Training. After he married, and started a family, Rich remained active for many years as a Big East, Ivy League, American

Conference and Patriot League Baseball official and instructor. Rich has also refereed Division 3 and high school basketball and was a certified FIFA soccer referee before moving to Florida.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn is currently scheduled to be ordained in May of 2025, as a permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Venice after spending the last 5-years in theological studies and religious activities required by Canon Law. He has been installed as a lector since 2023 and an acolyte since June 2024. He currently is serving in this role at St. Agnes Church in Naples, FL.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn has been involved at St. Agnes Church, Naples, FL running Baptism classes assisting as an EME, lector, usher and altar server since becoming a parishioner in 2005. Brother Rich has also been the lead member assisting programs for the parish for Eucharistic Revival throughout 2024-2025.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn and his wife, Lisa, have been married for 35 years, and have two adult sons, who are both Knights. They continue to run a non-profit charity in Southwest Florida, called Be the Light of Southwest Florida, where they focus their efforts on helping children and families, with housing, food distribution and wellness care opportunities. They are both anxious and more than willing to continue their work as well as dedicate the time and talent required to serve the Knights of Columbus, and the church community.

WHEREAS: Brother Rich Dahn desires to further serve the Knights of Columbus and the Florida State Council by seeking the Office of State Treasurer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers and Members of Saint Agnes Council 14202, Knights of Columbus, in Naples, Florida, do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight and Brother Rich Dahn to the Office of State Treasurer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 121st Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus in Jacksonville Florida, for consideration and adoption.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the Officers and Members of Saint Agnes Council 14202, attending a regular business meeting in which a quorum was established at St Agnes Catholic Church in Naples, Florida, on February 3, 2025.



Jerry McGrath
Grand Knight



Mark Crain
Financial Secretary



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Our Lady of the Sea Council 7272

100 Daniel Dr

Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

A Resolution Adopted by Our Lady of the Sea Council 7272 in Support of the Nomination of Brother Kris Elliott for the Office of State Advocate

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott has been an active and dedicated member of the Order for over 15 years, having served in leadership roles at the local and state levels, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott has served successfully in key positions in this Council, including Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott served two terms as the Grand Knight of the Council, leading the Council to two Star Council Awards for the first time in 15 years, and was Recruiter of the Year for Region 1 during the Fraternal Year 2015-2016, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott, as Grand Knight and Degree Team Captain, trained a First Degree Team and established a Second Degree Team for the Council for the first time in Council history, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott continued to serve the Order as District Deputy for two terms in District 4, achieving the Star District Award, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott served in all chairs of Deluna Assembly 156, including Faithful Navigator, and is currently the Faithful Comptroller and the Color Corps Commander; he was a primary force in revitalizing Assembly social and ceremonial functions, veterans support activities, and Color Corps drill training and procedures, with presently fifteen uniformed members of the Color Corp, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott continued his service to the Order in the Florida State Council as Regional Administrator for Region 1 for two terms with the majority of the Region's seven Districts attaining Star District, led both years in all eight Regions in the jurisdiction for Safe Environment Compliance and was in second place of all Regions in the State for membership recruiting, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott continued his service to the Order in the Florida State Council as State General Programs Director since 2021, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott, while the State General Programs Director, saw the Florida Jurisdiction leading all jurisdictions in placing ultrasound machines for the Ultrasound Initiative Program for FY2021-2022, first place in all jurisdictions in ASAP Program donations in the FY2022-2023 and FY2023-2024 ASAP Pass the Hat Initiative,

