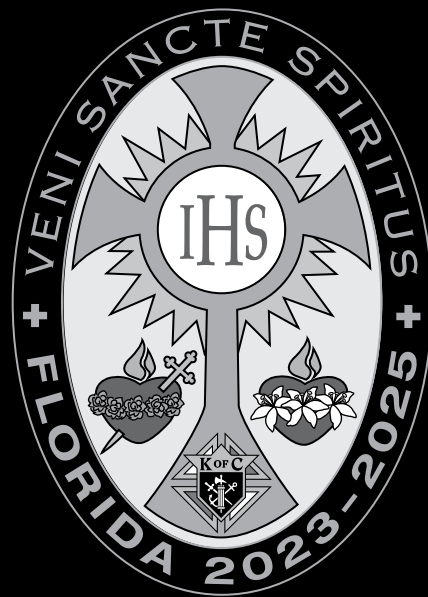




# 120th Convention FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL



## 2024 State Convention Reports Book

May 24-26, 2024  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Orlando, Florida



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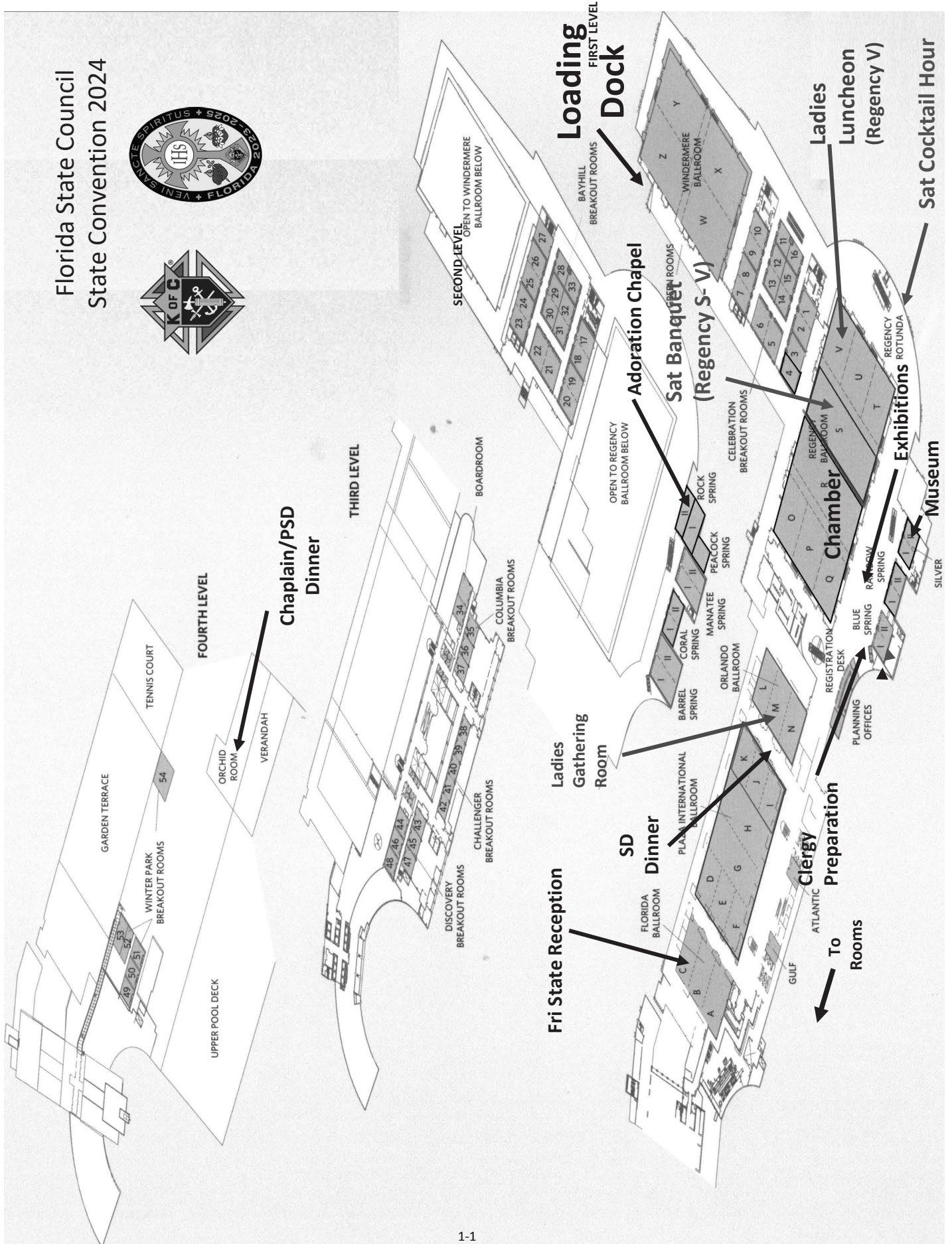
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# Convention Location Map

Florida State Council  
State Convention 2024







# 120th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION AGENDA

May 24-26, 2024

Hyatt Regency Hotel and Convention Center

## Thursday, May 23, 2024

Start Time	End Time	Event/Activity	Location
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	State Warden Meeting	Peacock
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Convention Bag Preparation	Rainbow Spring
12:00 PM	5:00 PM	Chamber Setup	Regency O-R
1:00 PM	8:00 PM	Registration Desk Open	Regency Reg Desk
5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ladies Gathering Place Setup	Coral Spring
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Tabulation of Caucus Election Results	Blue Spring 2

## Friday, May 24, 2024

Start Time	End time	Event/Activity	Location
7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Registration ( <i>will close during Mass</i> )	Regency Reg Desk
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Opening Mass/Eucharistic Procession</b>	<b>Regency O-R</b>
11:00 AM	6:00 PM	Adoration Chapel Open	Rock Spring 2
11:00 AM	5:00 PM	State Museum Open	Silver Spring
11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )	
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>12:45 PM</b>	<b>Open Session/Parade of Banners/National Anthems</b>	<b>Regency O-R</b>
12:45 PM	1:00 PM	Supreme Knight Video Address	Regency O-R
1:00 PM	1:25 PM	State Deputy Address and Appreciation Awards	Regency O-R
1:30 PM	5:00 PM	Ladies Gathering Place Open	Coral Spring
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Closed Session</b>	
1:30 PM	1:40 AM	Opening Remarks/Convention Rules/Committee Appts	Regency O R
1:40 PM	1:50 PM	State Chaplain Report	Regency O R
1:50 PM	2:20 PM	State Officer Reports	Regency O R
2:20 PM	2:30 PM	Master of the 4th Degree	Regency O R
2:30 AM	2:35 AM	Ceremonial Chairman Report	Regency O-R
2:35 PM	2:45 PM	Supreme Director Remarks	Regency O-R
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	Recess General Session	Regency O R
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Workshops (Session 1: 3-4 PM, Session 2: 4:15-5:15 PM)</b>	
		Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund	Barrel Spring
		State and Supreme Website	Regency T
		Safe Environment	Regency U
		COR	Manatee Spring
5:30 PM	7:30 PM	Past State Deputy /Clergy Reception/Dinner ( <i>Invitation Only</i> )	Orchid
5:30 PM	7:30 PM	State Executive Board Dinner ( <i>Invitation Only</i> )	Regency V
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>11:00 PM</b>	<b>Florida State Council Reception-- Music/dancing/dessert/cash bar</b>	<b>Regency S</b>
9:00 PM	11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	TBA

## Saturday, May 25, 2024

Start Time	End Time	Event/Activity	Location
6:30 AM	11:00 AM	Registration	Regency Reg Desk
<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Mass of Remembrance</b>	<b>Regency O-R</b>
8:45 AM	3:00 AM	Adoration Chapel Open	Rock Spring 2
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Men's Continental Breakfast	Regency O-Q Foyer
9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Ladies Gathering Room Open	Coral Spring
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	State Museum Open	Silver Spring
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	Past State Deputy Meeting ( <i>Invitation Only</i> )	Peacock Spring

# 120th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION AGENDA (Draft)

May 24-26, 2024

Hyatt Regency Hotel and Convention Center

## Saturday, May 25, 2024 (continued)

Start Time	End Time	Event/Activity	Location
9:15 AM	12:00 PM	<b>Open Session</b>	<b>Regency O-R</b>
9:15 AM	9:20 AM	Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance	Regency O-R
9:20 AM	9:50 AM	General Agent Presentations	Regency O-R
9:50 AM	10:05 AM	FCCB Presentation	Regency O-R
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Spinelli Agency Meeting ( <i>Invitation Only</i> )	Manatee Spring 1
10:05 AM	10:15 AM	Special Olympics of Florida	Regency O-R
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	American Wheelchair Mission	Regency O-R
10:30 AM	12:15 PM	Council Awards Session (Membership/Charities/Programs)	Regency O-R
12:00 PM	3:00 PM	<b>Ladies Luncheon</b>	<b>Regency S</b>
12:15 PM	1:30 PM	Recess-Men's Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )	
12:15 PM	1:15 PM	VIP Lunch ( <i>Invitation Only</i> )	TBA
1:30 PM	4:30 PM	<b>Closed Session</b>	<b>Regency O-R</b>
1:30 PM	1:45 PM	Roll Call	Regency O-R
1:45 PM	1:50 PM	Credentials/Registration Report	Regency O-R
1:50 PM	2:15 PM	Appointment of Tellers	Regency O-R
		Resolutions/Nominations of Officers	Regency O-R
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2:15 PM	2:30 PM	Audit and Budget Committee Reports	Regency O-R
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3:00 PM	3:20 PM	Recess-Break	Regency O-R
3:20 PM	3:30 PM	Past State Deputies Report	Regency O-R
3:30 PM	4:15 PM	Resolutions Committee Report	Regency O-R
4:15 PM	4:20 PM	Keynote Speaker Preview of Evening Remarks	Regency O-R
4:20 PM	4:25 PM	Supreme Treasurer Preview of Evening Remarks	Regency O-R
4:25 PM	4:30 PM	Closing Prayer/Meeting Adjournment	
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	State Deputy Reception ( <i>Invitation Only</i> )	TBA
6:00 PM	6:45 PM	<b>Pre-Banquet Reception/Cash Bar</b>	<b>Regency Foyer T-V</b>
		<b>120th State Convention Banquet/Awards</b>	
		<b>Special Guests:</b>	
7:00 PM	9:30 PM	<b>Ronald Schwartz, Supreme Treasurer</b>	<b>Regency S-V</b>
		<b>Fr. Alberto Hernandez, President/Rector of SVDP</b>	
		<b>Regional Seminary</b>	
		<b>Council, Family, and Knight of the Year Awards</b>	
10:00 PM	12:00 AM	Hospitality Suite Open	TBA

## Sunday, May 26, 2024

Start	End time	Event/Activity	Location
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	<b>Closing Mass</b>	<b>Regency O-R</b>
10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Tear down	All

# FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONVENTION

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

A significant number of delegates are attending the Knights of Columbus State Convention and the convention rules and regulations have been revised. In order to have an orderly convention and ensure your enjoyment of this fraternal weekend, please read the following information.

**Before you leave home:** Read and discuss with your council members all convention and 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 meeting.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

**Q. What rules govern the procedures followed during out 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, 2. Voting, a. standing votes, below.)*

## GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

**Seating Arrangements:** Business meetings: The business meetings of the convention shall be open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members who have registered and received an official convention badge. All accredited delegates shall be seated 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. Non-business meetings: Members and guests may occupy a seat without regard to business seating arrangements. Non-voting body: All non-voting members will be seated on the far right and left side of the hall. Past State Deputies will be seated in the first row followed by State Chairman.

**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.

## BASIC RULES FOR THE CONVENTION SHALL BE:

1. An accredited delegate desiring to speak to the question under discussion shall go to a microphone and address the Chair. When recognized, he shall first give his name, his Council's name and number, and then state his business.

a. **Motions** – Eligible delegates, Past State Deputies, State Officers, etc., may make motions, resolutions, or propose amendments.

d. **Debate** – If debate is needlessly prolonged, say, "I move the previous question" or "I move to close debate." This requires a second and two-thirds vote to adopt. If adopted, debate is closed on the pending question. If it is desired to close debate on all questions that may be pending, such as amendments, move that "debate be closed on all pending questions."

2. **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.

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.

## **MOTIONS, 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 neither submitted through electronic means by completing and properly submitting the form on the Resolutions Template on the Florida State Council Website or if by paper submittal, the resolution shall have been typed, contain the Council seal, and submitted to the State Advocate. All resolutions shall be submitted 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 Annual Meeting.

**Amendments to the By-Laws** – Amendments to the By-Laws 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.

**Quorum** – There shall be a quorum when one more than half of all duly constituted delegates answer the roll call.

**Parliamentary Authority** – 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 Convention rules apply during the business session and are designed to expedite convention business in a clear orderly fashion.

1. All members entering the council hall for a closed business meeting must show their official convention badge (“Credentials”) issued by the official registration desk, upon presentation of a valid traveling card and Government Issue photo I.D., upon entry.

2. Anyone not having accredited status and wishing 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.

3. No one shall be allowed to speak more than two minutes at a time without consent of the convention. 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 Chairman of a Committee making a report or a speaker presenting a subject.

4. No one shall be permitted to enter or leave the convention hall during a ballot. (See, Elections, below.)

5. Announcements to the convention shall be legibly written and given to the State Secretary.

### **Officer and Supreme Delegate Elections.**

The following are the Order’s policy and guidelines concerning campaigning during State Council Elections. Section 162.23 of the Order’s Laws,

which sets forth the basic principles for the conduct of candidates for council offices, provides as follows:

Section 162.23 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.

In the case where a violation of these guidelines occurs, a candidate may be subject to disciplinary action. However there is the need to permit men standing for supreme council delegate or state council office to promote their candidacies. Additionally there are time honored traditions and norms that have developed within jurisdictions that are accepted practice. Therefore, to protect the Order and to make certain that certain standards are being applied throughout all the jurisdictions within the Order the following guidelines have been developed:

A candidate for State Council Office or Supreme Council Delegate may not:

- 1) Solicit the endorsement of a current State Officer.
- 2) Use council funds to finance his campaign.
- 3) Distribute buttons, t-shirts, pins, hats, and bumper stickers or any other souvenirs or promotional items with any emblem of the Order, Fourth Degree, Squires, etc. (Refer to Section 162.23 Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus).
- 4) Send mass e-mails in support of 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) Hospitality rooms are not to be open to delegates while any of the official convention proceedings (Masses, meetings, meal breaks, etc) are in session.

