# Alabama State Council
# Knights of Columbus

116th State Convention – April 27, 2019

Birmingham, AL

## CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Jason Esteve State Deputy (SD), called the meeting to order at 9:03AM

## OPENING PRAYER

Father Dan Good, State Chaplain (SC), gave the opening prayer

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pete Parrish District Master (DM), led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance

## CREDENTIALS REPORT

Bill Mores, State Warden (SW), vouched that all present possess a current membership card.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME KNIGHT

A video message from Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight was played. He thanked the assembled brothers for their charitable work. He also encouraged knights to help do more. He commended the knights for all their efforts raising money, last fraternal year 185 million dollars & 76 million hours to charity & church programs. Faith without works does not work put faith into action.

## BISHOP BAKER'S REMARKS

Bishop spoke about the Eucharistic congress celebration. On Friday, june28 at 8 p.m. there will be a candlelight procession from the BJCC legacy arena moving downtown to St. Paul's Cathedral. We are carrying candles, praying for healing and reconciliation for victims of clergy abuse and for reconciliation in the Catholic Church, the need for us to be reconciled with each other. We reach out to other brothers and sisters in faith. Where we as Catholics have failed, we seek reconciliation. He thanked Jo Ellen for the Indian headdress. All of us are called to be missionary disciples. God bless the KofC.

## ARCH BISHOP RODI'S REMARKS

It is a pleasure to be here. Any society that has forgotten God or denies God has gone to darkness. The darkness is coming God is asking us to be the light. KofC brings light of hope.

## STATE CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS

Father Dan Good, (SC), we are so blessed with good priests. Priesthood is still a good vocation. KofC have to be the leaders of faith. Be unafraid to be Christ in the world. We are outnumbered by a nation that celebrates abortion, forms of marriage that are offensive to God. We need to show that these things are worth fighting for

## GENERAL AGENT'S REPORT

Mark Stice, Assistant General Agent, presented his report. He introduced the 6 out of 9 field agents that were present. He apologized for john not being here because of health problems. We have lost two agents in Mississippi. Pray for their souls and families

## PRESIDENT, ASK AL KC

The purpose of the ladies auxiliary is to support the KofC. Councils with auxiliaries are more successful. We can't do it alone and you can't do it alone. We welcome all and all are welcome. When a woman stands behind a man there is nothing a man can't do.

## STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

Jason Esteve State Deputy, (SD), I will make a promise to be brief, if you promise to be brief. The hotel needs to set up for lunch in this room. We are truly blessed with the assembled dignitaries. We were blessed at last night's mass we were blessed with three priests' and a deacon. And they get to hang out with us all day. We have two supreme representatives with us today: Damien O'Connor Senior director of membership and formation and Darrell Barios and his wife Ann. They will help with the breakout meetings. Every jurisdiction is in a division. Division 1 & 2 are heavy hitters: California, Texas & Florida. We are in division 4. We have started e- membership KOFC.Org/join us. This convention is not the end of the fraternal year. Take a breath and look forward to the end of the fraternal year. Push now for star council. State level has grown in leaps and bounds: online registration and payment for State convention, telecoms for state officers, D.D.'s, grand knights, most of it because of Ryan Marks, give him a hand. We will finish strong. Ladies and guests are excused.

First guest speaker is a retired English teacher and is English. She spoke about working with Mother Angelica for over 14 years. She teaches the seminarians to speak English. She was asking for money from the knights for their needs. She thanked everyone for listening to her.

Second guest speaker, Father Tom Weiss asks we are striving for sanctity, right? When Cardinal Newman became a Catholic Bishop asked him do you believe all that stuff about purgatory he said and I quote believe it hell I am counting on it. He spoke of the canonization of Sister Thea Bowman. She is a black woman from Mississippi. She was one of the most dynamic preachers in our time. She said that the Knights of Columbus was not a Catholic Organization but, an organization of Catholics.

## ROLL CALL

Joe Flaherty, III State Secretary (SS) All State Officers, IPSD and State Chaplin were present. SS called for District Deputies to announce the number of delegates for voting purposes. There total of 57 councils present, 25 councils absent and 5 districts had all councils present. The number of delegates present was 91.