and fourth in support to PRCs and maternity homes, ninth place in delivering Coats-for-Kids, and sixth place in all jurisdictions for wheelchair placements, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott, while the State General Programs Director, implemented training and instruction on submitting Forms to Supreme and annual Applications for Awards at the State Convention, increasing Programs activities and recognition of council achievements, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott faithfully and honorably served his country for 23 years in the United States Marine Corps, serving as an aviator, special operator and judge advocate (lawyer), awarded eight personal awards – with two commendations for actions in combat – and retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott has a Master of Arts in Theology *summa cum laude*, from Catholic International University, Charles Town, West Virginia, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott has actively served the parishes to which he has belonged in a number of different ministries and capacities, to include Parish Council Chairman for Our Lady of the Assumption Mission Church, the Liturgical Ministry, training altar servers, and as head of Security for St Ann Catholic Church and Our Lady of the Assumption, and is a daily communicant, altar-serving at daily Mass at St Ann Church, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott, in 2023, was appointed the Group 43 Co-Captain of the Florida/Alabama contingent of men (28 men), attending the annual silent retreat at the Jesuit Manresa House for Retreats, Convent, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott served his local community in Gulf Breeze for several years as a girls' softball coach and as a coach for boys and girls recreational lacrosse teams, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott received a JD from California Western School of Law in San Diego, and a Legal Letters Masters degree in Maritime Law (Admiralty) from Tulane University, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott was a member of the State Bars of California, Washington, Louisiana, Florida, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), over a dozen federal and military courts of appeal, and was a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps for the last seven years of his Marine Corps career, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott retired from active trial work in 2022 after nearly 26 years of legal representation in all areas of litigation and advocacy, to include civil, military, maritime, aviation and administrative law, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott is still an active member of the Florida Bar and SCOTUS, and an inactive member of the Louisiana Bar, relinquishing his Bar licenses in California and Washington state in 2020, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott serves as the General Counsel for the General Daniel "Chappie" James, USAF Memorial Foundation of Pensacola, Florida, a non-profit corporation which honors Pensacola native and first African American four star general in the U.S. Armed Forces, Gen James, with the intent to build a memorial plaza at the entrance to Pensacola from the General Daniel "Chappie" James Bridge, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott is currently the General Counsel for Project Hydrology Inc., an engineering company that develops and implements environmentally safe solutions for removal of standing water and purification of manmade bodies of water (retention ponds), and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott and his wife Tracey have been married for 30 years, with one adult son, four adult daughters and two granddaughters, and have resolved as a couple, to dedicate the time and talent required to serve the Knights of Columbus, and

WHEREAS: Brother Kris Elliott desires to further serve the Knights of Columbus and the Florida State Council by seeking the Office of State Advocate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers and Members of Our Lady of the Sea Council 7272, Knights of Columbus, in Gulf Breeze, Florida, do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight and Brother Kris Elliott to the Office of State Advocate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 121st Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus in Jacksonville, Florida, for consideration and adoption.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the Officers and Members of Our Lady of the Sea Council 7272, attending a regular business meeting in which a quorum was established at St Ann Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze, Florida, on January 9, 2025.

Attested to:


Thomas Hofius
Grand Knight


Mark Hlubek
Recording Secretary



Knights of Columbus
Palm Beach Gardens Council 6988
9999 North Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

**A Resolution Adopted by Palm Beach Gardens Council 6988 in Support of the
Nomination of Brother Richard J. Gallant for the Office of State Warden**

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant has been an active and dedicated member of the Order since April of 2015 and has served in various leadership roles at the local and state levels, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant has successfully served in several important positions in his council and assembly including Grand Knight, and Faithful Navigator, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant served as Grand Knight of Council 15643, St. John Fisher, from June 2018 through September 2021, where he was sent to renew the council and make it sustainable for it to continue to operate for years to come, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant served in various capacities in Father Andrew Doherty Assembly 0155, including Faithful Captain in 2020, Faithful Navigator from 2020 to 2022, Faithful Admiral from 2022 to 2024, and is currently serving as the Three-Year Trustee, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant serves in the Desoto Province, Florida District, Color Corp team for both his Assembly and for the Florida State Honor Guard team, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant serves as an exemplar, in multiple roles, for the Desoto Province, Florida District, Exemplification Team traveling throughout the State delivering the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree by assisting in instructing brother knights in the virtue of patriotism and conferring them as sir knights, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant served as District Warden of District 66 in the fraternal year of 2019 where he assisted the District Deputy in advancing the councils in his prevue, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant served as District Warden of District 67 in the fraternal year of 2020 where he took the lead on many councils and lead one to Star Council, and