Recognizing that there are time honored traditions and norms that have developed within jurisdictions and those jurisdictions allow various accepted practices a Candidate for Supreme Council Delegate or State Council Office may with the permission and approval of the State Council: Ask his council to pass a resolution in support of his candidacy using the Resolutions Template located on the Florida State Council Website and electronically signed and sealed by the Grand Knight, Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary or using council letterhead prepare a typewritten resolution which must be signed by the Grand Knight and Recording Secretary with the council seal affixed (in three (3) copies in compliance with convention rules). Electronically submit or send the approved, signed and sealed hard copy resolution and a short (one page) biography to the State Council Advocate who will compile all such documents and publish in the convention booklet. Only a resolution from the candidate's home council will be allowed and accepted by the State Council Advocate for publication.

**Nomination Procedures:**

- 1) Any third degree member in good standing within the Order, in a subordinate council, is eligible and may fill a function of a Supreme Council Delegate or a State Council Officer (Article 92a –Constitution).
- 2) Nominations and seconds of candidates can be made only for those candidates who have complied with the resolution submission policy. Nominations can be made by duly registered State Officers, Past State Deputy's, District Deputy's, 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 proposal 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 candidate.

3) A candidate is expected to conduct himself 'as a Catholic gentleman', promoting his qualifications and never commenting negatively about any opponent. A candidate is responsible for any third parties acting on his behalf.

4) All officer and supreme delegate elections shall be conducted in closed session. A vote of affirmation shall be taken for all uncontested positions. In order to run the elections for State Office in a manner that does not preclude the completion of other Convention business, the following rules shall be followed:

5) Nominations – Nominations shall be presented in written form to the State Advocate in the same manner as all other resolutions, including the "late" rules.

6) State Officer Balloting. The rules for State Officer elections are as follows:

**ELECTRONIC VOTING:**

- a. The State Secretary shall verify the number of members eligible to vote and the clear majority of members needed for election.
- b. A voting committee (tellers) for the State Officer Elections, appointed by the Chair, comprised of at least one Past State Deputy, a State Officer, and one member of the Convention shall preside at the terminals for balloting. Two tellers per voting machine shall be assigned by the Chair.
- c. The official delegates and State Officers shall proceed by row starting with State Officers then District one through last valid district. District Deputies shall act as Marshalls and will bring up

the next row when the row in front of them has completed voting. At the conclusion of the electronic voting the results will be delivered to the Presiding Officer who shall announce the results. No member shall leave or enter the chamber during the voting process.

- d. All officers must be elected by a clear majority of ballots received. If a winner by clear majority of the votes cast is not determined those candidates receiving the smallest number of ballots 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 more than 10% more votes than the next lowest candidate. If not, the next candidate(s), receiving a total number of votes within 10 percent of the top two candidates, shall be included in the next round of voting, and the next after that, until one candidate has received a clear majority of eligible votes. Second and successive ballot shall occur using these procedures until a clear winner is determined. A recount of the delegates present for voting shall be conducted prior to each successive vote.
- e. NOTE: Each nominee may attend the counting of the votes or appoint a representative to attend in his place.

**OPTIONAL PAPER BALLOT VOTING:**

- a. Same as in Electronic Voting.
- b. A Voting Committee (tellers) for State Officer Elections, appointed by the Chair, comprised of at least one Past State Deputy, a State Officer, and one member of the Convention, shall take all collected votes to the voting area for counting.
- c. Balloting is complete when all ballots are collected by the tellers. No member shall be allowed to enter or leave the Convention chamber while the balloting is in process without first getting permission from the Chair.
- d. Normal business shall resume during the counting of the ballots.
- e. When the count is complete, the tellers shall check the tally and provide the written tally to the presiding officer.
- f. All delegates shall be recalled to the Convention Chamber, and once seated the presiding official shall announce the result of the election.
- g. Same as in Electronic Voting

**NOTE:** Each nominee may attend the counting of the votes or appoint a representative to attend in his place.



**Caucus Group 1 (Districts 1-21) Chairman Cesar Mascardo, RA #1 [caucus1@floridakofc.org](mailto:caucus1@floridakofc.org)**

Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District
8589	1	7968	5	14295	9	16492	13	11961	17		
11125	1	11893	5	12619	10	6108	14	17480	17		
15836	1	13527	5	17029	10	11448	14	1895	18		
16080	1	3599	6	11668	10	11784	14	8791	18		
11878	2	11850	6	1951	10	13207	14	13018	18		
13389	2	17689	6	648	11	13900	14	5357	19		
15007	2	10513	6	15132	11	5758	15	6274	19		
15366	2	3521	7	10626	11	8101	15	6584	19		
778	3	12929	7	11220	11	8917	15	13571	19		
7027	3	7589	8	4727	12	10572	15	4934	20		
7402	3	9720	8	5535	12	17931	15	8086	20		
8450	3	11566	8	14866	12	611	16	12569	20		
4444	4	13037	8	17161	12	7121	16	5960	21		
7272	4	5407	9	17182	12	11046	16	16886	21		
13277	4	12896	9	10850	13	13337	16	15644	21		
7667	5	11069	9	12664	13	10514	17	16413	21		

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Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	Council	District	District
8012	22	13240	25	4826	29	10484	32			7109	40	
8510	22	14132	25	5667	29	14975	32	10377	36	9916	40	
9649	22	14217	25	6125	29	6168	33	11497	36	11295	40	
13676	22	5958	26	11348	29	6391	33	13209	36			
14222	22	11488	26	3746	30	14485	33	15779	36			
5644	23	12402	26	5845	30	15225	33	6476	37			
8120	23	2112	27	7408	30	15624	33	7621	37			
10034	23	10462	27	13243	30	6800	34	12196	37			
10853	23	11328	27	14573	30	12544	34	1768	38			
13300	23	11673	27	2505	31	15154	34	8104	38			
5150	24	16495	27	10169	31	17531	34	11138	38			
5618	24	17915	27	11651	31	11317	35					
12761	24	6624	28	13907	31	11680	35	13525	39			
15266	24	112235	28	5643	32	11877	35	667	39			
16236	24	13116	28	4726	32	16536	35	3580	40			
		15357	28	7091	32			5635	40			









GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Chairman** DD #22 Chuck Demino  
**Vice-Chairman** Chuck Armstrong DD#18\*  
 Co-Chair Kevin Ryan DD#17  
 Co-Chair Alan Gauzens, DD #40  
 Co-Chair Paul Erni, DD #45  
 Co-Chair Jose Cedeno DD#44

DISTRICT CAUCUS CHAIRMAN

**Region 01 Chairman:** Cesar Mascardo, Regional Administrator #01  
**Region 02 Chairman:** John Papa Regional Administrator #04  
**Region 03 Chairman:** Robert Guillery, Regional Administrator #05  
**Region 04 Chairman:** William Van Keuren, Regional Administrator #06

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**Chairman** Peter Grasso #42  
**Vice-Chairman** Allen Heyman, DD #53 \*  
 Committee GKs, Delegates, & Attendees appointed by DDs

**ELECTION TELLERS**  
 Allen Heyman, DD #53 \*  
 Christopher Beckett, DD #68\*

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**Chairman** Gerald Grillo, Regional Administrator #3  
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 Co-Chair Eddy Merlet  
 Co-Chair Bill Quinn PGK  
 Co-Chair David Amrhein GK  
 Co-Chair Jose Montes DGK  
 Co-Chair Harold Bennet DW  
 Co-Chair Robert Knaoik KNOB  
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April 15, 2024

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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 2023 – 2024.

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 2022 – 2023 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 2022–2023 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, 2024, we have collected \$377,128.83 of State per capita assessments, representing 326 of 336 Active Councils in the Florida jurisdiction; collection effort for the remaining 10 Councils will continue for the rest of the Fraternal Year. The 2024 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, 2024.

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.

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

Fraternally,

*MP Gizewski*

Michael P. Gizewski, State Secretary



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April 2024

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

Re: State Advocate Report

Worthy State Deputy Rick:

I've been blessed to be able to serve as the State Advocate for the last 5 years under 3 different State Deputies. I've attempted to the best of my ability to reduce the load of the State Deputy with some of the crazy stuff that seems to happen. I recognize that in any organization as large as the Florida State Knights of Columbus, there are going to be a minority of trouble-makers. It's my job to deal with same in a fraternal manner. I've tried to resolve such problems using my mediation skills, and for the most part, have been successful so that over the course of the last year, we have not had to suspend any brother Knight for disciplinary reasons.

I have accumulated the resolutions that have been timely sent to me and will be sending them to our Resolution Committee for evaluation so I can report on their recommendations at the State Convention.

Over the last 5 years, I have attempted to provide my State Deputies not only my experience but also my legal analysis developed over my long law and management career. Hopefully, doing so has taken some burden off the State Deputies that I have served.

I have been honored to serve my State Council over the last 5 years and hopefully, I will be allowed to serve for one more year in this capacity.

Vivat Jesus,

*Bob Rasch*

State Advocate



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04/21/2024

Memorandum For: Richard Hughes, State Deputy  
Delegates of the 120<sup>th</sup> Florida State Council Convention

Re: 2024 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, 2024. As of this date, all deposits have been made, and as of March 31, 2024, 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 not just presented, but thoroughly discussed and reviewed by the Budget Committee at their meeting held on April 17, 2024, via remote communication. These budgets for 2024-2025 were meticulously crafted using the new membership figures as of April 1, 2024, 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 the General Fund 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 113<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention (The Annual Meeting) for the upcoming fraternal year.

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

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the members of the Florida State Council as your State Treasurer for this fraternal year. My wife Shirley and I have enjoyed being part of the state team and hope to continue serving the Florida State Council next fraternal year.

Vivat Iesus,

*Joseph Coicou*

Joseph Coicou  
State Treasurer



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May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

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

I am pleased to 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 would like to extend my gratitude to the FSC State Convention committees for their hard work in ensuring that the upcoming meeting runs smoothly. I appreciate their efforts in advance.

It has been an honor to serve this Florida jurisdiction by representing the Florida State Council (FSC) at various events and meeting our Brother Knights and their families. I am proud to be part of the board members who strive to bring the vision of Blessed & Fr. Michael J. McGivney to life within this jurisdiction.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my fellow Knights who entrusted me with the responsibility of serving as State Warden for the past year. Their prayers and support have been invaluable in enabling me to do my job for this jurisdiction. I would also like to thank my fellow executive board members for their patience and understanding towards me during my time as State Warden. I am especially grateful to our worthy State Deputy for his guidance and leadership as a mentor, ensuring that I perform to the best of my abilities for this jurisdiction.

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

Vivat Iesus,

*Edward F. Sleyzak*

Edward F. Sleyzak  
State Warden  
Florida State Council



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May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Richard Hughes, State Deputy  
Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus  
5118 Sylvan Oaks Drive  
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Worthy State Deputy and Brother Rick,

It has been an honor for me to continue my support of the Florida State Council during this past year. I especially enjoyed assisting you by covering District 25 as District Deputy, conveying your message of Charity, Unity, and Faith to the members. I was also pleased at the response I got when encouraging Councils to become active in promotion of the Cor initiative, and by encouraging them to participate in prayer groups not only for the (council) members but their parishes. I also took time to make sure the councils in the district are complying with safe environment requirements, and that they are participating in all programs and reporting those same good works.

On a personal note, I was able to raise over \$2,000.00 for the Special Olympics through the Polar Plunge event. I also participated in various events through Central Florida for Special Olympics.

Congratulations on a great year! The Florida team is doing great things in continuing the traditions of the Florida State Council. With a month to go, I am confident that Florida will once again be in the Circle of Honor and hopefully achieve the Pinnacle status, representative of truly exceptional achievements.

Congratulations,,

*Robert S. Urrutia*

Robert S. Urrutia  
Immediate Past State Deputy.



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May 25, 2024

Richard P. Hughes  
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Worthy State Deputy and Brother Rick Hughes,

I extend my deepest gratitude to you and all my esteemed Brother Knights on the Florida State Council for the support and collaboration provided in carrying out my responsibilities as the State Executive Administrator.

Serving as your Executive Administrator has been an honor and privilege, allowing me to undertake the following tasks:

- Crafting and maintaining the State Directory, meticulously updating it on a quarterly basis.
- Coordinating with the Supreme Council to streamline the processing of expense reports for our valued District Deputies.
- Communicating with our vendors to ensure timely delivery of essential resources to our District Deputies.
- Assisting our Marketing and Public Relations Team whenever required
- Assisting with management of hotel accommodation for dignitaries and state personnel

I'm pleased to report that, from July to December 2023, we successfully processed 131 expense reports from our District Deputies. Furthermore, from January 2024 to the present, we have processed an additional 68 expense reports. Rest assured, I am committed to meticulously tracking these statistics to ensure that our District Deputies receive prompt and accurate reimbursements.

Thank you once again for entrusting me with this role. I remain dedicated to serving you and the Florida State council with the utmost diligence and integrity.

Fraternally,

*Marc R. Andersen*

Marc R. Andersen  
State Executive Administrator



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April 13, 2024

State Deputy Richard P. Hughes  
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Florida State Council – State General Program Director’s Final Report

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Rick:

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

Our councils were at the forefront of service work to our churches, communities, and those less fortunate that needed our help. The participation of Florida Knights in the Faith, Family, Community and Life program activities greatly facilitated our Order’s mission in “building the domestic church” and exemplified our primary principle of Charity.

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, St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon, Rosaries, Spiritual Reflection, the ever-popular Eucharistic Processions and the much-loved Silver Rose procession. Our brother knights continue to take the lead in bringing people back to the Church by the example of their service, charity and good works.

Our members can always be counted on to provide for and support those who are in dire need and to consistently defend the defenseless among us. We held second place, a few machines behind California, in the Ultrasound Initiative for the entire past year; despite that we are clearly well ahead of third place with placement of over 140 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 and seventh place in wheelchair placements. 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 omnipresent “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 different councils and parishes than it had in the past. Florida climbed out of 14th place in Coats for Kids to reach 9th place nationwide. Food for Families program also had outstanding results, as is now expected in Florida. Several families from the Florida jurisdiction were nationally recognized as the 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



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Florida Councils embody the ideals expected of the Knights of Columbus. We encourage every member of our Order in Florida to motivate their Councils to report the good deeds of their Councils by submitting applications for awards on service activities. A Council may not win, but members will have the knowledge that their leaders recognized and acknowledged their good works.

