



Knights of Columbus

South Carolina State Council Legacy

SC District Exemplification History



Number	Date	Location	Honoree	Master
Note 1	11/14/1910	Charleston		P. J. Rice (Augusta, GA.)
	5/2/1920	Columbia		Richard A. Magill (Atlanta, GA)
	4/24/1921	Charleston		Richard A. Magill (Atlanta, GA)
	9/30/1945	Charleston	The Most Reverend Emmet M. Walsh, D.D., Bishop of Charleston	Thomas J. Canty (Georgia/S.C.)
	11/17/1946	Charleston	William J. Croghan	Thomas J. Canty (Georgia/S.C.)
1	4/8/1951	Charleston	Msgr. James J. May	Arthur E. Anderson
2	11/4/1951	Columbia	Bishop John J. Russell	Arthur E. Anderson
3	2/22/1952	Charleston		Arthur E. Anderson
4	2/21/1954	Charleston	Msgr. John L. Manning	Arthur E. Anderson
5	10/28/1956	Columbia	Msgr. Martin Murphy	Judge William P. Donelan
6	2/23/1958	Charleston	Arthur E. Anderson	Judge William P. Donelan
7	2/22/1959	Charleston	Joseph J. Beshere	Francis B. Kerr
8	2/21/1960	Charleston	George L. Duffy	Francis B. Kerr
9	2/25/1962	Charleston	Harry C. Conklin, Sr	Francis B. Kerr
	2/23/1964	Francis Marion, Charleston	Bishop Francis F. Reh	Joseph J. Monahan, Jr
	11/14/1965	Columbia	Msgr. George Lewis Smith	Joseph J. Monahan, Jr
16	2/26/1967	Charleston	Matthew J. Oliver	Daniel J Sullivan
17	2/24/1968	Charleston	L. J. Laiewski	Daniel J Sullivan
18	2/1969	Columbia		Daniel J Sullivan
19	2/1970	Charleston		Daniel J Sullivan
20	2/1971	Columbia		Dr. Ross C Toscano
21	2/26/1972	Hiers House Columbia	Joseph J. Monahan, Jr	Dr. Ross C Toscano
22	2/24/1973	Hiers House Columbia	E. R. Van DeGrift, Jr	Dr. Ross C Toscano
23	2/23/1974	Hiers House Columbia	Daniel J. Sullivan	Dr. Ross C Toscano
24	2/25/1975	Charleston	W. Kenneth Johnson	Matthew J. Oliver
25	2/21/1976	Charleston	Ross C. Toscano	Matthew J. Oliver
26	3/12/1977	Charleston	Msgr. John L Manning	Michael W. Telesco
27	2/18/1978	Columbia	William P. Donelan	Michael W. Telesco
28	2/24/1979	Charleston	James N. Stedman	Michael W. Telesco
29	3/8/1980	Columbia	Philip Hugh Morgan	Michael W. Telesco
30	3/21/1981	Charleston	Michael W. Telesco	Robert M. Bissey
31	4/17/1982	Spartanburg	Rev Peter Berberich	Robert M. Bissey
32	11/12/1983	Myrtle Beach	Abbot Edward F. McCaffrey	Robert M. Bissey
33	2/23/1985	Charleston	Robert M. Bissey	James P. Nettles
34	4/5/1986	Spartanburg	Msgr. Charles J. Baum	James P. Nettles