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WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant is currently serving as District Deputy of District 65 since July 1, 2021 in that time has been awarded Star District for the past two years and is on track to achieve that award for this fraternal year, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant used his leadership skills during his term as District Deputy to assist the councils under his responsibility in achieving Star Council multiple times over the past three years, many on track to achieve Star Council for the 2024 fraternal year, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant has served as State Webmaster from July 2022 to present making upgrades and enriching the user experience in the use of the Florida State Council Website, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant is also serving as the State Website Administrator for the Fourth Degree where he completely revamped the design and placement of the Fourth-Degree components and provided streamlined experience for the District Master, District Marshall, and the Vice District Marshalls so they could use the website to ensure accurate data moving forward in the Fourth Degree functions, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant has served as the State Convention Registration Chairman for past three years in which the process for registration and check in has been made more efficient including the communication in the online registration and election of delegates system, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant has served as the Florida State Council Supreme Convention Registration Chairman during the 141st Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida where the coordination of all volunteers, organization of tours and activities, and the distribution of supreme convention merchandise occur, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant was elected to be a delegate to the 142nd Supreme Convention in Quebec City, Quebec Canada where he proudly represented the State and our Order, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant throughout his life actively served in his parishes in different capacities including Usher Captain and Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, and worked in one parish with their capital campaign to raise money for their family life center and another in an effort to modernize the church, and



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WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant was born into the faith attending St Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Riviera Beach, Florida where his leadership skills began initially as a alter server, then worked with his father to operate the yearly fall carnival and bazaar held at the school and church, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant worked with the Boy Scouts of America for over 20 years where he has one eagle scout and served in a number of positions from Den Leader up to Assistant Council Commissioner where he oversaw the training of hundreds of adult leaders and unit, district, and council commissioners for the Gulf Stream Council, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant is the President of the Florida Indian Heritage Association, Inc a 501c3 nonprofit organization who organizes two Native American Powwows every year as well as other works and where over the past ten years took the organization from having no assets or revenue to a completely self-sufficient organization who is able to provide resources to other organizations to improve the lives and spirituality of Native Americans, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant has been a licensed amateur radio operator for over 30 years which, in that time has served a large number of amateur radio operators and the public in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services/Amateur Radio Emergency Services as Technical Director, Training Director, Radio Control Operator, and providing communications during times of emergency like hurricanes, tornados, and other emergency events, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering (Cum Laude) and his Master of Science Degree in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering from Florida Atlantic University, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant is currently the Director of Public Works and Emergency Management for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida where he is responsible for improving the lives of the almost 4,000 residents as well as make critical decisions during times of crisis for the betterment of the public, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant is a Certified District Manager with the Florida Association of Special Districts where he has mastered the operation of governmental affairs, budgeting, and capital improvements, as well as the writing of laws, rules, and ordinances for governmental agencies, and



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WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant has studied and mastered a number of independent study courses in regard to emergency management for the purpose of utilizing the incident command structure with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant is a proud member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Southeastern Lieutenancy of the United States in support of the holy sites dedicated to the Holy Catholic Church, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant has been happily and faithfully married to his wife, Kristen, for 17 years, with two adult sons, and an adult daughter, and as a couple completely and fully understand the commitment of the need of their time, talent, and treasure to the Florida State Council and the Knights of Columbus, and

WHEREAS: Brother Richard Gallant desires to serve the Knight of Columbus and the Florida State Council in the Office of State Warden.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Officers and Members of Palm Beach Gardens Council 6988, Knights of Columbus, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight and Brother Knight Richard J. Gallant to the Office of State Warden, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 121st Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus in Jacksonville, Florida, for consideration and adoption.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the Officers and Members of Palm Beach Gardens Council 6988 attending a regular business meeting in which a quorum was established at the Cathedral of Saint Ignatius of Loyola Family Life Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida on January 13, 2025.

Attested to:

Peter A. Masullo

Grand Knight

Ronald A. Lau

Recorder

A Resolution adopted by Our Lady of Victory Council 3358
in Support of the

Nomination of Brother SK John T Gearon III, for the Office of State Warden.