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 the less fortunate and most vulnerable in our communities and state.

A State Convention is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, as well as the time to reenergize our commitment as Knights of Columbus. It is an occasion to focus on putting into practice the principles of our Order and to offer every eligible Catholic gentleman the gift of membership in our honored Order. The Fraternal Year is not over though, we still have many projects to finish, so let's close out this year with needed activities for the good of our Holy Mother Church, our Order and our Country!

Finally, I must thank all the members of the Programs Team for their contributions of their precious time and immeasurable talent to the Florida State Council from the very bottom of my heart. Their commitment has made this, once again, another enjoyable and gratifying year indeed!

Fraternally,

*Kris Elliot*

Kris Elliot  
State General Programs Director



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April 30, 2024

State Deputy Richard P. Hughes  
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Annual Report on State Membership

Worthy State Deputy Richard,

Membership is on a roll! Enthusiasm from the Councils and members in Florida is high! The "First in Faith, First in Charity" theme from the 2023 Supreme Convention is the backdrop for Catholic men accepting an invitation to join our Order.

I traveled with you, from July to February, crisscrossing the state on the "Spirit of Unity" tour. I promoted Membership, brought Membership materials, and tried to build enthusiasm for building His Body which is the Church, by encouraging growth of our Order.

As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, Florida is at 97.1% of our annual membership intake goal. We are 20<sup>th</sup> in the Order. I can confidently say that my promise to you at the beginning of the year to meet the Circle of Honor goal by the convention will be fulfilled. We only need 78 men to achieve it. I believe we may be able to get a Pinnacle Award for Florida this year if we keep the momentum. Florida crossed 59,000 members last week, giving us a net gain of 1462 men since July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have nearly 500 new members ahead of the same time last year.

115 Councils have achieved 100% or more of their annual membership goal. 24 more are between 80% and 99% of the goal. 42 Districts have attained 100% or more of their District goal. 11 more are between 80% and 99%. 78 Councils have 2 Fraternal Benefit Events (FBE) recorded. 172 Councils are Safe Environment complaint.

I'm encouraging the Councils that are short of Star Council requirements that there is time for all Councils to earn the Star Council Award. 196 Councils need to get 1 or more leaders compliant with the Safe Environment requirements. 198 Councils need 2 FBEs and another 92 need 1 more FBE. This is still doable, but Councils must commit now. The State Membership team stands ready to assist any Council. Councils who haven't completed their Safe Environment requirements were excluded from State awards. We want them to be compliant so they will be eligible for Supreme awards at the end of the fraternal year.

We have 1 New Council this fraternal year in Elkton. We have one Roundtable ready to form a new Council. If Council leaders or District Deputies see an area where a new Council would help serve the parish, they should reach out to the State NCD Chairman or myself. We want all men to have the opportunity to grow their faith, serve their parish, and assist community by joining our Order.

Florida has 31 Roundtables registered with Supreme. There are likely many more where the Council needs to submit a current Roundtable Report. This report must be renewed annually. I encourage all Councils to explore



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opportunities where we can better serve a subset of the parish with a Roundtable focusing on the needs of the subset group(s). Roundtables are a great way for a Council to build membership. They should be formed for every parish and mission that does not have a KofC Council. They are encouraged when the parish has men speaking languages other than the language used by the Council, or other unique groups within a parish.

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

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](http://kofc.org/join))

As you read in this report at the convention, we have but 1 month left in the fraternal year. Make it our most productive month of the year. Finish this year strong and carry that momentum into July.

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 are able to get Florida into the Circle of Honor again.

Vivat Jesus,

*Danny McIntyre*

Danny McIntyre



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# Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree Florida District  
De Soto Province



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Worthy State Deputy and Brother Rick,

The State of the District of Florida is strong.

The Florida District of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus conducted five (5) exemplifications during the last fraternal year so far with another Degree scheduled for June 1st. in Coral Gables. The last Fourth Degree Exemplification of my term will be in Saint Johns Florida at San Juan del Rio Catholic Church on August 25, 2024.

Assembly bulletins and reports from Faithful Navigators indicated there were many excellent Fourth Degree activities conducted by their assemblies. Some activities supporting the patriotic theme of the Knights of Columbus helped to increase popular awareness and standing in our communities. Many assemblies sponsored activities supporting Church functions, assistance at veteran medical and living facilities, honor guard support at many funerals and community functions. The Color Corps participated in flag presentations and parades honoring veterans. The Color Corps continues to greet veterans as they return home from their "Honor Flights" to Washington D.C. The participation of assemblies' Color Corps truly exemplify the Order as the **"Visible Right Arm of the Church"**

I am especially proud of all the Sir Knights who showed up to support the Supreme Convention last August. There were over 100 Color Corps members who marched in the ceremony opening the Convention, and I am proud to say that the Adoration Chapel, which was open from Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> to Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup> was covered by at least two Color Corpsmen. I would like to thank the District Marshal and Vice Marshals for all their work in training the Color Corps and preparing the Corps for this assignment.

Our thanks go out to Florida State Deputy, Sir Knight Robert Urrutia for his support for the Fourth Degree. Without his support we could not have achieved the results enjoyed by all.

**Exemplifications:**

There were four (4) Fourth Degree Exemplifications conducted in the Florida District during this past fraternal year. In August, a degree was held in Jacksonville, at Assumption Catholic Church; In November we were at the Resurrection Catholic Church in Winter Garden; in March we were in Parrish at Saint Frances X Cabrini Catholic Church; in April we presented an Exemplification in Spanish, virtually; and on May 11<sup>th</sup> we were at Saint John the Evangelist in Naples. The Fourth Degree will be held in Coral Gables. The Florida Exemplar team received superior ratings from the Vice Supreme Master for each of these exemplifications.

A special noteworthy thanks must go to the Florida District Exemplar team for demonstrating good sound leadership, and delivery, which will continue to present "The Best" exemplifications in the Order.



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## Membership

The Florida District increased its membership by over 500 new Sir Knights. The Florida District staff in conjunction with the Florida State Council, State Deputy, State Officers and District Deputies working together in promoting the Patriotic Degree will enhance our recruiting efforts leading to an improvement in membership recruitment through the Florida District.

1. The Fourth Degree will continue to make presentations at all Florida State Council gatherings as well as the annual state meetings by hosting promotional display booths which will offer Fourth Degree literature promoting activity events and displaying the new Fourth Degree uniform along with promotional Fourth Degree paraphernalia.
2. Working in conjunction with the Florida State Council webmaster, assemblies will have the ability to publish assembly activities, reports, photos, upcoming events, and assembly newsletters. Assemblies having this communication tool available, should increase their visibility among local councils, as well as their members, increasing their knowledge of the mission of the Fourth Degree and the local assembly.
3. All exemplification dates and locations will be posted on the Florida State Council web site, as well on all State published calendars allowing councils and assemblies ample time to plan and promote upcoming exemplifications.

## Activities:

During this fraternal year, the Florida District Team has traveled to many parts of the Florida District visiting and participating in assembly activities. We have installed many of the assemblies as well as conducting the Renewal of Obligations ceremony and the Blessing of the Swords Ceremony. I would especially like to commend the Edward A O'Neil Assembly #1534, who held a Blessing of the Swords Ceremony, conducted by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, in which over 110 Knights participated.

I believe that that the Florida District, the Patriotic Right Arm of the Order, is alive and vibrant in Florida. The Sir Knights are dedicated and devoted to promoting and lifting the Fourth Degree. Joining together as one cable and not many fibers we will continue to lift high the Cross, succeeding in all that we do to grow our Brotherhood to new heights.

Respectfully Submitted

John J O'Toole  
Master, Florida District  
DeSoto Province





May 29, 2024

State Deputy Richard P. Hughes  
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**Florida State Council Marketing and Brands Committee Report: 2023-2024**

Dear Worthy State Deputy, Esteemed State Officers, and Directors,

I am honored to present the comprehensive report detailing the endeavors of the Marketing and Brands Committee for the tenure spanning 2023 to 2024. Our committee's overarching mission revolves around the strategic promotion of the Florida State Council, its affiliated Councils and Assemblies, and most importantly, the noble values and principles upheld by the Order.

Throughout the reporting period, our committee has employed a multifaceted approach to communication, leveraging various channels to effectively reach our esteemed members. Some of the key channels utilized include:

- **Direct Communication:** We ensured direct communication with key stakeholders such as State Officers, the State Board, Regional Administrators, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Faithful Navigators.
- **Digital Platforms:** Leveraging platforms like Vertical Response, Mailchimp, and our dedicated FSC Website, we disseminated critical information efficiently and effectively.
- **Social Media Engagement:** Embracing the power of social media, particularly platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, we promoted events and engaged with our members on a broader scale.

During this period, the Marketing Committee spearheaded various initiatives aimed at enhancing communication and facilitating engagement within our community. Some notable activities include:

- **Event Calendar Maintenance:** We meticulously maintained an up-to-date event calendar to ensure our members remained informed about upcoming events and initiatives.
- **Website Navigation Training:** Recognizing the importance of digital literacy, we provided comprehensive training sessions aimed at empowering our members to navigate our website seamlessly.
- **Leaders Resource Page Development:** To streamline access to vital information, we developed a dedicated Leaders Resource page, serving as a centralized hub for essential resources and materials.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated individuals whose unwavering commitment and tireless efforts have contributed to the success of the Marketing and Brands Committee:

- **State Public Relations Director:** Brother John O'Malley
- **State Communications Chairman:** Brother James Griffith
- **Invocation Editors:** Brother Ed Sleyzak & Scott Huetteman



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*Florida State Council*

- State Photographer: Brother Harry Rother
- Audio/Visual Team: William M Cosgrove, Robert J. Higgins & Christopher J. Berens

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Weldon Otis Watkins III*

Weldon Otis Watkins III  
State Marketing and Brands Director  
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May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

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Worthy State Deputy & Brother, Richard:

During the Fraternal Year beginning on July 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024, there were a total of 190 ceremonials conducted throughout the Florida jurisdiction.

Ceremonials were conducted either live, virtual and/or hybrid ceremonials that included both live candidates and on-line candidates.

Exemplification ceremonials held at the council and/district level, utilizing live ceremonial teams and candidates, or utilizing the on-line ceremonial presentations as reported by the appropriate District Deputy, validated by their submission of the Monthly District Deputy Ceremonials Report, indicates that there was a total of 145 ceremonials conducted in the Florida jurisdiction. There may have been more than the 145 ceremonials conducted; however, I only received validation on the 145. These efforts resulted in the initiation of 424 new Knights.

Ceremonials conducted by the 5 Florida State Council Exemplification Teams represented 45 presentations of the Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity during this time frame. These ceremonials were conducted in English on Thursdays and in Spanish on Wednesday evenings. These efforts resulted in the initiation of 618 who participated in the English ceremonials and 51 new Knights who participated in the exemplification conducted in Spanish for a total of 669 new members.

In addition to our FSC efforts to present the ceremonial, the Supreme Council has continued to host on-line ceremonials that have expanded to include on-demand ceremonials as well as the traditional Thursday night presentations.

It has been an honor for me to have served the Florida State Council as the State Ceremonials Director and I sincerely appreciate your confidence in selecting me to serve in this capacity.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Team Captains and members of the Florida State Council Ceremonial Teams who have continued to tirelessly present a superior product each week. It has been an absolute pleasure to work together with North Central Florida Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification Team, Panhandle Team, Alafia Team, Our Lady of Guadalupe Team, and the South Beach Exemplar Team.

Most Sincerely,

*Ron Brown*



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April 28th, 2024

Richard P. Hughes  
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Dear Worthy State Deputy,

In the fraternal year July 1, 2023, ~ June 30, 2024, 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 was 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 120<sup>th</sup> 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 2024 Anniversaries and Milestones:

**Diocese of St Augustine (1870)**

**Parishes**

***150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Sacred Heart Mission in Green Cove Springs

***110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St. Mary, Mother of God Parish in Brunnell

***75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St Matthew Parish in Jacksonville

St William Parish in Keystone Heights

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Callahan

Crucifixion Parish in Jacksonville

Holy Family Parish in Jacksonville

St. Anthony the Abbot Mission in Inglis

**Clergy**

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Edward Booth

Msgr. Caesar Russo

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Leonard Chuwa

***New Priests (5/18/24 Ordination)***

Fr. Diego Vasquez

Fr. Cristian Vergara



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**Archdiocese of Miami (1958)**

**Parishes**

***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Little Flower Parish in Hollywood

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Deerfield Beach

Our Lady Queen of Heaven in North Lauderdale

St David Parish in Davie

**Clergy**

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Eduardo J. Alvarez

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Jaime Acevedo

Fr. Robes Charles

***New Priests (5/11/24 Ordination)***

Fr. John Buonocore

Fr. Milton Martinez

Fr. David Zallocco

**Diocese of St Petersburg (1968)**

**Parishes**

***140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St. Anthony Parish in San Antonio

***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St. Cecelia Parish in Clearwater

**Clergy**

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Francis X. Buu

Fr. Bruce Craig

Fr. Andrzej Gorczyca

Fr. William F. Keane

Fr. Paul Kochu

Fr. Vincent Laviano

Fr. Michael Lydon

Fr. Salvator Stefula

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Agustinus Seran

Fr. Pedro Zapata

Fr. Rodolfo Ramon Cabrera

**Diocese of Orlando (1968)**

**Parishes**

***110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St. Joseph Parish in Palm Bay

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Holy Family Parish in Orlando

**Clergy**

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Felicito S. Baybay

Fr. William Zamborsky

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Aldrin C.R. Nunes

Fr. Zbigniew Stradomski

***New Priests (5/25/24 Ordination)***

Fr. Michael Batista

Fr. Phillip Mills





**Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee (1975)**

**Parishes**

***110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Immaculate Conception Parish in Perry  
St. Mary Parish in Ft. Walton Beach

***75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St. Ann Parish in Gulf Breeze

**Clergy**

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Mathew Abraham  
Fr. Dominic Dat Tran

**Diocese of Palm Beach (1984) – Celebrating 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Diocese**

**Parishes**

***75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St. Juliana Parish in West Palm Beach

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Mary Immaculate Parish in West Palm Beach

**Clergy**

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Olmes Milani

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Peter Truong

***New Priests (5/4/24 Ordination)***

Fr. Serge Dubé Jr.  
Fr. Joshua Martin

**Diocese of Venice (1984) – Celebrating 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Diocese**

**Parishes**

***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St. Catherine Parish in Sebring

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Naples

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Parrish  
Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Lakewood Ranch

**Clergy**

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Richard Bondi      Fr. Brian Manning  
Fr. Mark Svarezkopf

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Fr. Victor A. Caviedes      Fr. Anthony R. Hewitt  
Fr. Anthonio Jean      Fr. Jayabalan Raju

***New Priests (2/10/24 Ordination)***

Fr. Alan Baldarelli





The FSC, through the felicitations committee, would also like to congratulate the following Councils and Assemblies in the state of Florida on their 2024 Anniversaries:

***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Saint Joseph Council #2505

***75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Father Andrew Brown Assembly #153

***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Msgr Jerome Reddy Council #6569

Deltona Council #6584

Msgr John J O'Looney Council #6590

St Cloud Kissimmee Council #6624

***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Council #12376

Saint James Council #12402

Fray Escoba Council #12424

San Antonio Council #12456

Our Lady of the Waters Council #12544

Father Edward J. Masse Assembly #2564

Father Michael J. Flynn Assembly #2586

***Councils Formed since 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Florida State Council***

San Rafael Council #18224

Sargado Corazon Council #18228

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Council #18242    Father Stephen Langlade Council #18358

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, Dr. Steven Wyer; Co-Chairs: George Elliott, DD #03; Jimmy Hundley, DD #12; John Conroy, DD #33; James Stephens, DD#61; Michael Eddie, DD #66





May 2024

Richard P. Hughes  
State Deputy  
Florida State Council  
5118 Sylvan Oaks Dr  
Valrico, FL 33596-9217

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 Convention in May 2023 and the Mid-Year Meeting December 2023. I have done a lot behind the scenes which is why I am proud to be a State Historian and Curator.

