

Before there was a South Carolina State Council

Foundation

The idea of establishing the Knights of Columbus in South Carolina was born during the Spanish-American War. Service men from Connecticut were looking for a K of C Council. They found none, but they did find the first and only Knight in the state, Rev. Charles D. Wood. With his encouragement and effort, Rev. P.N. Lynch Council 704 was chartered in Charleston on October 26, 1902. A few months later, Bishop England Council 724 was instituted in Columbia. Joseph R Allen was named Territorial Deputy and charged with expanding the Order in South Carolina.

Meanwhile, the Order continued to flourish. New councils were formed in North Carolina, and in early 1911, the Order's Board of Directors granted permission for the creation of the State Council of North Carolina and South Carolina. Territorial Deputy J.W. Conway of North Carolina called councils in the Carolinas to a meeting in Charlotte for the purpose of forming the State Council. At the meeting, John F. Rafferty of Charleston, SC was elected State Deputy and Warren V. Hall of North Charlotte, NC, was elected State Secretary. Hall would succeed Rafferty as State Deputy, serving from 1912-14.

On January 12, 1912, Greenville Council 1668 was instituted. Another new council in South Carolina was not forthcoming until October 3, 1920, when Bishop Northrup Council 2207 was instituted in Sumter.

On June 27, 1921, a significant milestone was reached. The Order's Board of Directors voted to allow both North Carolina and South Carolina to form State Councils. F.M. Bultman, who had been serving as State Deputy of North and South Carolina, was elected as the first State Deputy of South Carolina, marking a momentous achievement for the Knights of Columbus in the state.

Territorial Deputy

Joseph R. Allen

State Deputies of the Carolinas

John F. Rafferty:	1911 – 1912	South Carolina
Warren V. Hall:	1912 – 1914	North Carolina
J,H, Habenicht:	1914 – 1915	
John F. Rafferty:	1915 – 1918	South Carolina
Matthew J. O'Neill:	1918 – 1920	
F.M. Bultman:	1920 – 1921	South Carolina

Note: The above information was provided by Supreme to PSD Daniel Barton when he was State Deputy.