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III has been an active and dedicated member of the Order for over 30 years, has served in Leadership roles, in the local, district, and assembly levels, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III has served successfully within the Council & Assembly which includes Grand Knight twice, Financial Secretary twice, and Faithful Navigator twice and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III currently serving on the Board of St Martha Parish Church for last 14 years, Leadership roles as Recording Secretary, and Ministries Chairman, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III served as Grand Knight in New York achieving. State Deputy Award of Excellence, Contest of Champions, Star Council, & Founders Awards, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III served as Grand Knight in Sarasota as well, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III served our Order as District Deputy achieving Star District in his first year, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III served as Florida State Council Ultrasound Chairman under his Leadership 35 Ultrasound machines were accomplished over a two-year period and Brother John Gearon III assisted in starting the initial 100th machine process for the State Council, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III served as Florida State Council Raffle Chairman under his leadership the overall program was a success, netting the State Council \$80,000 net profit, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III is currently serving the Florida State Council as the Citizens with Disabilities Chairman, the first year raising over \$300 hundred thousand dollars and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III has chaired the Florida State Council Committee at Large two times for the Florida State Council Annual Convention, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III has chaired regional events such as Catholic Essay, and Soccer events for region 5 and having respective winners in 1st place and 3rd place in the State, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III, is currently serving as the Financial Secretary of Our Lady of Victory Council 3358 in Sarasota, Florida, working with the leadership and members up to date with dues, financials of the council, Brother John Gearon III, created a new council website for members, visitors, and potential new candidates, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III, assembled an active Knighthood Degree Team for the council and currently serves as the Presenter of the team, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III and his wife Kellianne will be married 21 years as of this July 2025, they have two children, Samantha 14 and Ava Marie 10 years old. And

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III, is a proud third generation Knight of Columbus of 30 plus years, and

WHEREAS: Brother John Gearon III, has experience in leadership and always taking an active role within a Council, District, Assembly, or State stems from his time as a Columbian Squire where Brother John Gearon III, held positions in the local Circle, Conference, and State, and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the officers and members of Our Lady of Victory Council 3358, Knights of Columbus in Sarasota, Florida do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight John T Gearon III to the office of Florida State Warden, and

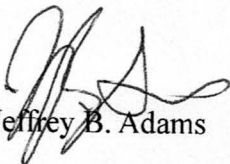
BE IT RESOLVED: this resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the Florida State Council annual meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus in Jacksonville, Florida for consideration adoption, and

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and approved by the officers and members of Our Lady of Victory Council 3358 attending a regular business meeting in which a quorum was present held on Thursday, December 5th, 2024



Thomas Gillis

Grand Knight



Jeffrey B. Adams

Recording Secretary





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Marion Council 5960
P.O. Box 241
Ocala, FL, 34472

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 5960 IN SUPPORT OF
WELDON OTIS WATKINS III FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN
IN THE FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL**

- WHEREAS:** Brother Weldon O. Watkins III has been an active and resolute member of the Order for over 13 years, having served in leadership roles at the local, state levels and was appointed as the Marketing and Brand Director in 2023. Brother Weldon O. Watkins III has been active with helping brothers with the FSC Website, holding Webinars, as well as posting events. He created team members that work together to help promote the Ceremony via Zoom.
- WHEREAS:** Brother Weldon O. Watkins III has been active with Exemplifications having been on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree teams and is now A/V Supervisor of all CUF team which presents the Exemplification on ever Thursday.
- WHEREAS:** Brother Weldon O. Watkins III has been an active and resolute member of the 4th Degree having served in leadership roles at the local, state levels and was appointed as the Color Corps Commanders of Assembly 1777 and A/V Supervisor of all Patriotic Exemplifications in the Desoto Province - Florida District.
- WHEREAS:** Brother Weldon O. Watkins III throughout his life has actively served the parishes to which he has been a Secutin for many years, he has participated in Christ Renews in Parish, most notable has been Vocations Ministry head of Blessed Trinty, while helping send 3 young men to the seminary.
- WHEREAS:** Brother Weldon O. Watkins III, with Alanna by his side, desires to serve the Knights of Columbus by serving as the State Warden of the Florida State Council.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That we reaffirm our oath of loyalty and allegiance to the Order and to the Florida State Council That the Officers and Members of Marion Council 5960, Knights of Columbus, in Ocala, Florida, do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight and Brother Weldon O. Watkins III to the Office of State Warden of the Florida State Council.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the officers and members of Council 5960 attending its regular business meeting at the council hall located at: Ocala, Florida, on Date: March 12 2025 And that the Council, on behalf of its members submit this resolution to the State Advocates Office for its consideration and adoption at the 121th Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council to be held in Jacksonville, FL, May 23rd-25th, 2024.