PSD Scott O'Connor donated his new book and his Chapeaux to the Inventory; St. Jerome's Council contributed the outstanding new archives of late PSD/Vice Supreme Master Bob Anderson, Communicated with the outgoing State Warden Joe Coicou that a few 8x10 frames will need replacement; and SK Lou Ortiz emailed that he wants to donate a Degree audio tape and armbands to the museum. State Photographer Harry Rother wants to know if the Vinyl Backdrops of past years should be part of the Museum Inventory.

Ed Sleyzak and I are working with Immediate Past State Deputy Robert Urrutia for the traditional Interview for Past State Deputies for youtube.com. A new portrait has been printed for Current State Deputy Richard Hughes which will be included at the 2024 FL State Council Convention Museum.

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*

State Curator Historian  
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*Come Holy Spirit*







Richard P. Hughes  
State Deputy  
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5118 Sylvan Oaks Dr  
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, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious and Seminarians.
- Continued support for our Council and Chapter Chaplains and our Assembly Friars, including hosting a Diocesan-wide clergy and religious appreciation event 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 leave due to financial concerns.



*Come Holy Spirit*





*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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members of our Order and to encourage all Assemblies to assist, as needed, any brother seeking the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.
- All Knights 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 Initiative, and all other Pro-Life efforts in words, prayers, and monetary support.
- Council participation in the running of the Silver Rose across Florida as Pro-Life event.
- All Councils to promote, support and attend local and Dioceses 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.



*Come Holy Spirit*





*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.
- 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 a 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 RCIA 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 and for Councils to increase council membership through E-Membership.



*Come Holy Spirit*





*Under Support for Personal Spiritual Growth:*

*We Encourage...*

- A renewed dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Most Blessed Mother.
- All members to add an hour of Adoration to their current practice.
- Brother Knights to participate in Liturgical Parish Ministries.
- Councils to increase efforts to Keep Christ in Christmas through special programs during Advent and the holy Christmas season.
- Councils to support the sacrament of marriage and promotion of the family.
- All knights consider attending a spiritual retreat to increase their faith life.
- Councils to promote Evangelization Faith Formation events, in conjunction with the parish and to invite all to participate.
- Councils to sponsor a Living Rosary, Holy Hour, Into the breach Bible Study, and other events that make up the Faith and Action Program with our Parish family.
- All members to renew their Rosary promise: "To Carry Their Rosary Always And To Pray It As Often As They Can".



*Come Holy Spirit*





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04/15/2024

Memorandum For: Richard Hughes, State Deputy  
Delegates of the Florida State Council 120<sup>th</sup> State Convention

Re: 2024 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 1-April 14, 2024, 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: Joseph Coicou, State Treasurer

Co-Chairman: Richard Dahn, 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: Kevin Ryan, DD #1 17

Committee: Billy W. Antley, DD#31

Committee: Paul Emiro, DD#39

Committee: Allen Heyman, DD#53

Committee: Christopher Beckett, DD#68

Committee: John Yardley, DD#71

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, 2023, through February 29, 2024. 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, Joseph Coicou.

**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.
- The written report from the Independent Auditor for Fraternal Year 2022-2023 was unavailable during our deliberations. However, we remain committed to reviewing it as soon as it becomes available.

**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: Joseph Coicou, State Treasurer: Joseph Coicou

Co-Chairman: Richard Dahn, State Charities Dir. & V.P. of FLKofCC: Rich Dahn

Committeeman: Cesar Mascardo, RA #01: Cesar Mascardo

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

Committeeman: Kevin Ryan, DD #17: Kevin Ryan

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Committeeman: John Yardley, DD#71: John Yardley

- Observer: Michael Gizewski, State Secretary
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- 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, 2023 and 2022

Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

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Hoskins Quiros Osborne & LaBeaume CPA, LLC

*Life Can Be Taxing. We Can Help.*

## **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, 2023 and 2022, 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, 2023 and 2022 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 14 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 Osborne & LaBeaume, CPA, LLC*

Hoskins Quiros Osborne & LaBeaume, CPA  
Certified Public Accountants  
Orlando, Florida  
March 20, 2024

Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

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

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 178,034	\$ 163,926
Total Current Assets	<u>178,034</u>	<u>163,926</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 178,034</u>	<u>\$ 163,926</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Card	\$ 720	\$ 2,121
Total Current Liabilities	<u>720</u>	<u>2,121</u>
Net Assets	<u>177,314</u>	<u>161,805</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>177,314</u>	<u>161,805</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 178,034</u>	<u>\$ 163,926</u>

Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

Statements of Support, Revenue, and Expenses - Cash Basis

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Change in Net Assets:		
Support and Revenue		
Council Dues	\$ 380,343	\$ 384,465
General Activities (bibles, etc.)	39,056	33,354
State Convention	102,302	89,868
Supreme Convention	8,000	-
Miscellaneous	16,337	7,233
Total Support and Revenue	<u>546,038</u>	<u>514,920</u>
Expenses		
Program and Administrative	<u>530,529</u>	<u>512,233</u>
Total Expenses	530,529	512,233
Change in Net Assets	15,509	2,687
Total Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>161,805</u>	<u>159,118</u>
Total Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 177,314</u>	<u>\$ 161,805</u>



# Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2023 and 2022

### 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, 2023 and 2022.

#### 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.

# Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2023 and 2022

### 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, 2023 and 2022, 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, 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, 2023, 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.

**Knights of Columbus Florida State Council**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**June 30, 2023 and 2022**

**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, 2023

	Program Services		Supporting Services		Grand Total
	Community Programs & Support Services		Management & General	Fundraising	
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 (bibles, 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		26,162	-	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>

## Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

### Notes to Financial Statements

**June 30, 2023 and 2022**

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

##### Functional Classification of Expenses – Continued

Year Ended June 30, 2022					
	Program Services		Supporting Services		Grand Total
	Community Programs & Support Services		Management & General	Fundraising	
Organizational Meeting	\$	45,850	\$	15,284	\$ 61,134
Installation of Officers		4,993		1,664	6,657
State Convention		149,788		49,930	199,718
Supreme Convention		2,032		677	2,709
General Activities (bibles, etc.)		24,404		-	24,404
General (web page, printing, etc.)		66,664		-	66,664
General Programs		9,185		-	9,185
Membership		4,012		1,337	5,349
Liability Insurance		89,748		29,916	119,664
Family Activities		185		-	185
Council Activities		5,479		-	5,479
Youth Activities		11,085		-	11,085
Total	\$	413,425	\$	98,808	\$ 512,233

##### Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through March 20, 2024, 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.

	2023	2022
Financial assets at year-end	\$ 178,034	\$ 163,926
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year	-	-
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditure within one year	\$ 178,034	\$ 163,926

**Knights of Columbus Florida State Council**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**June 30, 2023 and 2022**

**NOTE B – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS – CONTINUED**

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.

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Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

Schedules of Program and Administrative Expenses - Cash Basis

Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Program and Administrative Expenses:	2023	2022
Organizational Meeting	\$ 67,768	\$ 61,134
Installation of Officers	-	6,657
State Convention	218,779	199,718
Supreme Convention	20,959	2,709
General Activities (bibles, etc.)	22,272	24,404
General Activities (web page, printing, etc.)	70,893	66,664
General Programs	8,616	9,185
Membership	3,616	5,349
Liability Insurance	104,650	119,664
Family Activities	161	185
Council Activities	9,318	5,479
Youth Activities	3,310	11,085
Regional Exemplification	187	-
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$ 530,529</b>	<b>\$ 512,233</b>

# FY 2024-2025 Budget

Budget Item	FY 2022-23 Actual	FY 2023-24 Actual (4/14/24)	FY 2023-24 Budget	FY 2024-2025 Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>Per Capita Income</b>				
Per Capita	380,346.70	377,128.83	381,260.00	389,658.00
<b>Total Per Capita</b>	<b>\$ 380,346.70</b>	<b>\$ 377,128.83</b>	<b>\$ 381,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 389,658.00</b>
<b>General Activities Income</b>				
Christmas Cards & Sales	14,923.54	14,824.98	10,000.00	10,000.00
Misc. Receipts	1,737.92	2,358.00		
<i>Bible Sales*</i>	7,857.80	0.00	0.00	0
Vocations	8,415.00	3,543.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
<b>Total General Activities Income</b>	<b>\$ 32,934.26</b>	<b>\$ 20,725.98</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>
<b>Supreme Administrative Income</b>				
Supreme Recruit Incentive Income	4,032.00	1,868.63		
Supreme Disaster Assistance		2,000.00		
<b>Total Supreme Administrative Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,032.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,868.63</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>State Sale Income</b>				
State Pin Sales	1,984.00	1,533.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
State Merchandise Misc	2,261.00		2,000.00	0.00
State Shirts	1,875.73	8,618.43	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total State Sale Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,120.73</b>	<b>\$ 10,151.43</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>
<b>State Convention Income</b>				
Convention Activities	54.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Convention Ad Book	25,995.33	250.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Convention Sponsorships			15,000.00	15,000.00
Florida K of C Charities Sponsorships			0.00	0.00
Convention Ladies Luncheon	5,143.00		4,000.00	4,000.00
Convention Banquet	43,285.00	120.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Convention Breakfast			0.00	0.00
Convention Registration	17,605.00	35.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Hotel Rebate	10,220.00		13,000.00	13,000.00
<b>Total State Convention Income</b>	<b>\$ 102,302.33</b>	<b>\$ 405.00</b>	<b>\$ 134,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 134,000.00</b>
<b>Supreme Convention Income*</b>				
<i>Supreme Convention Tours*</i>		8,988.43	18,000.00	0
<i>Supreme Convention Registration*</i>		8,759.76	28,000.00	0
<i>Supreme Convention AD Booklet*</i>	1,450.00	11,800.00	20,000.00	0
<i>Supreme Convention Merchandise*</i>		4,199.92	15,000.00	0
<i>Supreme Convention Activities*</i>		11,425.76		0
<b>Total Supreme Convention Income*</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,173.87</b>	<b>\$ 81,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Organizational Meeting Income</b>				
Organizational Meeting	1,085.00	1,840.00	0.00	0.00
Organizational Meeting Banquet	0.00	8,500.00	10,000.00	0.00
Mid-Year Meeting	1,050.00		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Organizational Meeting Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,135.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,340.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Bank Adjustment - Income</b>				
Interest Inc.		0.00		0
Bank Adjustment	0.02	1.00		0
<b>Total Bank Adjustment - Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.02</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 529,321.04</b>	<b>\$ 467,794.74</b>	<b>\$ 629,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 544,658.00</b>



# FY 2024-2025 Budget

Budget Item	FY 2022-23 Actual	FY 2023-24 Actual (4/14/24)	FY 2023-24 Budget	FY 2024-2025 Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Per Capita Expense</b>				
Per Capita Returns		689.20	0.00	0
<b>Total Per Capita Expense</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 689.20</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Organizational Meeting Expense</b>				
Organizational Gen Expenses	22,892.36	28,260.48	28,000.00	28,000.00
Mid Year Gen Expenses	35,300.68	27,721.16	28,000.00	28,000.00
Mid-Year Mtg Mieage/PerDiem	5,307.30	3,601.06	5,500.00	5,000.00
Organizational Mtg Mil/perdeim	3,876.09	4,112.67	5,500.00	5,000.00
Organizational Meeting Banquet		9,554.07	10,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Organizational Meeting Expense</b>	<b>\$ 67,376.43</b>	<b>\$ 73,249.44</b>	<b>\$ 77,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 66,000.00</b>
<b>Special Event Expense</b>				
Supreme Convention Expense	10,393.69	3,384.53	10,500.00	10,500.00
<b>Total Special Event Expense</b>	<b>\$ 10,393.69</b>	<b>\$ 3,384.53</b>	<b>\$ 10,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,500.00</b>
<b>General Activities Expense</b>				
State Deputy Expenses	2,128.17		2,000.00	2,000.00
State Officers Expenses	1,378.81	948.84	3,000.00	3,000.00
State Officers Meetings	399.77	11,187.44	11,000.00	18,000.00
Regional Administrator Expense	16,160.41		1,500.00	1,500.00
Dir & Chairman Mileage&PerDiem			1,500.00	1,200.00
State Directory	1,258.55	2,388.24	8,000.00	8,000.00
Printing_General Fund	5,677.42		1,500.00	1,500.00
State Web Page & Internet Serv		20,672.77	28,000.00	28,000.00
State Equip Purchase	27,778.79	741.18	2,000.00	2,000.00
State Equip Storage	482.11	6,374.10	6,000.00	7,800.00
Disaster Assistance Distribution	5,875.42	2,000.00		
Name Badges	1,204.29	2,646.11	2,000.00	2,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	564.96	16.05	0.00	0.00
Administrative Expenses	2,833.08	1,383.16	0.00	0.00
Annual CPA Audit	5,435.00		5,600.00	6,000.00
<b>Total General Activities Expense</b>	<b>\$ 71,176.78</b>	<b>\$ 48,357.89</b>	<b>\$ 72,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 81,000.00</b>
<b>Convention Expense</b>				
State Convention General Activities	45,707.13	311.42	4,000.00	41,258.00
State Convention Per Diem-Mileage	78,068.25	383.75	115,000.00	100,000.00
State Convention Awards	598.00	1,610.77	13,000.00	3,000.00
State Convention Ladies Luncheon	4,677.12		4,000.00	4,000.00
State Convention Banquet	37,066.63		44,000.00	44,000.00
State Convention Registration Expense	8,501.12		2,000.00	8,500.00
State Convention Expenses	11,527.01	2,027.05	19,000.00	12,000.00
<i>Sunday Breakfast Expense*</i>	6,867.26		0.00	0.00
State Convention Printing			18,000.00	1,000.00
Other Business Expenses	191.53		0.00	0.00
Hotel, Hotel Related Costs A/V	25,575.19		15,000.00	22,000.00
<b>Total Convention Expense</b>	<b>\$ 218,779.24</b>	<b>\$ 4,332.99</b>	<b>\$ 234,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 235,758.00</b>
<b>Supreme Convention Expenses*</b>				
<i>Supreme Convention Registration*</i>	0.00	1,514.31	28,000.00	0.00