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35 ^{Note 2}	2/28/1987	Charleston	Rev Gabriel J. Smith	James P. Nettles
36	2/25/1989	Myrtle Beach	Thomas A. Igoe	Richard S. Sullivan, Sr.
37	2/17/1990	N. Charleston	Rev. Bonaventure A. Brown	Richard S. Sullivan, Sr.
38	1/26/1991	Sheraton, Columbia	Most Rev. David (Bishop)Thompson	William C. Russell
39	2/15/1992	Sheraton, Columbia	Rev. Albert Faase & Angelo J DiMaria	William C. Russell
40	2/13/1993	Sheraton, Columbia	Richard S. Sullivan, Sr.	William C. Russell
41	2/26/1994	Sheraton, Columbia	Cornelius N. Dorsey	William C. Russell
42	3/11/1995	Sheraton, Columbia	William C. Russell	Stephen T. Dunlap
43	2/10/1996	Hilton, N. Charleston	Rev James Parker	Stephen T. Dunlap
44	2/22/1997	Sheraton, Columbia	Rev. Duane T. Riplog	Stephen T. Dunlap
45	3/7/1998	Sheraton, Columbia	Rev. Jerome F. Schwab	Stephen T. Dunlap
46	2/20/1999	Sheraton, Columbia	Stephen T. Dunlap	Ronald G. Povero
47	3/4/2000	Sheraton, Columbia	Rev. George Moynihan	Ronald G. Povero
48	3/3/2001	Sheraton, Columbia	Most Rev. Robert J. (Bishop) Baker	Ronald G. Povero
49	2/23/2002	Sheraton, Columbia	Xavier Max Dugas	Ronald G. Povero
50	2/22/2003	Sheraton, Columbia	Ronald G. Povero	Richard Koehler
51	2/28/2004	Sheraton, Columbia	Msgr. Joseph R. Roth	Richard E. Koehler
52	2/26/2005	Sheraton, Columbia	John N. Giardino	Richard E. Koehler
53	2/25/2006	Columbia	Michael W. Telesco	Richard E. Koehler
54	2/24/2007	Radisson, Columbia	Richard Koehler	Roosevelt F. Cummings
55	2/23/2008	Radisson, Columbia	Ronald L. Myatt	Roosevelt F. Cummings
56	10/4/2008	Nativity Church, Charleston	James Wells	Roosevelt F. Cummings
57	2/21/2009	Radisson, Columbia	James P. Anderson	Roosevelt F. Cummings
58	9/19/2009	St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach	Rev. Frederick LaBrecque	Roosevelt F. Cummings
59	2/20/2010	Radisson, Columbia	Very Rev Paul M. Williams	Roosevelt F. Cummings
60	8/28/2010	St Peters Church, Beaufort	Rev Ronald R. Cellini	Roosevelt F. Cummings
61	2/26/2011	Radisson, Columbia	Most Rev. Robert E (Bishop) Guglielmone	Joseph F. Gubeli, Jr.
62	8/27/2011	Precious Blood Church, Pawley's Island	Rev Patrick J. Stenson	Joseph F. Gubeli, Jr.
63	2/25/2012	Doubletree, Columbia	Roosevelt F. Cummings	Joseph F. Gubeli, Jr.
64	8/25/2012	Prince of Peace Church, Taylors	Rev. Richard B. Tomlinson	Joseph F. Gubeli, Jr.
65	2/23/2013	Doubletree, Columbia	Rev Richard M Fitzgerald (Lt Col)	Michael J. Mika
66	8/31/2013	St Francis By the Sea-Hilton Head	Msgr. Martin Laughlin	Michael J. Mika
67	2/15/2014	Doubletree, Columbia	Msgr. Edward Lofton	Michael J. Mika

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68	8/23/2014	St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach	Rev. James L. LeBlanc	Michael J. Mika
69	2/21/2015	Our Lady of Hills Church, Columbia	Rev. Matthew Gray	Michael J. Mika
70	6/13/2015	St Philip Neri Church, Fort Mill	Rev. John P. Guiliani, CO	Michael J. Mika
71	10/10/2015	St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach	Rev. James L. LeBlanc	Michael J. Mika
72	4/9/2016	St. Joseph Church, Columbia	Rev. Msgr. Richard D. Harris, VG	Michael J. Mika
73	2/18/2017	St. Peter Church, Columbia	Rev. Robert F. Higgins	Thomas M. Monahon
74	6/3/2017	Prince of Peace Church, Taylors	Very Rev. Jay Scott Newman	Thomas M. Monahon
75	9/30/2017	St. Joseph Church, Charleston	SK Robert J. Boni, Jr.	Thomas M. Monahon
76	2/17/2018	Our Lady of Hills Church, Columbia	Most Rev. Robert E (Bishop) Guglielmone	Thomas M. Monahon
77	5/26/2018	St. Paul the Apostle Church, Spartanburg	Rev. Robert F. Higgins	Thomas M. Monahon
78	2/17/2018	St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach	Michael J. Mika, FDM	Thomas M. Monahon
79	3/30/2019	St. Philip Neri Church, Fort Mill	Joseph F. Gubeli, Jr., PSD	Thomas M. Monahon
80	9/28/2019	Church of the Nativity, John Island	Richard A. Gabriel, PSD	Michael A. Allen
81	9/28/2019	Corpus Christi Church, Lexington, SC	Rev. Joseph Romanoski	Michael A. Allen
82	11/21/2020	St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach	Charlie Van Demark	Michael A. Allen
83	2/20/2021	St. Gregory the Great Bluffton,	James Range	Michael A. Allen
84	5/22/2021	Our Lady of the Hills, Irmo,	Fr. Peter Sousa, C.S.R	Michael A. Allen
85	9/11/2021	St. John the Beloved, Summerville,	Rev. Raymond J. Carlo, VF	Michael A. Allen
86	2/19/2022	Corpus Christi Church, Lexington, SC	Marcel Dube'	Michael A. Allen
87	4/23/2022	101st State Convention, Myrtle Beach,	Thomas M. Monahon	Michael A. Allen
88	11/12/2022	St. Philip Neri Church, Fort Mill,	Very Rev. Fabio Refosco CO, VF	Daniel A. Barton
89	2/18/2023	St. Mary Help of Christians, Aiken,	William G. Collins, III	Daniel A. Barton