## READING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Joe Flaherty, III, State Secretary (SS), said that the minutes of the State Convention Meeting had been published on the website. Motion was made by council # 9676 to approve the minutes as published. The minutes were approved as published.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Flaherty, III, State Secretary (SS), Texas Council, Mark Evans, writes that they know it has been a stressful time from the tornadoes they would like to donate 2000.00 to help

## TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET REPORT

Danny Garcia, State Treasurer (ST), described the package of financial reports. He gave a descriptive overview of all the reports. He also made the group aware if they have questions about the reports later to contact him. On page 5 details of income and expense does not reflect expense of convention. All per capita has been paid. State is doing quite well.

## FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Pete Parris, Past State Deputy (PSD), as chairman of the committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial reports, had found the accounts to be in order, and suggested to continue using Jamie Waldrop CPA.

## MEMBERSHIP

Pat Jackson, State Membership Director, the online membership has gained 51 new members. The goal for new members is – 420 we have 259. There is one new council, 35 councils 0% growth, 9 at a negative. Form 10536 card to hand out for online membership they are free. February was the best month. Davis Smallwood 5 recruits, Andre Patterson – 6 recruits. #41 Robert won the watch but it is on back order. We need 161 more new members to reach goal. The state needs to finish strong.

## PROGRAMS

Seth Tolson, State Programs Director, went over the programs that were successful for the year, including the Free Throw Tournament. There are 16 required programs instead of 24. There are 25 out of 85 that have not submitted forms. Faith and action available at kofc.org . Need to turn in Form 365. Need to take safe environment training.

### Family Director, Ken Friedrick

There are 82 councils that can recognize a family in their parish that has done something special.

### Health Services Chairman, John Horch

Councils need to have blood drive. Get an award for the largest blood drive held.

## Culture of Life, Dave Birchmeier

Dave Birchmeier, State Culture of Life Director spoke about the importance of Natural Family Planning and promoting it in local councils. He also asked that you pray for life.

## Ultrasound Initiative Chairman, Lee John Bruno

David Birchmeier, Report for Lee John Bruno was that 26 ultrasound machines has been placed this year.

## Marion Hour of Prayer Chairman, Joe McCarty

Government in China is offering a 1500.00 bounty for anyone who turns in their neighbor for practicing religion. There are 2 Icons to be distributed around the State of Alabama out of 82 councils only 7 requested the Icon.

## Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman, Dennis Vaglica

Christmas is about Christ. I have packets for the councils to take home. As a nation strengthening the family of faith is as important as ever. "Tibi nesesitas es" "YOU ARE NEEDED"

## Community Director, Maurice Dupont

Maurice Dupont, (PSD), State Community Director, Pray for vocations. He encourages every council to send 100.00 for the priesthood scholarship fund.

## State Trainer for Financial Secretaries/ Comptrollers, Alan Cannon

He has held 2 training sessions and a one on one.

## Social Media Chairman, Ryan Marks

The only photos taken were the ones he took. Does anyone have photos? He would like to get more photos

## Ken Friedrick,

Update on Father Jim Handerhan he is room 8211 at UAB they believe he will recover 100%

## Public Relations Chairman, Steve Koach

Report given by Seth Tolson Steve provided printout of the different sources for publications.

## DRIVE FOR CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Ron Belz, State ID Drive Chairman, went over his written report. $108,000 was collected this year. $5.5 Million collected since the program's inception (41 years). The best district was 1

## REPORT OF THE 4TH DEGREE

Pete Parrish, DM, reported that the 4th degree alive and well but needs your help. About the new uniform keep comments to yourself if you don't like it. June 30th old will be retired. Encourage everyone to buy the new Uniform. The District of Alabama has a total of 40 assemblies, 2381 members and 86 new Sir Knights this year. Scheduled two exemplification, June 1st in Mobile and June 20th in Montgomery.

## APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

The chair Appoints following tellers,

PSD Pete Parrish – Chief Teller

D.D. Shane McKinney

D.D. Mark Kielbasa

D.D. Larry Cannon

## NEW BUSINESS

## ELECTIONS OF STATE OFFICERS

The following State Officers were elected, Single vote by acclimation:

Jason Esteve – State Deputy

Joe Flaherty, III – State Secretary

Danny Garcia – State Treasurer

Jack Hahn – State Advocate

Bill Mores – State Warden

There was a total of 91 councils Delegates, then corrected that there was a total of 92 council delegates

The Pete Parrish, PSD DM, – Chief Teller, 89 out of 92 voted, The following members were elected as delegates to the Supreme Convention, 89 out 92

1.) Joe Flaherty
2.) Danny Garcia
3.) Bill Mores
4.) Jack Hahn

The following members were elected as alternate delegates to the Supreme Convention

5.) Pat Jackson

6.) Seth Tolson

7.) Ryan Marks

8.) Dennis Vaglica

9.) John Walston

## RESOLUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Jack Hahn, State Advocate (SA), thanked the members of the committee: Nick Young GK #4888 , Bill King DD #16, and Scott Hendrick DD #14. Resolutions 1-5 were presented and adopted. Proposed bylaw changes were presented and adopted. These bylaw revisions and resolutions appear as an appendix to these minutes.

Jason Esteve, (SD) Recognized new council 17202.

A motion was made by Joe Flaherty and seconded, that Council 17202, new council, have their per capita waived for a six month period. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## NECROLOGY REPORT

Joe Flaherty, III, State Secretary, (SS) read the following names:

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| 666 Tommy Cowart | 13367 Earl Brunt |
| 4083 Christopher Ayers | 13367 Raymond Burke |
| 4083 Glenn Combs | 3568 Leonard Kulas |
| 5636 John Ross, Deacon | 13512 David Fulton |

9550 Joseph Dupriest

9550 Charles Hedrick,PSD

9550 Robert Schiller

9550 Kenneth Waltsgott

9550 Frank Agar

9852 Charles Gardner

9852 Rody Komater

10232 Terry Burton

10232 Patrick Haas, PGK

10232 Victor Hervias

10232 Richard Siski, PSD (GA)

11672 Glendon Anderson

11672 William Schultz

11672 Michael Wolk

12618 La Rue Kohl

6727 Douglas East

6727 Bernard Herring

6727 Joel DeMayo

13367 Gary Toifel

13415 Fr Jerome Robinson

12618 La Rue Kohl

13367 Gary Gamble

13367 Doug Bennt

13415 Joseph Liss

13415 Augustine

8959 Corky Ollinger

4080 John McCafferty

16248 Galdino Salvatore

4080 George O'Toole

## PAST STATE DEPUTY REMARKS:

Skip Gentle, PSD, FDM, FVSM, Thanked everyone. Mentioned an Honor Guard for the sanctity of life, June 30th at OLV in Pelham. Spoke of the root of the silver rose.

Maurice Dupont, PSD, thanked everyone for a good job.

Pete Parrish, PSD, thanked the Knights for coming to the convention.

Griffin Shreves, IPSD, Leadership in country is needed. Thank everyone being here

## STATE OFFICERS REMARKS:

Bill Mores, (SW), Thanked everyone, we will be using this room for lunch & then later for awards.

Jack Hahn, State Advocate,(SA), wanted to thank the following councils for completing the safe environment program: 12618, 3597, 7584, 4883, 11537, 10354, 12150, 15093, 14507, 4888, 10232, 8959, 11672, 635, 13415.

Danny Garcia, (ST), Support the priesthood scholarship.

Joe Flaherty, (SS), wants to fully update the directory. He needs your support. Thank you for being here.

Jason Esteve, (SD), thank you for your support, loves you all.

Let's fill the Cathedral with Knights Mass is at 8:30.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Father Dan Good, State Chaplain said the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 by State Deputy Jason Esteve

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Flaherty, III

State Secretary

## Appendix A
## *Resolutions*

Resolution – 1

**GRATITUDE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal and service organization in the world; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus is enjoying growth in its Membership and Insurance in force; and,

**WHEREAS**: The State of Alabama could not be a Leader in the Knights of Columbus without the guidance, leadership, and assistance from the Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Board of Directors, General and Field Agents, and the Supreme Representative; and,

**WHEREAS:** The dedication of all those working at the Supreme Council is displayed everyday through assistance to our State Council and its membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 27, 2019 in Birmingham, Alabama, wishes to thank the Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain, the Supreme Board of Directors, General and Field Agents, and the Supreme Representative for a job well done, and asks the Supreme Knight to relay our gratitude to all those who work tirelessly for the success of the Alabama State Council, and all of the councils of the Order.