# FY 2024-2025 Budget

Budget Item	FY 2022-23 Actual	FY 2023-24 Actual (4/14/24)	FY 2023-24 Budget	FY 2024-2025 Budget
<i>Supreme Convention Tours*</i>	0.00	11,503.53	18,000.00	0.00
<i>Supreme Convention AD Booklet*</i>	0.00	6,720.36	5,000.00	0.00
<i>Supreme Convention Merchandise*</i>	0.00	10,083.00	15,000.00	0.00
<i>Supreme Convention Volunteer Support*</i>	0.00	3,332.87	15,000.00	0.00
<i>Supreme Convention Activities*</i>	0.00	11,310.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Supreme Convention Expenses*</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 44464.07</b>	<b>\$ 81000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>General Program Expense</b>				
State Program Administrator Exp			0.00	0.00
Vocations	8,415.00	3,543.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Program Administrator Meeting			0.00	0.00
Program Administrator Postage/Mailing	201.34	128.00	0.00	0.00
Gen. Program Printing			0.00	0.00
General Programs Misc			0.00	0.00
<b>Total General Program Expense</b>	<b>\$ 8,616.34</b>	<b>\$ 3,671.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>
<b>Membership Expense</b>				
Membership Supplies & Awards	2,971.16	112.88	4,000.00	4,000.00
Membership Meetings	381.19		6,701.00	5,000.00
Membership Postage & Phone	264.00	538.50	500.00	500.00
Membership Printing		18.13	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Membership Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,616.35</b>	<b>\$ 669.51</b>	<b>\$ 13,201.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,500.00</b>
<b>Public Relation Expense</b>				
Public Relations Activities			0.00	0.00
<b>Total Public Relation Expense</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>State Sale Expense</b>				
Bible Sales	8,069.49		0.00	0.00
State Pin	1,722.14	2,550.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Christmas Card Expense	10,123.28	9,833.23	10,000.00	10,000.00
State Shirts	2,354.10	15,147.71	5,000.00	5,000.00
Misc Merchandise Expense	3.65		0.00	0.00
<b>Total State Sale Expense</b>	<b>\$ 22,272.66</b>	<b>\$ 27,530.94</b>	<b>\$ 17,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,000.00</b>
<b>Liability Insurance - Expense</b>				
Liability Insurance	104,649.87	102,449.00	110,000.00	110,000.00
<b>Total Liability Insurance - Expense</b>	<b>\$ 104,649.87</b>	<b>\$ 102,449.00</b>	<b>\$ 110,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 110,000.00</b>
<b>Family Activities Expense</b>				
Family Activities			0.00	0.00
Family Flowers	160.78		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Family Activities Expense</b>	<b>\$ 160.78</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Council Activities Expense</b>				
Fraternal Recognition	9,317.91	5,804.45	6,000.00	6,000.00
Special Projects		96.00		
<b>Total Council Activities Expense</b>	<b>\$ 9,317.91</b>	<b>\$ 5,900.45</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Youth Activities Expense</b>				
Youth Activities	2,853.66	896.84	559.00	900.00
<i>Youth Spelling Bee*</i>	343.34	420.00	500.00	0.00
Youth Soccer		960.00	1,700.00	1,000.00

# FY 2024-2025 Budget

Budget Item	FY 2022-23 Actual	FY 2023-24 Actual (4/14/24)	FY 2023-24 Budget	FY 2024-2025 Budget
Youth Basketball Free Throw	113.15	980.16	1,700.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Youth Activities Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,310.15</b>	<b>\$ 3,257.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,459.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>
<i>Regional Exemplification Expenses*</i>				
<i>Regional Team Expenses*</i>	187.00			
<b>Total Regional Exemplification Expenses*</b>	<b>\$ 187.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Bank Adjustment - Expense</b>				
Bank Adjustments		192.35	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Bank Adjustment - Expense</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 192.35</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 519,857.20</b>	<b>\$ 318,148.37</b>	<b>\$ 629,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 544,658.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,463.84</b>	<b>\$ 149,646.37</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>





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Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

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May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Richard P. Hughes  
State Deputy  
Florida State Council  
5118 Sylvan Oaks Dr  
Valrico, FL 33596-9217

Dear Worthy State Deputy,

It has been my distinct pleasure and privilege to serve our great jurisdiction as the Florida K of C Charities, Inc. Vice-President, and Director again this year. The support given to me by all the Directors, Chairman and Team Leaders has been more than expected and was always given without hesitation.

I would like to take this time to give everyone an update on what great works of charity were performed this year throughout the jurisdiction. Remember, the first order of our Fraternal Organization, Charity. It is the root of everything that Father McGivney based his good works and deeds on. After all these years, we strive to keep that as the basis for everything we do. We had many changes which resulted in some challenges this past year. But I see the light at the end of the tunnel and with the support of all our Florida brothers we will continue to move forward and provide assistance and support to all programs and agencies throughout the state that need our help.

Vocations is and should always be one of the most important programs that we support through Florida KOC Charities, Inc. Our bishops, priest and seminarians are vital to the stability of our Catholic faith. By supporting our bishops throughout the State, we enable many programs to continue to do the works that our order holds so high. Locally we continue to support our parishes and through the Vocations program we have shown tremendous support for all the seminarians who have been called to this wonderful vocation. Our Vocations Program has seen challenges over the past several years, but I am happy to report an upswing in funding and new opportunities have enabled us to support this wonderful program in diverse ways. The new FSC form encourages direct council support to the Vocations Fund, and we will continue to refine this





process over the next year. Our support of the Military Chaplain Fund continues to build, but much more is needed in this area to support our military men and women who are true patriots and enable us to enjoy the freedoms that we know and love. Our Mass Card Program also allows us to keep our brothers who are ailing or those who have died in our prayers and in the prayers of our Regional Seminaries. Through your support we remember those Knights and their families, as well as support the seminaries directly with those funds. Florida K of C Charities support of our seminarians and clergy is needed as much now, if not more than it has ever been needed. With constant challenges to our faith and beliefs, we need to continue our monetary and spiritual assistance to strengthen our churches, and each of our Florida Dioceses. Thank you to Brother Ed Smith, for keeping this program alive and well over the past several years.

The Disaster Program was able to distribute over \$20,000 this year to aid in the rebuilding of areas hardest hit by Hurricane Idalia, and to continue the rebuilding process for all those still suffering from Hurricane Ian and also to a parish that was destroyed by fire. We were also fortunate to have so much support from our Brother Knights in other jurisdictions around the country, as well. When the call went out for need and support, they all stepped up without a second thought. I know I cannot include all of those who stepped up to help, but special thanks go out to all of those Brothers who worked tirelessly to support all those in need.

Florida's Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program continues to be one of the most successful throughout the Order. This year Councils have raised over \$327,000 in support of this program, with matching donations of over \$181,000 from Supreme to fully fund these machines. By the time of the convention, we should have eight (8) units placed this year, which brings our total placement to over 140. We currently have several projects underway, and already have funds deposited in Florida K of C Charities Inc. for those projects. Chairman, Jason O'Neil, had to hit the ground running this year and has done a fantastic job in moving through all of these projects. Our ASAP Program also continues to be at the forefront in the aid and support offered to mothers and infants for continued care after birth. To those of you who help support our Right to Life Prayer Walks weekly or monthly at Planned Parenthood and other clinics, THANK YOU. Without your time and efforts many of our initiatives could never have come to fruition. THANK YOU for giving a voice to







those who do not have one yet.

Our Mobile Disabilities program is coming off one of its most successful years to date and has raised over \$60,000, which will provide numerous wheelchairs for those organizations that look to the Knights for support. The American Wheelchair Mission program has changed their process this year, which was a challenge but was met head on by the Florida Knights of Columbus. Michael Costanza has done a wonderful job in bringing the message forward and with support from Chris Lewis on a national level, we can support so many people, locally and world-wide who need the aid of a wheelchair to be able to live a fuller and more satisfying life. I would also be remiss if we did not thank Mike G. for all his help in unloading and distributing a container full of wheelchairs that arrived unexpectedly this year. A big thank you to those Councils and Assemblies that hold Wheelchair Sunday drives and continue to increase the availability of aid to those in need.

Special Olympics continues to be a major program that the Florida KOC supports, and this year was amazing. With some of the changes we mentioned above, we were expecting significant drop-in support through the Tootsie Roll Program, which we did see, but additional charitable donations made directly to Florida Special Olympics came in strong. The Polar Plunge and local Special Olympic events help us get involved and show our continued support for wonderful athletes and their families. Chairman Chris Berens helped to promote a few new events and he will continue to look for much more involvement and volunteer opportunities over the next few years around the state and at many local events that the Special Olympics host. What better way to get the Council together and promote the fraternal nature of the Knights, than to volunteer to coach, officiate, or support in so many other ways at a local event? There are events held every weekend around the state including Bocce, Track and Field, Bowling, Swimming, Soccer, Flag Football and so many more that we need to support. Please make this a priority next year for your Districts and Councils.

Citizens with Disabilities supports many programs for those with intellectual and physical disabilities. Everyone knows the Tootsie Roll program from the time that we were younger and saw the guys with the funny hats collecting outside church and handing out tootsie rolls. Well, we might not do it the same way anymore and with assistance of Chairman John Gearon, and his non-stop emails, the support is back, we are back over \$200,000 in charitable donations again, final reports are still coming in. It is all thanks to the wonderful Knights in the state of Florida that Special Olympics of Florida, The American Wheelchair Program, many other programs throughout our schools and local communities who are supported by these donations.





Our Helping Life Programs has gone through major changes but with continued support from our Councils and assistance from Supreme through the ASAP Program we are able to offer over \$70,000 to those who are most in need. We support many programs through the Helping Life program, they include pregnancy centers throughout the state, Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity and Food for Families. Keep the support coming, we need to reach all of those who need our prayers, and financial assistance.

A final THANK YOU to all the Charities Chairman, I know it was a tough year, and we all learned together and will continue to grow and continue to support the Florida Knights of Columbus and all its charitable endeavors.

Fraternally,

Rich Dahn



Florida K of C Charities, Inc.  
Audited Financial Statements  
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Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Audited Financial Statements  
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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, 2023 and 2022, 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, 2023 and 2022 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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March 20, 2024

Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

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

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 632,970	\$ 792,363
Total Current Assets	<u>632,970</u>	<u>792,363</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>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 2,144,219</u>	<u>\$ 2,303,612</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Card	\$ 916	\$ 622
Total Current Liabilities	<u>916</u>	<u>622</u>
Net Assets	<u>2,143,303</u>	<u>2,302,990</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,143,303</u>	<u>2,302,990</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 2,144,219</u>	<u>\$ 2,303,612</u>



Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Statements of Support, Revenue, and Expenses - Cash Basis

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Change in Net Assets:		
Support and Revenue		
Disabilities Fund	\$ 287,104	\$ 302,414
Disaster Relief	123,793	50,556
General Charity	7,619	27,184
Helping Life	365,671	603,132
General Fundraising	101,885	12,349
Vocations	<u>116,086</u>	<u>136,318</u>
Total Support and Revenue	1,002,158	1,131,953
Expenses		
Program and Administrative	<u>1,161,845</u>	<u>1,076,574</u>
Total Expenses	1,161,845	1,076,574
Change in Net Assets	(159,687)	55,379
Total Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>2,302,990</u>	<u>2,247,611</u>
Total Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,143,303</u>	<u>\$ 2,302,990</u>

**Florida K of C Charities, Inc.**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**June 30, 2023 and 2022**

**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, 2023 and 2022**

**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, 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, 2023, 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**

**June 30, 2023 and 2022**

**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, 2023

	Program Services	Supporting Services		Grand Total
	Community Programs & Support Services	Management & General	Fundraising	
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>

**Florida K of C Charities, Inc.**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**June 30, 2023 and 2022**

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

Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Program Services		Supporting Services		Grand Total
	Community Programs & Support Services	Management & General	Fundraising		
Disabilities Fund	\$ 320,860	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 320,860
Disaster Relief	50,519	-	-		50,519
General Charity	20,743	-	-		20,743
Helping Life	626,026	-	-		626,026
General Fundraising	-	-	4,232		4,232
Vocations	38,952	-	-		38,952
General Administrative	6,282	1,571	-		7,853
Professional Fees	5,911	1,478	-		7,389
Total	\$ 1,069,293	\$ 3,049	\$ 4,232		\$ 1,076,574

Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through March 20, 2024, 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, 2023 and 2022**