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90	5/20/2023	Precious Blood of Christ, Pawley Island	Rev Paul MacNeil.	Daniel A. Barton
91	8/12/2023	Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston	Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS	Daniel A. Barton
92	2/10/2024	Corpus Christi Church, Lexington, SC	Roosevelt F. Cummings	Michael A. Allen
93	4/6/2024	103st State Convention, Spartanburg	Daniel A. Barton	Michael A. Allen
94 * Note 3	5/4/2024	Holy Trinity Church, Orangeburg	Guadalupe Jimenez	Michael A. Allen
95	6/22/2024	St. Michael Catholic Church - Murrells Inlet	Robert J. Rooney	Michael A. Allen
96	11/23/2024	All Saints - Lake Wylie	Rev. John P. Guiliani, CO Edward M. Griffin, PSD Richard Marino, PST	Michael A. Allen
97 *	2/8/2025	St. Gregory the Great Bluffton,	Reulito Gonzales	Michael A. Allen
98 Note 4		St. Peter Catholic Church - Beaufort	Gary D. Hart, FDD, FD Marshall	Michael A. Allen
99 Note 5	5/23/2025	104th State Convention, Greenville	None	Michael A. Allen
100	9/14/2025	Citadel Summerall Chapel	None	Michael A. Allen
101	10/17/2025	St. James Catholic Church - Conway	None	Michael A. Allen
102	1/24/2026	Devine Redeemer Catholic Church - Hannahan	James P. Nettles	Michael A. Allen
103	3/14/2026	Corpus Christi Church, Lexington, SC	Fr. William C. Frei	Michael A. Allen
104	3/28/2026	St. Philip Neri Church, Fort Mill,	Richard H. Gagnon	Michael A. Allen
105	8/29/2026	Precious Blood of Christ Church, Pawleys Island	John Luce, FDD	Michael A. Allen

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* Hispanic Exemplification

Information in Black: Documented history available
<i>Information in blue - italic: Best informed available</i>

Credit ***SK James P. Anderson, South Carolins Fourth Degree District Historian.***

This List was initiated and maintained by SK James P. Anderson of Rev. P. N. Lynch Assembly #1071 in Charleston, SC. SK Anderson was the son of SK Arthur E. Anderson, the first SC District Master and key figure in having Supreme establish the SC Fourth Degree District. SK James P. Anderson served as the Registrar on the SC District Exemplification for over 45 years. (Note there was only one District Team out of Charleston until 2014) SK Anderson started collecting Exemplification Banquet Programs in the late 1960s through the mid 2010s. He also had his fathers records and knew all the District Masters personally. Photos and bios from these program provide much history to PSD and other distinguished SC Knights. He notes that the first numbered Exemplification was numbered #35 in 1987. He also noted from his fathers notes that there were two exemplification to occur in South Carolina (1921-Charleston, and 1946 - Charleston.) He turned over his records to TMM circa 2015. His list of District Masters and District Friars were shared with SC State Historian Michael Telesco and published in the State Directory an Website since the mid 1990s. SK James P. Anderson is considered the first SC Fourth Degree Historian.

Notes:

- 1 Article in The State dated 11/14/1910, Attending was Supreme Knight Flaherty. Mass at the Cathedral by Bishop
- 2 SK, James P. Anderson collection of Exemplification Banquet Programs shows that Exemplification #35 (1987) is the first document numbered exemplification. It is not sure how that number was derived. *All numbers in this table previous to that are guesses knowing the first nine exemplifications and counting backward from 34 to 16.* Obviously, there is a disconnect. In all likelihood, the number 35 was most probably incorrect. However, for continuity, we continue to use the present numbering.
- 3 First SC Hispanic Exemplification in South Carolina District.
- 4 The last "Old" Fourth Degree Exemplification conducted in the SC District. Only time this Exemplification was open to family.
- 5 The Revised Exemplification of Patriotism first conducted in the SC District which is always open to the family

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