Attested to:


Robert W. Read, PSD, FM
Grand Knight


Thomas Cernera, PGK
Recording Secretary



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FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE FLORIDA STATE
COUNCIL IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR HOLY FATHER
BISHOPS AND PRIESTS**

WHEREAS: Our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney's concern for the faith of Catholic working men inspired him to establish the Knights of Columbus, and

WHEREAS: Our principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism, and the support and defense of the priesthood, and

WHEREAS: In solidarity with the Holy Father, our Bishops and Priests of the State of Florida, it is our commitment today to stand firm alongside them; and

WHEREAS: Today's faithful Catholics must stand with the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Laity as living witnesses of the unity of the Holy Catholic Church, and

WHEREAS: We knights applaud the church's hierarchy for their application of Zero-Tolerance Policies swiftly, strictly and without exception,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the more than 59,000 members of the Florida State Council continue to stand foursquare in support of and in solidarity with The Holy Father, our Cardinals, Bishops and Priests. We, the members of the Knights of Columbus of the Florida Jurisdiction, pledge to increase our efforts in the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the officers and delegates of the Florida State Council attending its 121st State Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, on Saturday, May 24, 2025 and we pray that this resolution be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary's Office for its consideration and adoption at the 143th Annual Supreme Convention to be held in Washington, DC starting August 5, 2025.

Attested to:

Robert W. Rasch

Michael Gizewski

Robert W. Rasch

Michael Gizewski

State Advocate

State Secretary



Knights of Columbus
St. Bonaventure Council No. 12240
1301 S.W. 136th Avenue, Davie, Florida 33325