**NOTE B – FUNDS FUNCTIONING AS ENDOWMENT FUNDS – CONTINUED**

Changes therein during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Endowment Net Assets, Beginning	\$ 1,510,049	\$ 1,510,049
Earnings	26,000	38,264
Benefits paid by Christopher fund	(26,000)	(38,264)
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	Inputs to the valuation methodology include <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;</li><li>• quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;</li><li>• inputs other than quoted prices that are unobservable for the asset or liability;</li><li>• inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.</li></ul> 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.
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, 2023 and 2022**

**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, 2023 and 2022:

*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, 2023 and 2022:

	<b>Investments at Fair Value as of June 30, 2023</b>			
	<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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,510,049	\$ 1,510,049

	<b>Investments at Fair Value as of June 30, 2022</b>			
	<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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,510,049	\$ 1,510,049

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, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,510,049	\$ 1,510,049
Total gains or losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets	26,000	38,264
Purchases, sales, issuances, settlements, (net)	(26,000)	(38,264)
Ending Balance	\$ 1,510,049	\$ 1,510,049
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	\$ -	

**Florida K of C Charities, Inc.**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**June 30, 2023 and 2022**

**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, 2023 and 2022.

**NOTE E – RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS**

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Disaster Relief	\$ 975	\$ 2,000
Special Olympics	2,118	-
Helping Life	44,345	125,139
Other Restricted Funds	<u>3,219</u>	<u>10,429</u>
Donor Restricted Funds, Ending	<u>\$ 50,657</u>	<u>\$ 137,568</u>

**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.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial assets at year-end	\$ 2,143,019	\$ 2,302,412
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year due to donor restrictions	(50,657)	(137,568)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditure within one year	<u>\$ 2,092,362</u>	<u>\$ 2,164,844</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, 2023 and 2022

<u>Program and Administrative Expenses:</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Disabilities Fund	\$ 287,855	\$ 320,860
Disaster Relief	131,347	50,519
General Charity	14,371	20,743
Helping Life	492,070	626,026
General Fundraising	56,860	4,232
Vocations	165,494	38,952
General Administrative (printing, postage, etc.)	6,988	7,853
Professional Fees	<u>6,860</u>	<u>7,389</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 1,161,845</u>	 <u>\$ 1,076,574</u>



## FY 2024-25 Budget

Budget Item	FY 2022-2023 Actual	FY 2023-24 Actual (4/14/24)	FY 2023-24 Budget	FY 2024-25 Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>Helping Life Income</b>				
Helping Life Member Donation	3,447.89	2,042.85	70,000.00	70,000.00
<i>ProLife Label Program*</i>	290.00	70.00		
Ultrasound Program	262,764.89	82,896.35	396,000.00	396,000.00
Helping Life Designated Donation	96,518.49	67,762.54	75,000.00	75,000.00
<i>Helping Life Council General Donation*</i>	2,650.00	3,100.00		
<b>Total Helping Life Income</b>	<b>\$ 365,671.27</b>	<b>\$ 155,871.74</b>	<b>\$ 541,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 541,000.00</b>
<b>Vocations Income</b>				
Vocations Council Donations	5,784.00	8,693.88	12,000.00	12,000.00
Vocations Individual Donation	19,581.20	12,956.66	81,000.00	81,000.00
Vocations Designated Donations	40,197.25	2,400.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Vocations Memorial Cards	8,859.00	5,657.00	6,600.00	6,600.00
<i>Vocations Fundraisers*</i>	10,441.00	13,794.00		
Christopher Fund Distribution	26,000.31		95,000.00	95,000.00
<i>Military Vocations Fund*</i>	5,224.20	724.20		
<b>Total Vocations Income</b>	<b>\$ 116,086.96</b>	<b>\$ 44,225.74</b>	<b>\$ 206,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 206,600.00</b>
<b>Disabilities Fund Income</b>				
Disabilities Fund - General	13,866.42	22,255.62	20,000.00	20,000.00
Disabilities Fund Designated Donations	171,152.46	67,678.22	240,000.00	240,000.00
Mobile Disabilities Fund	19,277.00	12,803.20	37,200.00	37,200.00
Special Olympics - General	3,751.00	29,524.24	12,800.00	12,800.00
Special Olympics Designated Donation	79,058.05	29,721.56	60,000.00	60,000.00
<b>Total Disabilities Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 287,104.93</b>	<b>\$ 161,982.84</b>	<b>\$ 370,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 370,000.00</b>
<b>General Charities Income</b>				
<b>Miscellaneous Program Income</b>				
Charitable Designated Donations	-4,745.00	5,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
<i>Charitable Donation (Undesignated)*</i>	9,373.70	10,725.19		
<i>Food For Families Program*</i>	535.00			
<i>Leave No Neighbor Behind Program*</i>	0.00			
<i>Coats for Kids*</i>	1,455.00	500.00		
<i>Habitat for Humanity*</i>	1,000.00			
<b>Total Miscellaneous Program Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,618.70</b>	<b>\$ 16,225.19</b>	<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>
<b>General Fundraising Income</b>				
State Raffle Income	88,227.50	415.00	74,700.00	74,700.00
Fundraising Fees	13,656.78	3,908.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total General Fundraising Income</b>	<b>\$ 101,884.28</b>	<b>\$ 4,323.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,700.00</b>
<b>Disaster Relief</b>				
Disaster Relief Individual Donations	2,735.00	2,872.50	20,000.00	20,000.00
Disaster Relief Council Donations	55,292.50	6,241.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Disaster Relief Designated Donations	65,765.00	18,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Total Disaster Relief</b>	<b>\$ 123,792.50</b>	<b>\$ 27,113.50</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>
<b>Bank Credit</b>		<b>\$ 3.00</b>		
<b>Total General Charities Income</b>	<b>\$ 233,295.48</b>	<b>\$ 47,664.69</b>	<b>\$ 162,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 162,700.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,002,158.64</b>	<b>\$ 409,745.01</b>	<b>\$ 1,280,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,280,300.00</b>



# FY 2024-25 Budget

Budget Item	FY 2022-2023 Actual	FY 2023-24 Actual (4/14/24)	FY 2023-24 Budget	FY 2024-25 Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Helping Life Expenses</b>				
Helping Life Designated Donation	136,196.26	76,182.52	75,000.00	75,000.00
Ultrasound Program	355,856.60	28,250.00	396,000.00	396,000.00
Helping Life State Administrative Expenses	16.71		1,200.00	1,200.00
Helping Life Postage/Printing			30,000.00	30,000.00
Helping Life Grant		11,082.50	38,800.00	38,800.00
<b>Total Helping Life Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 492,069.57</b>	<b>\$ 115,515.02</b>	<b>\$ 541,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 541,000.00</b>
<b>Vocations Expenses</b>				
Vocation Meeting	5,000.00			
Seminary Meeting/Events			15,000.00	15,000.00
Vocation Memorial Cards			3,600.00	3,600.00
Memorial Card Postage/Printing	1,060.98	2,123.95	1,400.00	1,400.00
Vocation Designated Donations	40,197.25	2,400.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Christopher Fund Contribution			30,000.00	30,000.00
Vocation Bishop Grants	80,000.00		95,000.00	95,000.00
Vocation Postage/Printing	23,765.12		13,635.00	13,635.00
Vocation State Administration Expenses	762.79		1,800.00	1,800.00
Vocation Grants	10,500.00	10,000.00	34,165.00	34,165.00
<i>Military Vocations Fund*</i>	4,208.00	3,719.04		
<b>Total Vocations Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 165,494.14</b>	<b>\$ 18,242.99</b>	<b>\$ 206,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 206,600.00</b>
<b>Disabilities Fund Expenses</b>				
Disabilities Fund Designated Donations	179,892.00	65,247.71	240,000.00	240,000.00
Disabilities Fund Tootsie Roll Purchase	10,690.80	2,211.30	9,600.00	9,600.00
Disabilities Fund Grants			8,600.00	8,600.00
Special Olympics Designated Donations	69,498.27	40,031.16	60,000.00	60,000.00
Special Olympics Grants	25,000.00	10,000.00	12,800.00	12,800.00
Disabilities Fund Council Reimbursement	126.20		1,500.00	1,500.00
<i>Disabilities Fund State Administrative Expenses*</i>	2,235.17			
Disabilities Fund Postage/Printing			300.00	300.00
<b>Mobile Disabilities Fund Expenses</b>				
Wheelchairs Purchase			36,300.00	36,300.00
Mobile Disabilities Fund Administrative Expenses	411.22		300.00	300.00
Mobile Disabilities Printing/Postage			600.00	600.00
<b>Total Mobile Disabilities Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 411.22</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,200.00</b>
<b>Total Disabilities Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 287,853.66</b>	<b>\$ 117,490.17</b>	<b>\$ 370,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 370,000.00</b>
<b>General Charities Expenses</b>				
<b>Miscellaneous Program Expenses</b>				
<i>Misc Charitable Grants*</i>	1,000.00			
Charitable Designated Donations	3,430.94	11,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Food For Families	18.53			
Leave No Neighbor Behind	3,505.64			
Coats for Kids	4,365.58			
Habitat for Humanity	2,049.04			
<b>Total Miscellaneous Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,369.73</b>	<b>\$ 11,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>
<b>General Fundraising Expenses</b>				
State Raffle Payouts	55,000.00		32,500.00	32,500.00
State Raffle - Printing			4,045.00	4,045.00
State Raffle - Advertising	1,036.99		1,200.00	1,200.00
State Raffle - Administrative	222.15		4,800.00	4,800.00
<i>Other Miscellaneous Service Costs*</i>	601.27	1,783.15		
<b>Total General Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 56,860.41</b>	<b>\$ 1,783.15</b>	<b>\$ 42,545.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,545.00</b>



## FY 2024-25 Budget

Budget Item	FY 2022-2023 Actual	FY 2023-24 Actual (4/14/24)	FY 2023-24 Budget	FY 2024-25 Budget
<b>Disaster Relief Expenses</b>				
Disaster Relief Grants	8,755.00	10,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Disaster Relief Designated Donations	121,667.88		20,000.00	20,000.00
Disaster Relief Administrative Expenses	924.44		32,000.00	32,000.00
<b>Total Disaster Relief Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 131,347.32</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>
<b>Office/General Administrative Expenses</b>				
State Convention Sponsorships			21,000.00	21,000.00
State Convention - Officers Expenses			500.00	500.00
Charities Officers			1,969.00	1,969.00
Org Meet Mileage/Per Diem			500.00	500.00
Mid-Year Mile/Per Diem			500.00	500.00
Council Awards		6,031.07	2,000.00	2,000.00
Printing/Postage			150.00	150.00
Software/Internet Services	1,389.00	627.00	936.00	936.00
Other Administrative Expenses	5,599.44	4,057.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Bank Charges			800.00	800.00
<b>Total Office/General Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,988.44</b>	<b>\$ 10,715.07</b>	<b>\$ 29,955.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,955.00</b>
<b>Legal &amp; Professional Fees</b>				
Audit/990 Fees	6,860.00		6,200.00	6,200.00
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees		660.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
<b>Total Legal &amp; Professional Fees</b>	<b>\$ 6,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 660.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,200.00</b>
<b>Total General Charities Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 216,425.90</b>	<b>\$ 34,158.22</b>	<b>\$ 162,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 162,700.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,161,843.27</b>	<b>\$ 285,406.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,280,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,280,300.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 159,684.63</b>	<b>\$ 124,338.61</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>





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## **Knights of Columbus**

**St Stephen Council 14084**

**10118 St Stephen Circle**

**Riverview, FL 33569**

### **A Resolution Adopted by St Stephen Council 14084 in Support of the Nomination of Brother Richard P. Hughes for the Office of State Deputy**

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes has been an active and dedicated member of the Order for over 24 years, having served in leadership roles at the local and state levels, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes has served successfully in key positions in several Councils, including Financial Secretary and Grand Knight, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes is a charter member of St. Stephen Council 14084, served as the charter Grand Knight of the Council from 2006 to 2008, established the Council as a successful servant of St Stephen Catholic Church, and led the Council to two Double Star Council Awards, State Membership and Council Activities Awards, and the Supreme Contest of Champions Award in 2007 for the highest net member gain (47) and highest net member gain percentage (940%) in the Florida Jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes continued to serve the Order as District Warden from 2008 to 2009 and as District Deputy from 2009 to 2011, achieving the Star District Award, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes served in all chairs of Bishop McLaughlin Assembly 1850, including Faithful Navigator from 2010 to 2011, as well as Color Corps Commander, and initiated Monsignor John F. Scully Assembly 3418 with 100 members, including 17 new members, serving as charter Faithful Navigator 2013-2014, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes, as Vice Membership Director and Membership Director, assisted the State Deputy in meeting Supreme goals for membership intake, net gain, and net/net gain, Star Councils, New Council Development and Round Tables, helping the Florida Jurisdiction achieve the Circle of Honor in 2014-2017, and developed a new training seminar for key Council officers on Building Successful Councils, personally conducting 60 of these seminars across Florida from 2014-2017, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes, as State Warden, successfully planned and executed the State Conventions held in May 2018 and May 2019, as well as other State Council meetings, and implemented a new barcode inventory system with supporting cloud-based software to manage and track State Council property; and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes, as State Treasurer kept the financial accounting and records of the Florida State Council and Florida K of C Charities, Inc. in good order; revised the financial processing and accounting system of Florida K of C Charities to provide transparent fund accounting and reporting; created an archival online filing system for the financial records of both organizations to supplement the physical records; established the technical requirements for and oversaw the development of many functions on a new State Council website; and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes, as State Secretary, successfully maintained the records of the meetings and financial operations of the Florida State Council; compiled and processed State Council

reports for the Supreme Council; overseen the financial operations of both the Florida State Council and Florida K of C Charities; continued to oversee the development of functionality on the State Council website; assisted the State Deputy in the execution of his duties; and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes throughout his life has actively served the parishes to which he belonged in several different ministries and capacities, including the Capital Campaign Chairman for St Stephen Catholic Church for five years, helping to raise \$5.4 million for the construction of new church and family life center buildings, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes was the recipient of the St Jude Medal in 2014, awarded annually by the Bishop of the Diocese of St Petersburg to lay members for distinguished and outstanding service to their parish and community, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes served as the President of the Canterbury Oaks Homeowners Association for eight years, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes faithfully and honorably served his country for over 24 years in the United States Army, including command positions at the company and battalion level, retiring at the rank of Colonel, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes received a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, as well as Masters and PhD Degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes and his wife Melodee have been married for almost 42 years, with two adult daughters and three granddaughters, and have resolved as a couple, to dedicate the time and talent required to serve the Knights of Columbus, and

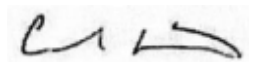
**WHEREAS:** Brother Richard Hughes desires to serve the Knights of Columbus and the Florida State Council by continuing in the Office of State Deputy.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Officers and Members of St Stephen Council 14084, Knights of Columbus, in Riverview, Florida, do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight and Brother Richard P. Hughes to the Office of State Deputy, and

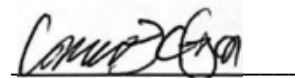
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus in Orlando, Florida, for consideration and adoption.

