

South Carolina State Council Legacy

South Carolina's Ultrasound Machine Program

Supreme Council initiated the Ultrasound Program in about 2009. Under the program, if a council raises half the cost of an ultrasound machine for use at a diocese approved pregnancy center, the Supreme Council contributes the balance. To date The Knights of Columbus has procured over 1,500 machines worth over \$75 million.



South Carolina's contribution started in 2010 under the leadership of State Pro-Life Chair **James St. Clair**. He initiated a reasonable goal to obtain an ultrasound machine in the Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville/Spartanburg area. He found that two councils had already started an initiative in two other regions of the State. This changed the State Council's goal to obtain five machines.

Raymond G. Bennett Council #7289 of Hilton Head in October 2010 and **All Saints Council #14475** of Lake Wyle in January 2011 obtained the first and second machines in the State.

In trying to achieve the Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville/Spartanburg machines, Jim organized multiple districts to focus on raising money for pregnancy centers in their area. He soon found that while there were many pregnancy centers who wished to have an ultrasound machine, many were found to be very evangelic Christians that were not Catholic friendly. Part of the Supreme Program requires that the Diocese must approve the receiving pregnancy center. Jim St. Clair worked with Fr. James L. LeBlanc and Kathy Schmugge of the Diocese of Charleston Family Life Program to establish an agreement that receiving organization would need to agree with to be eligible for the Diocese's approval. This agreement opened the door to many pregnancy centers for Catholics to both work at and obtain services without our Catholic Faith being disrespected. This agreement has served as a model for other State jurisdictions within the Order.

Under Jim St. Clair's leadership the South Carolina State Council not only achieved its initial goal of obtaining five ultrasound machines but raised monies for seven machines with an eighth one in progress during the first two years of the program.

As an incentive for the five machines raised by the State Council, any individual who contributed \$1000 or received a statue of a baby sleeping within the embrace of angel wings. (See image above.) One of these statues is on display at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven CT acknowledging South Carolina's achievement of raising monies for seven machines in two years.

Since 2010, South Carolina has raised monies for 33 ultrasound machines worth over \$1,210,000. South Carolina State Council has raised obtained sixth machines (the five

described above and one requested by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone for the Diocese of Charleston's mission in San Jose Guatemala.) Top council achievers are:

- **All Saints Council #14475** of Lake Wyle – 5 machines
- **Raymond G. Bennett Council #7289** of Hilton Head – 3 machines
- **St. Gerard Majella Council #6884** of Seneca – 3 machines.

Obviously, South Carolina State Council has a great Pro-Life legacy.

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Ultra-Sound Program Listing

#	Date	KofC Sponsoring Council # and Name		Pregancy Center	City	Supreme Funds
1	10/6/2010	7289	Raymond G. Bennett	Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low Country	Hilton Head	\$12,522.00
2	1/5/2011	14475	All Saints Council	Palmetto Pregnancy Center	Rock Hill	\$14,675.00
3	4/9/2011		South Carolina	Daybreak Crisis Pregnancy Center	Columbia	\$12,770.00
4	4/23/2011		South Carolina State Council	Low County Pregnancy Center	North Charleston	\$8,450.00
5	4/23/2011		South Carolina State Council	Piedmont Women's Center	Greenville	\$14,639.50
6	7/18/2011		South Carolina State Council	Daybreak Crisis Pregnancy Center -- 2nd machine	Lexington	\$12,770.00
7	9/27/2011		South Carolina State Council	Piedmont Women's Center	Greenville	\$13,489.50
8	2/15/2013	14475	All Saint	Palmetto Pregnancy Center	Rock Hill	\$11,194.00
9	6/13/2014	10066	Christ the King	Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc.	Lancaster	\$15,496.50
10	12/17/2014		South Carolina State Council	Bishop of Charleston A corporation Sole / Despensario San Jose, Guatemala	San Jose, Guatemala	\$12,770.00
11	7/30/2015	6891	Our Lady of Peperual Help	Low Country Pregnancy Center	N. Charleston	\$12,000.00
12	12/7/2015	9672	Camden Council	Midlands Women's Center	Camden	\$10,000.00
13	7/20/2016	7531	Charles Andrew Smith	Jeannie and Carter Smith Ministries DBA Coastline Women's Center	Conway	\$13,500.00
14	9/28/2017	7289	Raymond G. Bennett	Pregnancy Center & Clinic of the Low Country, Inc	Hilton Head Island	\$10,187.60
15	9/28/2017	7289	Raymond G. Bennett	Pregnancy Center & Clinic of the Low Country, Inc	Hilton Head Island	\$9,537.60
16	5/1/2018	14475	All Saints	Palmetto Pregnancy Center	Rock Hill	\$12,175.00
17	9/24/2018	6884	Rev Thomas Tierney	Foothills Care Center	Seneca	\$11,000.00
18	10/31/2018	5194	Msgr. Charles Dubois Wood	A Choice 2M8K Pregnancy Center	Florence	\$15,534.75

19	5/23/2019	7129	Father John B Adair	Cross Roads Pregnancy Center	Greenwood	\$11,125.00
20	9/18/2019	8295	Father Francis A Friend	Anderson Pregnancy Center	Anderson	\$12,755.00
21	10/11/2019	12472	Father John J McCarthy	Lowcountry Pregnancy Center	Charleston	\$11,000.00
22	11/13/2019	1668	Msgr Andrew K Gwynn	Piedmont Women's Center	Greenville	\$17,064.50
23	10/9/2020	6629	Msgr. Richard C. Madden	Lowcountry Pregnancy Center	North Charleston	\$11,500.00
24	11/18/2020	14475	All Saints	Palmetto Women's Center	Rock Hill	\$13,975.00
25	6/2/2021	10668	Thomas D Reilley Sr.	Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low Country	Hilton Head Island	\$12,870.00
26	9/15/2021	9575	Mary Queen of Peace	St. John Hospital	Nyamilima, Congo	\$2,247.50
27	6/6/2022	6884	St. Gerard Majella	Piedmont Women's Center	Greenville	\$12,199.50
28	9/15/2022	14475	All Saints Council	Palmetto Women's Center	Rock Hill	\$13,625.00
29	4/13/2023		District 1	Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low Country	Hilton Head Island	\$11,750.00
30	10/6/2023	6884	St. Gerard Majella	Foothills Care Center - Clemson	Clemson	\$23,175.00
31	10/6/2023	6884	St. Gerard Majella	Foothills Care Center – Seneca	Seneca	\$23,175.00
32	11/4/2023	5026	Michael O'Connor	Radiance Women's Center	Beaufort	\$12,425.00
33	5/31/2024	14765	Our Lady of Grace	Women's Enrichment Center	Lancaster	\$18,750.00
Total						\$430,347.95

State Deputy	Count	State Pro-Life / Life Chairman	
Thomas M. Monahon	7	James St. Clair	2010-2012
Richard A. Gabriel	2	Gary Bays	2012--2014
Frank L. Davis	3	William Hook	20214 -
Michael A. Allen	4	William Hook	
Edward M. Griffin	3	William Hook	2019
Daniel E. Barton	6	Raymond Ireland	2019-2021
Paul V. Burchell	2	Chris Carter	2021-2022
	2	Brian Greene	2022-2023
Jeffrey M. Crouch	4	Malcom Brennan	2023-2023

Total: 33

9/1/2024