RESOLUTION

MOTION FOR NOMINATION – SUPREME DIRECTOR, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS: Brother Scott A. O'Connor has been an active and dedicated member of the Order and has served in leadership roles at local, state and Supreme levels, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor, at his local council, served two terms as Grand Knight where he focused on membership growth. Under his leadership the council achieved the Star Council and State Youth Activities Awards, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor continued to demonstrate his commitment to the Knights of Columbus within the 4th Degree, rising to the position of Faithful Navigator. He was instrumental in the formation of the Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy Assembly 3054, and later the formation of the Archbishop Ambrose DePaoli Assembly 3218. His family was recognized as "Family of the Year" for their many contributions. Brother O'Connor has been an active Exemplar of the Florida District Exemplar Team for nearly two decades, continuing to do degree work even while serving as a State Deputy, he has been an Honoree for all four degrees, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor served the Florida Jurisdiction in many positions including District Deputy, State Marketing & Brands Director, State Warden, State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary and State Deputy. As a District Deputy, he received distinguished top State Awards including Star District throughout his three terms, and awards for highest District Membership Gain two years in a row. He also was awarded the "Top Proposer Award" for membership gain in the Florida Jurisdiction. Brother O'Connor served as Chairman of several committees during state conventions including Felicitations: Registration and Committee to Assist. Also, as a District Deputy, Brother O'Connor established a new council at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Weston, Florida, No. 14212. This council went on to achieve Triple Star recognition. Brother O'Connor was elected as a delegate to the 127th Supreme Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor is active in degree work, founding individual teams and serving on all of them as an exemplar. Brother O'Connor continues to serve on the combined degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity as well as the 4th Degree Exemplification, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor while serving as Marketing & Brands Director, guided the development of a new interactive state website and developed and served as editor of the state's first electronic Newsletter The "Invocation" which is still in circulation, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor served two years as State Warden. Brother O'Connor was responsible for the design and commissioning of a permanent portable State Altar, used at State Masses and which contains a Precious Relic of Blessed Michael J. McGivney. Brother O'Connor directed the modernization of the convention registration process, leading a team that developed and implemented the first electronic registration and barcoded name badge system, still in use today, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor served for two years as State Advocate, during which time he handled more than 2,000 issues. He also developed an online help desk and was instrumental in implementing the Supreme Councils "Agreement" project in which councils with affiliated home corporations would enter into an understanding agreement. Brother O'Connor was appointed by the State Deputy to be Chairman of the Registration Committee for the 132nd Supreme Convention, held in Orlando, Florida, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor served as State Treasurer for two years in which he played a key leadership role in assisting with the business of the state council, during the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, Brother O'Connor was involved in the distribution of \$100 gift cards to families in need, giving out cards to families who were rescued from Puerto Rico, and at the direction of the Supreme Council Disaster Relief Coordinator, he rented a truck and picked up pallets of gas grills and delivered them to a local freight forwarder to be shipped to the Archdiocese of Nassau, Bahamas for relief efforts. In August of 2019 Hurricane Dorian, one of the worst disasters ever to hit the Bahamas caused widespread damage to Abaco. Brother O'Connor worked with Most Reverend Patrick Pinder, Archbishop of Nassau, in coordinating relief efforts, culminating in Brother O'Connor organizing a group of Knights to travel to Abaco and help re-open a Catholic School on Island. Brother O'Connor also participated in several food distribution events including one at a retirement community where hundreds of hot meals were delivered to Seniors, some who had not eaten in several days, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor continued his service to the Florida State Council serving for two years as State Secretary, where he was responsible for keeping the records and financial reports of the state council. Brother O'Connor, in planning for his term as State Deputy, met with each of the General Agencies of the Jurisdiction, attending their agent meetings to gather information and to share his vision for the State Jurisdiction with the agents. His goal was to build a "team first" approach between the agents and the fraternal, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor was elected to the high office of State Deputy at the 115th Annual Florida State Convention. Brother O'Connor faced many challenges beginning with the onslaught of Hurricane Dorian, which destroyed much of the Bahamas, the eastern most part of the Florida Jurisdiction. Then, in January 2020, Brother O'Connor lost his wife Marybeth to her long battle with cancer, she was always an integral part of his administration, however, he remained dedicated to seeing that the Florida State Council stayed on its focused goals for the fraternal year. Then, in March of 2020, the Covid – 19 Coronavirus Pandemic forced cancelation of the state convention for the first time in modern history. Brother O'Connor was able to negotiate with the convention hotel to eliminate a \$50,000 cancelation penalty and preserve future contracts. Brother O'Connor continued to show his leadership abilities in organizing and implementing alternative (virtual) meetings and conducted the first virtual state convention in 2021, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor demonstrated a passion to help whenever and wherever the need be greatest, Brother O'Connor has supported the Church, serving in multiple ministries and he continues to serve as a Lector. Brother O'Connor has also served as an Usher, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor is a leader in his community, he has served on the board of two homeowners Associations, including the position of President. Brother O'Connor was Executive Vice President of a world-wide engineering firm for ten-years, being technically and functionally responsible for a divisional group. Brother O'Connor currently operates a consulting business in which he provides project management services to the construction restoration industry as well as offering expert witness and investigative services. Brother O'Connor also holds licenses in Florida as a Continuing Education Unit Provider and has authored multiple courses and articles within the trade. He is also a licensed Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) pilot.

Brother O'Connor is also an author, his book "One Knights Journey" is an autobiographical account of his faith journey which chronicles his experiences in climbing the ranks within the jurisdiction culminating in being a State Deputy during the Covid 19 Pandemic, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor was appointed to the Board of Directors, American Wheelchair Mission in 2024. Brother O'Connor has participated in several wheelchair mission trips to Mexico, helping to place the disabled into donated wheelchairs and is an advocate for the program whenever and wherever the opportunity to promote the project presents itself. In July of 2024, Brother O'Connor participated in a mission trip to Guatemala, where he and a group of Florida Knights donated their time and talent to build tables, make repairs and install lighting for a school that serves indigenous people, and