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 St Stephen Family Life Center in Riverview, Florida on March 12, 2024.

**Attested to:**



Carl S. Alerta  
Grand Knight



Cameron J. Czaja  
Recording Secretary



Knights of Columbus  
West Palm Beach Council 2075  
St. Ann Catholic Church  
310 North Olive, West Palm Beach, FL33401

## RESOLUTION

### MOTION FOR NOMINATION TO STATE SECRETARY FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL

WHEREAS: Brother Michael P. Gizewski has been an active dedicated member of our Order and has served as State Secretary for one year, 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 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 then 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 in San Antonio, Texas. Previously, he was elected as a delegate to the Supreme Convention in Baltimore, Md. He also has served as Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee, for the Florida State Council — State Convention, and was elected State Warden at the 115<sup>th</sup> State Convention of the Florida State Convention, and

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 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 116<sup>th</sup> 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 95%, and

WHEREAS: Michael P. Gizewski has been in private business for 50 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 seven grandchildren and was taking care of his 94-year-old father who lived with them and has for the past twenty years. Unfortunately, his father recently passed away. He is a quintessential family man. He loves God, family, and country. His wife Lisa is a teacher at St. Ann Catholic School, West Palm Beach. She

also volunteers for the CCD program at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church 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 re-elected to the high Office of State Secretary, 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 Secretary,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 120th Annual Meeting of the Knights of Columbus, Florida State Council, State Convention in Orlando 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 April 1, 2024.

  
Mitchell Garcia-Menocal Grand Knight

  
Godfrey Pereira Recorder

**A Resolution Adopted by Council #13047 in Support Of:**

The Nomination of Brother S/K Joseph Coicou, FDD, PGK, PFN, to the Office of State Treasurer;

**Whereas:**

That the Brother Knights of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Council # 13047 enact this resolution in support of the nomination and election of our Brother S/K Joseph Coicou, FDD, PGK, PFN, for the Office of State Treasurer at the State Convention taking place in Orlando, Florida, on May 25, 2024;

**Whereas:**

Brother S/K Joseph Coicou is a family man with a lovely wife, five children, and a parishioner at St Anastasia Catholic Church in Ft. Pierce;

**Whereas:**

Brother S/K Joseph Coicou is a corporate trainer, behavioral health provider, mental health educator, and hospital chaplain; he is also a lay Dominican and former officer and formation director within his chapter of the Order of Preachers Laity;

**Whereas:**

Brother S/K Joseph Coicou has been an insurance member of the Knights of Columbus since 2006, and he has served and advanced in leadership roles in the council, district, state, assembly, and circle levels;

**Whereas:**

Brother S/K Joseph Coicou represented the Florida jurisdiction as a supreme delegate in 2010, 2022, and 2023. He was an attendee at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Annual Supreme College Conference in 2015, a volunteer in the Supreme and State Conventions' committees, an actor in the Grand Knight role in the former admission degree exemplification, Defender of the Faith role in the patriotic exemplification, and was a youth counselor for Columbian Squires Circle 564 in 2016-17 during his time teaching at Cardinal Gibbons Catholic High School;

**Whereas:**

Brother S/K Joseph Coicou had helped his former council, Council #3393, achieve Supreme and State Awards as Grand Knight, and his former district, as District 67 Deputy, was one of the only two districts that were an all-star district during the 2013-14 fraternal year in the Florida jurisdiction when he served as District Deputy, was the 2008-09 Knight of the Year for Council #3393, and received the Florida State Council 2011 Pro-Life Five Star Achiever Award;

**Whereas:**

Brother S/K Joseph Coicou is currently serving as State Treasurer. He has previously served as the State Warden, State College Coordinator, State Young Adult Outreach Chairman, and District 88 Deputy (which specifically supervises and develops all College Councils). Also, he has served in the past as the State Website Administrator (4th Degree) for the Florida State Council and Vice District Marshal for the Florida Fourth Degree District, and he has served as the State College Coordinator, State Young Adult Committee Chairman, an Assistant to the State Haitian Coordinator, and State RSVP Chairman;

**Whereas:**

Brother S/K Joseph Coicou, FDD, PGK, PFN, has been innovative for the Order by creating his own District Guidebook to train better council officers and directors, presentations for district-level meetings, Haitian recruitment materials that are not in existence from the Knights of Columbus, tutorial videos for assemblies to use the 4th Degree District resources better, and he has to increase recruitment efforts for college and Haitian roundtables and increased donations for supporting Catholic seminarians and religious men and women;

**Whereas:**

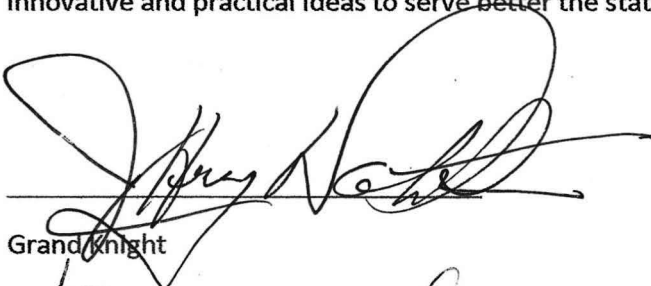
Brother S/K Joseph Coicou, FDD, PGK, PFN, has served as a Financial Secretary and Faithful Comptroller of his former council and assembly, which means he is aware of the policies and procedures of the K of C financial transactions and as a manager and director in the nonprofit industry, he has developed budgets, bookkeeping, and financial assessments for his department;

**Now There Be It Resolved:**

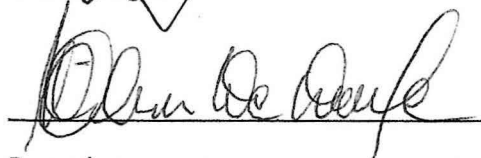
During the council business on January 11, 2024, the Brother Knights of Council #13047 respectfully ask all delegates present at the 120th K of C Florida State Convention to support and elect Brother S/K Joseph Coicou, FDD, PGK, PFN for State Treasurer;

**Be It Further Resolved:**

The Brother Knights of Council #13047 believes that your election will help him continue bringing innovative and practical ideas to serve better the state council, local councils, and the order in general.



Grand Knight



Recorder

Affix Council Seal





# Knights of Columbus

*Bishop Grady Council 5618  
861 Maitland Ave.  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701*

## **A Resolution Adopted by Bishop Thomas A. Grady Council 5618 in Support of the Nomination of Brother Robert W. Rasch for the Office of State Advocate**

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch has been an active and dedicated member of the Order for over 22 years, having served in leadership roles at the local and state levels, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch has served successfully in key positions in the Council, including Trustee on 4 different occasions, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight for 3 terms, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch has served St. Mary Magdalen parish for 4 years as member of the Pastoral Council, 20 years on the St. Mary Magdalen Community Fest core committee and the originator of the Exceptionally Elite Environmental Engineering function (now graduated to the position of "Emeritus" of that honored function)

**WHEREAS;** Brother Bob Rasch, as Grand Knight, led the Council to Double Star Council Award, for the highest net member gain (49), and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch held the role of Grand Knight on the Admissions Degree Team for over 10 years and current serves on the new 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification Team, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch continued to serve the Order as District Deputy from 2011 to 2014, achieving the Double Star District Award, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch served as Faithful Navigator of St. Patrick's Assembly 2883 from 2015 to 2016, as well as serving on the Color Corps for the last 5 years, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch, as Faithful Navigator, led St. Patrick's Assembly 2883 to Star Assembly, for the first time in its history, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch continued his service to the Order in the Florida State Council with the Membership Management Team in 2015-2016, as a Co-Regional Membership Coordinator for Region 3, and then as Regional Membership Chairman 2016-2017, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch has Chaired the State Convention Committees of Transportation twice and Chairman of the Committee At Large for 3 times, assisting the previous State Wardens with preparation for, set up and operations during 3 State Conventions, and



**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch has served the Florida State Council for 2 years as Regional Director for Region 3, Reporting directly to the State Deputy, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch served as Chairman of the Transportation Committee for the Supreme Convention in 2023 held in Orlando, Florida, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch functioned as President of the Winter Park, Florida PopWarner Football league for 5 years, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch served as the Treasurer of the Kiwanis Clubs in Downtown Orlando and Lake Mary/Heathrow for 4 years, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch has served as a Guardian Ad Litem for Orange County for 25 years, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and then a Law Degree from University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch served as a prosecutor with the National Labor Relations Board for 4 ½ years in eastern Missouri & southern Illinois, and then in corporate life as a Vice President of Labor Relations for a \$18 B company for over 10 years, and for the last 32 years in private practice in Orlando, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch and his wife Peggy have been married for over 52 years this past July, having had 4 children (one unfortunately deceased), and 11 granddaughters (and finally, 1 grandson in December , 2023), and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch desires to further serve the Knights of Columbus and the Florida State Council by continuing in the Office of State Advocate, for which his 50 years of legal practice make him eminently qualified.

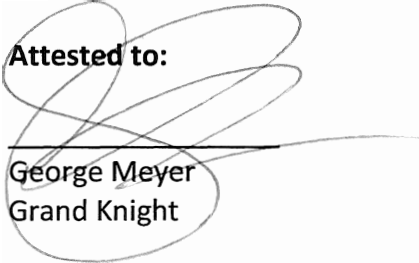
**WHEREAS:** Brother Bob Rasch has served for an extremely busy and challenging past 5 years in that same capacity as State Advocate.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Officers and Members of Bishop Thomas A. Grady Council 5618, Knights of Columbus, in Altamonte Springs, Florida, do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge the reelection of Sir Knight and Brother Robert W. Rasch to the Office of State Advocate, and

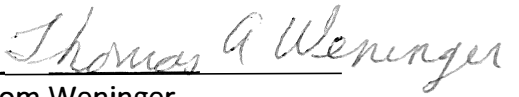
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is submitted to the Delegates of the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus in Orlando, Florida, for consideration and adoption.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the Officers and Members of Bishop Thomas A. Grady Council 5618 attending a regular business meeting in which a quorum was established held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Attested to:**



George Meyer  
Grand Knight



Tom Weninger  
Recording Secretary



## Knights of Columbus

*St Claude de la Colombiere*

*4661 82nd Ave N*

*Pinellas Park, Fl 33781*

### **A Resolution Adopted by St. Claude de la Colombiere 16929 in Support of the Nomination of Brother SK Edward F. Sleyzak for State Warden**

**WHEREAS:** Brother Edward Sleyzak has been an active and dedicated member of the Order for over 16 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, and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Edward Sleyzak is a member of St. Claude de la Colombiere Council 16929. He served as the Grand Knight for Council 14084 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 is currently a member of Frank J Lewis Assembly 159, 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. He is District earned Star District and had Councils achieve Double Star and Triple Star during his time as District Deputy and



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**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 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.

**WHEREAS:** Brother Edward Sleyzak has been active with Exemplifications having been on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree teams and is now Team Captain of the Sacred Heart 7 CUF team which presents the Exemplification on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month and

**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 38 years, with 3 adult daughters, 1 adopted son and 1 adopted teenage 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 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 Warden.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Officers and Members of St. Claude de la Colombiere Council 16929, Knights of Columbus, in Pinellas Park, Florida, do hereby strongly and unanimously endorse and urge the election of Sir Knight and Brother Edward Sleyzak to the Office of State Warden, 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 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus in Orlando, 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 Claude de la Colombiere 16929 attending a regular business meeting in which a quorum was established at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Pinellas Park, Florida, on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Attested to:**

Stephen P. Douglas  
Grand Knight

Tom Stanton, 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, Pope Francis, 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 120<sup>th</sup> State Convention in Orlando, Florida, on Saturday, May 25, 2024 and we pray that this resolution be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary's Office for its consideration and adoption at the 142<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme Convention to be held in Orlando, Florida in August, 2023.

**Attested to:**

*Robert W. Rasch*

*Michael Gizewski*

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Robert W. Rasch

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Michael Gizewski

State Advocate

State Secretary



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**Florida State Council**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL  
POSITION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4 TO THE FLORIDA STATE  
CONSTITUTION**

**WHEREAS:** The Florida Supreme Court has approved a citizens-initiated amendment to the Florida State Constitution to appear on the ballot in the November 5, 2024, Florida general election that would allow abortion until viability, or to protect the health of the mother (full text of the Amendment is attached); and

**WHEREAS:** During the same session, the Florida Supreme Court upheld as constitutional the state law which takes effect on May 1, 2024, which restricts abortion after a gestational age of 6 weeks after the woman's last menstrual period; and

**WHEREAS:** Over the many years since its inception, the Knights of Columbus has been a pro-life organization, supporting the Catholic belief that life begins at conception and ends at natural death; and

**WHEREAS:** The Florida Council of Catholic Bishops adamantly opposes this amendment and urges "... all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment...[to] not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion" (full statement attached).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Florida State Council, in keeping with the guidance from the Florida Council of Catholic Bishops, strongly opposes the proposed constitutional amendment, and encourages all Brother Knights and relatives to register to vote in the general election on November 5, 2024, and vote against this amendment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Florida State Council encourages Councils and Knights of Columbus members in Florida to actively support the Bishops' call for a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment, remembering to treat all human beings with dignity, charity and patience, even those that oppose our position, and remembering the Order's strict admonition against involving the Knights of Columbus in partisan politics.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and approved by the officers and delegates of the Florida State Council attending its 120<sup>th</sup> State Convention in Orlando, Florida, on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Dated April 18, 2024.

**Attested to:**

*Robert W. Rasch*

Robert W. Rasch  
State Advocate

*Michael Gizewski*

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State Secretary

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

**Ballot Title:** Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

**Ballot Summary:** No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

**Article and Section Being Created or Amended:** Creates - Article 1, New Section

**Full Text of the Proposed Amendment:** New Section, Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Limiting government interference with abortion.— Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

## Initiative Information

**Date Approved** 05/08/2023

**Serial Number** 23-07

**Sponsor Name:** Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.

**Sponsor Address:** Post Office Box 4068, Sarasota, FL 34230

DS-DE 156 (10-2021)

R1S2.009, Fla. Admin. Code



# Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment

## *Vote No on Amendment 4*

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.[i] These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

*Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.*

*Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!*

**Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski**  
Archdiocese of Miami

**Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito**  
Diocese of Palm Beach

**Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane**  
Diocese of Venice

**Most Rev. John G. Noonan**  
Diocese of Orlando

**Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes**  
Diocese of St. Petersburg

**Most Rev. William A. Wack, CSC**  
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

**Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier**  
Diocese of St. Augustine

**Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado**  
Archdiocese of Miami

[i] Florida law distinguishes between parental *consent* prior to a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), which would be invalidated by Amendment 4, and parental *notice* of a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.

This statement from the bishops of Florida is available in PDF format in **English** and **Spanish** and is approved for distribution in parishes.



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**Florida State Council**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL  
TO MODIFY STATE BYLAWS**

- WHEREAS:** Since the inception of Florida K of C Charities, Inc. as an independent Section 501(c)(3) organization, Florida local councils have been allowed to donate money to that organization specifically designated for particular charitable organizations, as well as to statewide charitable funds in support of the mission of the Florida State Council; and
- WHEREAS:** Over the many years since its inception, the volume of accounting work to keep track of these designated funds has grown exponentially, placing substantial burden on the volunteers that operate Florida K of C Charities; and
- WHEREAS:** Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, initiated by the Supreme Council, is now offering Donor-Advised Funds for local Councils to place their charitable funds, allowing them to locally manage their donations to specific charitable organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** The Florida State Council also desires to take advantage of establishing funds with the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund as a supplement to and possibly replacing Florida K of C Charities management of statewide charitable funds; and
- WHEREAS:** A governing structure to manage any such charitable funds placed with Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund is not specified in the current by-laws of the Florida State Council;
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Florida State Council will change its by-laws to reflect the changes necessary to mirror the changes approved by the Board of Directors (proposed changes in the by-laws are attached).

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered and approved by the officers and delegates of the Florida State Council attending its 120<sup>th</sup> State Convention in Orlando, Florida, on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Dated April 18, 2024.

**Attested to:**

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## Article XVI. CHARITABLE FUNDS

Section 1. Charitable Funds, including the Vocations Fund, shall be established by the Executive Committee as required to support the charitable mission of the Florida State Council.

Section 2. Charitable Funds shall be either administered by Florida K of C Charities, Inc., or as donor-advised funds, restricted funds, and/or other charitable funds with Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund (KCCF).

- a. Administration of Charitable Funds with Florida K of C Charities, including grant approval, will reside with the Florida K of C Charities, Inc., as defined in its by-laws. The monies received for these funds shall be separately accountable by Florida K of C Charities, Inc. and/or KCCF.
- b. Oversight and grant approval for charitable funds with KCCF will be via a separately established Charities Board. This Board will consist of the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, Immediate Past State Deputy, and 2-4 Directors-At-Large appointed by the Executive Committee. At least two of the Directors-At-Large must be Past State Deputies, unless no living Past State Deputy accepts appointment. The State Chaplain, State Warden, and Florida State Council Charities Director shall be advisors to the Charities Board if not appointed as Directors-At-Large.

Section 3. Charitable Funds with Florida K of C Charities, Inc will be included in the annual audit of the State Council per Article IV section 4, of the Florida State Council By-Laws. Appropriate activity reports of Charitable Funds placed with KCCF will be included in the written reports for the annual meeting.



# Knights of Columbus

FR JOSEPH BAKER CR COUNCIL, No. 3599  
PO BOX 35724  
PANAMA CITY, FL 32412-5274

## A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 3599 REGARDING COUNCILS ACCOUNTING OF PARISH PRIESTS AND DEACONS

**WHEREAS:** Most priests and deacons are members of the Knights of Columbus;

**WHEREAS:** Many councils have priests or deacons on their rolls who have relocated to other parishes;

**WHEREAS:** Parish priests and deacons moved to new parishes frequently do not themselves initiate transfer to their new council;

**WHEREAS:** Priests occasionally leave the priesthood, retire or pass away without the knowledge of a previous council that is holding their membership records;

**WHEREAS:** A previous council that is not in daily contact with a priest or deacon cannot adequately serve that priest nor keep Supreme properly up to date on their status.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Florida State Council establish a policy requiring all Florida councils to transfer into their council newly arrived parish priests and deacons within two months of arrival, unless the clergy request to remain with a previous Council;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That District Deputies report status of transfers to the State Chaplain in August of each year;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That retired priests and those at schools, retreat houses and other establishments who do not have Knights of Columbus councils, be transferred to the State Council;

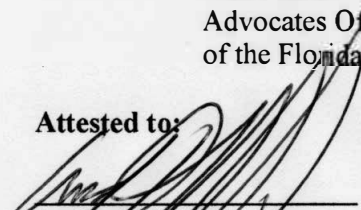
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the status of those non-parish priests who are still assigned to councils, and who are no longer at the Councils' parishes, be reported by Councils to the State Council in September of each year;

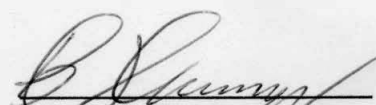
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the State Council remind all Councils in July of each year of their obligation to transfer in newly arrived priests to their parishes; and be it

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the State Council coordinate with other State Councils to transfer Clergy to Councils or the State Council of their new state when clergy transfer out of state for assignment or retirement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the officers and members of Council 3599 attending its regular business meeting at St. John the Evangelist parish hall located at: 1008 Fortune Ave, Panama City, Florida, on February 8, 2024. And that the Council, on behalf of its members submits this resolution to the State Advocates Office for its consideration and adoption at the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council to be held in Orlando, FL, May 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Attested to:

  
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Andrew Howard  
Grand Knight

  
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Blake Delahoussaye  
Recording Secretary





**Knights of  
Columbus.**

Father Thomas G. Lorigan Council  
Council 7027  
Milton, Florida 32570

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 7027 REQUESTING THAT APPLE INC.  
WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT FOR AND USE OF THE PREGNANT MAN EMOJI**

**WHEREAS:** We honor and respect truth; and

**WHEREAS:** We reject deception especially when it is aimed at our children; and

**WHEREAS:** It is a scientific impossibility for a man to become pregnant; and

**WHEREAS:** The Pregnant Man Emoji represents otherwise, and it is therefore knowingly and intentionally deceptive; and

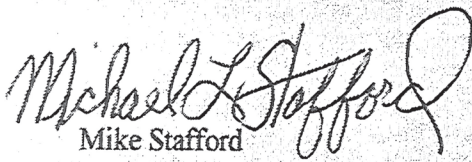
**WHEREAS:** This intentional deception can only be aimed at our children, since adults know the truth; and

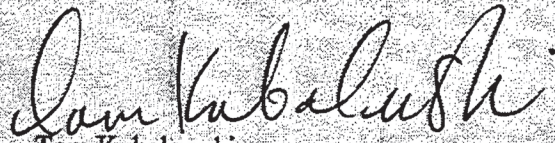
**WHEREAS:** Apple Inc. is cooperating with and actively participating in this deception;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** We call upon Apple Inc. to publicly denounce this deception aimed at our children and to withdraw its support for and use of the Pregnant Man Emoji.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the foregoing resolution was considered and unanimously approved by the officers and members of Council 7027 attending its regular business meeting at the council hall located at: Milton, Florida, on March 14, 2024; and further, that the Council, on behalf of its members submit this resolution to the State Advocates Office for its consideration and adoption at the 120th Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council to be held in Orlando, FL, May 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Attested to:

  
Mike Stafford  
Grand Knight

  
Tom Kubalewski  
Recording Secretary



# Knights of Columbus.

Switzerland Council, #12664, 1714-3 State Road 13, St Johns, 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 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

WHEREAS: The Florida Governor has signed six Death Warrants in 2023, after more than three years without an execution.

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 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus, in Orlando Florida, 2024.

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, Switzerland, Florida on 27 February 2024.

Attested to:

Jim Denkler, Grand Knight

Larry Rogari, Recorder

Resolution presented by the Councils of Florida District 34

FOR ADOPTION BY THE Florida state Council.

In The Year of Our Lord 2024

**WHEREAS:** In the Year of Our Lord 1917, starting in May, Our Lady appeared to three Children in Fatima, Portugal and for Six months thereafter. Among the requests Our Lady made, on the 13 May 1917 to pray the Rosary every day for peace in the troubled world at that time. (Remember, The first World War was raging at that time). Also, may I remind all of us of the Charge We all received when we became Third Degree Members, when each of us were presented with a Rosary “I invest you with this Rosary pray it often.”

**WHEREAS:** On the occasion of the Second appearance (13 Jun 1917) of Our Lady, She requested that the Fatima Prayer be added to the end of each decade of the Rosary.

**WHEREAS:** On the occasion of the Third appearance (13 July 1917) of Our Lady, She Revealed to the children a vision of Hell. She also revealed that God wishes a greater devotion to Her Immaculate Heart to save souls form Hell. During the same appearance, Our Lady PREDICTED the Second World War. Also, Our Lady went on to say, WITHOUT PRAYER and the CONSERCRATION OF Russia, To Her, (Our Lady’s) Immaculate Heart “Specifically”. She, Russia, will spread errors throughout the entire world, fomenting wars and persecution of the Church”.

**WHEREAS:** Pope Pius XII Consecrated the entire world to the Immaculate Hart of Mary on Oct 31, 1942, and Pope St. Paul II renewed that consecration on May 13, 1982 and again once more on Oct. 8 2000, even with all of this and the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Hart of Mary in March of 2022.



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**WHEREAS:** Despite all the above having been done we still have not complied with Her request. What Our Lady predicted has come True.

“If HER request in reference to Russia was followed as well as the initiation of the five First Saturday devotions of Mass, Holy Communion and Confession. We as modern Catholics through neglect, ignorance, or through lack of Knowledge of these Prophetic Words of Our Lady, have only proven the words of the philosopher George Santayana. “If man does not learn from history, he is bound to relive it.” One only need to watch the nightly news to see this is happening in the world each day. Examples: The Ukraine, China, and the unrest in other parts of the world. Not the least of which is the unrest in our own country. Need We say more.

**WHEREAS:** We as **KNIGHTS OF OUR LADY UNDER HER MANY TITLES AND HONORS**, notwithstanding **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE ABOVE evidence BEING PRESENTED:** My Brothers what is this lowly Knight asking **OF EACH OF US**.

First: **WE** Should with all due humility take up this crusade on Her behalf.

Second: **CONTINUE** and to More fervently to continue to take our Rosary each day, Repeat the Fatima Prayer after **EACH Decade**. And if you are willing to join with Me and maybe add another request, Not for Any of Us Specifically, but for the World add, “Jesus Please intercede For the Conversion of Russia.”


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That We Brother **KNIGHTS RESOLVE FURTHER TO TAKE UP THIS CRUSADE IN HONOR OF OUR LADY, BY INTERCEEDING WITH OUR, FRATERNAL, PASTORAL, SUPREME, AND THE**

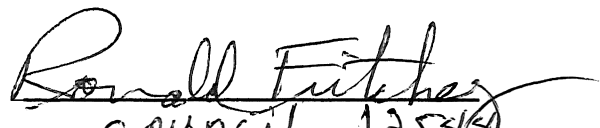
LEADERS OF OUR CHURCH TO FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE THE ADDITION OF THESE EIGHT WORDS.

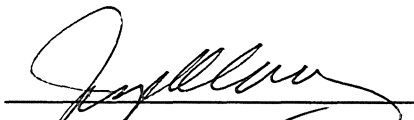
IN CONCLUSION: In my travels while conducting the duties of my office, I have seen first-hand the POWER Our Lady has within HER Knights.

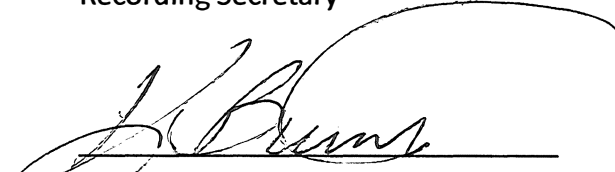
As an example: when a Council or Assembly begins a meeting with a Rosary, The Council or Assembly thrive. When this is not done, The Council or Assembly fail and fall by the wayside. IF Our Lady's POWER is so great that it helps US as KNIGHTs. HOW MUCH MORE WILL WE TAP INTO THE VAST WEALTH OF OUR LADY'S ABUNDENT MERCY FOR OUR POOR WORLD. And It WILL NOT COST A THIN DIME.

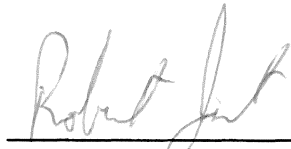
We the under signed Councils of the below mentioned Districts Present this Resolution before the Florida State Convention.

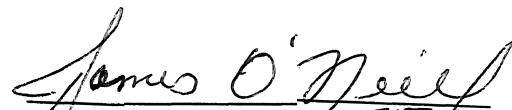
  
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## Resolution


- Whereas, There is a need to better serve our growing Spanish speaking immigrant congregations;
- Whereas, it is good to maintain and strengthen Catholicism and stem poaching of Hispanics from Protestant groups;
- Whereas, we wish to re-invigorate the mission of Blessed Father McGivney to new groups of immigrants;
- Whereas, it is in the K of C mission to provide financial services to our new Knights and their families;
- Whereas, it is helpful to work with Catholic Charities and other groups to serve our community, a literacy program, legal outreach, job bank and a path to US citizenship.
- Whereas, Good Knights make good citizens.

Therefore, resolved, We the Knights of Columbus, San José Council 18167 in Martin County Florida recommend making the McGivney Initiative/Inicitiva McGivney a recognized and approved program.



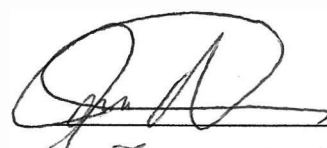
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Edelson Ortiz, Gran Cabellero



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Jesus Enrique Perez DGC



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Resolution passed by vote at Council 18167 general meeting, 25 March 2024.