WHEREAS: Brother O'Connor has two adult children and two grandsons, he fully understands the time, talents, treasure and dedication that is required of a Supreme Director and has demonstrated by his previous experience and performance as a Supreme Director, completing the unexpired term of Past Supreme Secretary Michael O'Connor, during the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year and being re-elected to serve a three-year term 2022-2025, in which he has served on multiple committees including, but not limited to the Executive Compensation Committee and Chairman of the Disaster Relief Committee as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund Board (KCCF). Brother O'Connor is fully qualified to continue in the position of Supreme Director, and to provide this service to the Knights of Columbus if re-elected to another term on the Board of Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Officers and Members of St. Bonaventure Council No. 12240, Knights of Columbus, Davie, Florida, do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge the reelection of Sir Knight and Brother Scott A. O'Connor to the Office of Supreme Director, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 121st Annual Meeting of the Knights of Columbus, Florida State Council, State Convention, conducted in Jacksonville, Florida May 23-25, 2025, for consideration and adoption.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was read and unanimously approved by the membership of St. Bonaventure Council No. 12240 at the regular business meeting held on March 5, 2025.

Alfonso Contreras

Alfonso Contreras, Grand Knight

Bill Curtis

Bill Curtis, Recorder



Switzerland Council, #12664, 1714-3 State Road 13, Jacksonville, Florida 32259

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COUNCIL #12664 IN OPPOSITION TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND THE RENEWED EXECUTIONS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus Catholic Fraternity has a profound commitment to support the sanctity of life from conception to natural death and opposes government policies contrary to Catholic Teachings; and

WHEREAS: Pope Francis has revised the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 2267, to declare that the death penalty is inadmissible in all circumstances and therefore, a Catholic can no longer argue for the death penalty to protect society or to promote the common good; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved the revised passage on the death penalty for the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults; and

WHEREAS: The death penalty, regardless of the means of execution, entails cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment. It should be rejected due to the defective selectivity of the criminal justice system and in the face of the possibility of judicial error; and

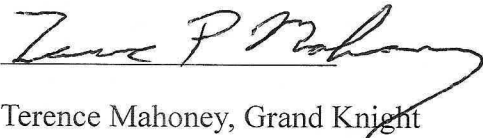
WHEREAS: Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia have discontinued their use of the death penalty and four others have declared gubernatorial moratoria; and


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Knights of Columbus will continue to speak out for renewed legislative action, participate in prayer vigils and oppose further death warrants imposed by the State in accordance with our Catholic Faith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 121st Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus, in Jacksonville Florida, 2025.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the Officers and Members of Switzerland Council 12664 at a regular business meeting in which a quorum was established at San Juan Del Rio Catholic Church, Jacksonville, Florida on 26 February 2025.

Attested to:


Terence Mahoney, Grand Knight


Larry Rogari, Recorder



Saint Joseph the Workman Council 17689
22 St Rita Lane
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Resolution Regarding Rupnik Art from Council 17689

- WHEREAS Fr. Marko Rupnik, Jesuit priest and artist, has been found guilty of canonical crimes resulting in his expulsion from the Society of Jesus¹ and incurring the penalty of excommunication at one point², for abusing the Sacrament of Confession and engaging in repeated instances of sexual and spiritual abuse of consecrated women³;
- WHEREAS, following in the example of priests, bishops, cardinals, and popes, the Knights of Columbus have in the past been patrons of Fr. Rupnik and have made use of his artwork and those of his studio, Centro Aletti, in publications and in sacred spaces⁴;
- WHEREAS *Sacrosanctum Concilium* instructs "Let bishops carefully remove from the house of God and from other sacred places those works of artists which are repugnant to faith, morals, and Christian piety, and which offend true religious sense either by depraved forms or by lack of artistic worth, mediocrity and pretense" (para. 124)⁵;
- WHEREAS it was reported on July 23, 2024 that the Knights of Columbus had placed a paper cover over the artwork by Fr. Rupnik at the St. John Paul II National Shrine⁶;
- WHEREAS His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley, the head of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, has urged Vatican offices to stop displaying Fr. Rupnik's works⁷;
- WHEREAS the victims of Fr. Rupnik deserve to see that organizations who patronized his studio take seriously their responsibility to disaffiliate from him and all vestiges of his studio's work, and so that they may see a swift and complete response to his crimes during their lifetimes, as is necessary and just;
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus urges the Supreme Council to cease distributing publications containing artwork produced by and/or licensed from Fr. Rupnik or Centro Aletti, destroying any undistributed copies thereof;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus urges the Supreme Council to remove completely

¹ <https://www.usccb.org/news/2023/jesuits-expel-mosaic-artist-father-rupnik-accused-abuse>

² <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253079/jesuit-superior-says-that-fr-marko-rupnik-was-excommunicated-in-2019>

³ <https://www.pillarcatholic.com/p/rupnik-mosaics-stand-in-us-chapels-amid-priest-artist-abuse-scandal>

⁴ <https://www.pillarcatholic.com/p/knights-of-columbus-continue-review>

⁵ https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19631204_sacrosanctum-concilium_en.html

⁶ <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/258385/knights-of-columbus-covers-rupnik-art-at-john-paul-ii-shrine-pending-sex-abuse-investigation>

⁷ <https://www.usccb.org/news/2024/us-cardinal-urges-vatican-not-seem-oblivious-victims-suffering>

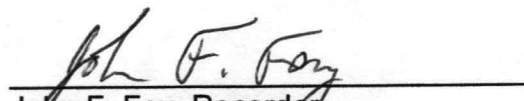
any and all artwork created and/or installed by Fr. Rupnik or Centro Aletti from buildings owned or operated by the Knights of Columbus, including the St. John Paul II National Shrine in DC and the Holy Family Chapel in New Haven.

Worthy State Secretary and all other readers please take note:

- This resolution was discussed at our officer council meeting on September 24, 2024;
- This resolution was published to our membership;
- This resolution was approved unanimously by the membership of the council in good standing at the properly notice general membership meeting conducted on October 8, 2024, with more than the necessary quorum (8) present.


Patrick Bowman, Grand Knight

2-11-25
Date


John F. Fay, Recorder

2/11/25
Date

Resolution:

Submitted by Council 13676 District 22

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

In the State of Florida

SILVER ROSE

Whereas. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society of Catholic gentleman found on the principle to many and support of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and

Whereas; The Knight of Columbus currently share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

Whereas: the Procession of the Silver Rose in the United States covers many parishes, there is a need to expand the number of Silver Roses to provide additional coverage through the vast State of Florida,

Therefore be it resolved, that the xxx annual meeting of the State Florida Council of the Knights of Columbus recognized the need to provide additional "SILVER ROSES" to cover the vast territory of the State of Florida,

Be it further resolved: The State Council recognizes the need to extend the length of time for processions within the state.

Be it further resolved That the Worthy Brother responsible for the State Wide Procession of the SILVER Rose, procures additional "SILVER ROSES" over the period of several years to provide adequate coverage of all of Parishes in the State of Florida.

Motion being made by:

Stephen A Heintz

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Grand Knight

Council 13676 District 22

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

10670 Maricamp Road

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Joseph L. Concepcion

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**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 14930 IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS
MEDAL**

WHEREAS: We, the Knights of Columbus, are committed to honoring and supporting those Veterans who have served our nation and communities, recognizing their significant sacrifices in ensuring the safety and well-being of our country and its citizens;

WHEREAS: We recognize the importance of creating visible symbols of respect for these individuals, and the creation of a medal, in harmony with the design of other existing medals, would appropriately honor their service without conflicting with the established uniform patterns of the Knights of Columbus;

WHEREAS: We further propose the addition of a red patch on the beret, signifying the service of veterans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we reaffirm our oath of loyalty and allegiance to the Order and to the Florida State Council, and strongly support the implementation of a uniform change that includes the creation and wearing of a medal for veterans, police officers, and firefighters, along with the addition of a red patch on the beret for these members, in recognition of their service to our nation and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the officers and members of Council 14390 attending its regular business meeting at the council hall located at: 16800 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, Florida, on March 12th, 2025 And that the Council, on behalf of its members submit this resolution to the State Advocates Office for its consideration and adoption at the 121th Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council to be held in Jacksonville, FL, May 23rd-25th, 2025.

Attested to:

Jimmy Fernandez

{Printed name}
Grand Knight

Zachary Mangones

{Printed name}
Recording Secretary



Blue = Peace we are fighting for
Red = Sacrifice Given By All
Silver & Gold Swords = Blessings we are protecting