## Resolution - 2

**APPRECIATION AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR POPE FRANCIS**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS**: Pope Francis has been a faithful servant of the Church and global Christian community throughout his lifetime; and,

**WHEREAS**: Pope Francis has faithfully and dutifully served the Church and needs of the global Christian community since his election as Supreme Pontiff in March 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**: Pope Francis known for his humility, his emphasis on God's mercy, his concern for the poor, and his commitment to interfaith dialogue, and has ardently worked to maintain that the Church should be more open and welcoming; and,

**WHEREAS**: Pope Francis maintains the traditional views of the Church and has been a major supporter of the cause of the Culture of Life; and,

**WHEREAS**: Pope Francis served the Church in the role of Cardinal from his native country, Argentina; and,

**WHEREAS**: Pope Francis has been a champion for world peace; and,

**WHEREAS**: Pope Francis has traveled extensively around the world spreading the gospel of Christ;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**:

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 27, 2019 in Birmingham, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council to express our deepest appreciation to Pope Francis and dedicate our unwavering support to him in serving the Church and the needs of the global Christian community.

## Resolution - 3

**Thanking All Local, State, Federal Law Enforcement, And First Responders For Their Service**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The men and women of our local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies, regularly put their lives on the line on a daily basis to protect and to serve all; and,

**WHEREAS:** The members of our local, state, and federal first responder agencies are working hard each and every day to ensure that our lives and property are safe; and,

**WHEREAS:** Many of the men and women who proudly serve in local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies are Catholic Christians; and,

**WHEREAS:** Many of these men and women are Knights or family and friends of Knights; and,

**WHEREAS:** Supporting local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies is a major focus of the Knights of Columbus;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 27, 2019 in Birmingham, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies, and pledge our unwavering support to them and offer our continuous prayers for their safety.

Resolution – 4

**IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has supported our Military since the beginning of our Beloved Order; and,

**WHEREAS**: The Supreme Council has worked diligently to provide aid and support the men and women who both currently serve and have served our country; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council has programs to aid our wounded warriors as they return home to their families; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council holds a special place in the hearts and minds of all Brother Knights;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 27, 2019 in Birmingham, Alabama hereby asks the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to thank these brave men and women for their service to the United States of America.

## Resolution - 5

**SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE AND FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus shares the Church's conviction that our obligation to shape the moral character of society is a requirement of our Catholic faith; and,

**WHEREAS:** All Christians have a responsibility to seek the justice of God's kingdom, restoring the temporal order and directing it to God through Christ; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that it is morally necessary to exercise the right to vote, to defend one's country, and to offer prayers for all who exercise authority; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Church affirms that democracy is the best expression of the direct participation of citizens in political choices; and,

**WHEREAS:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds all Americans, that responsible citizenship is a virtue; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus has a long history of encouraging its membership and others to act on their duty of responsible and faithful citizenship;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That we rededicate ourselves to our founding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in all of our interactions with others so that we may conduct ourselves according to Our Lord's commandment that we love our neighbors as ourselves, for he said, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35), and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That we will seek to build upon past efforts and programs designed to educate fellow citizens of their duties of faithful citizenship, and in a non-partisan way to help fellow Knights and other citizens to participate fully in the political process; and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Knights of Columbus membership of the State of Alabama meeting on April 27, 2019 in Birmingham, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to hereby adopt this resolution.

## Article 8

Assessments

Section 1. Assessments:

An assessment on the membership of the Councils as shown by the Supreme Secretary's records shall be in the amount of ~~seven ($7.00) dollars~~ eight ($8.00) dollars per member per fraternal year. One-half of the said assessment shall be paid no later than September 1st based on membership as shown by the Supreme Secretary's records of July 1st the other one-half shall be paid no later than March 1st based on membership as shown by the Supreme Secretary's records of January 1st excepted from said assessments are the clergy, religious, disabled, life and honorary members.

Section 2. Failure to pay assessments:

(a) Councils not having paid duly levied assessments of the Supreme and or State Council shall not have the names of their delegates placed on the permanent roll of the annual state meeting until the same is paid.

(b) The suspension of Councils not having paid duly levied assessments within three months and ten days will be sought through section 157(8), Constitution and By Laws of the Knights of Columbus.

## Article 9

Management of Funds

Section 1. Deposit of monies:

(a) All monies of the general fund of the State Council shall be deposited in one general account in the name of the Alabama State Council, Knights of Columbus, in a depository to be selected by a majority of the state officers, except as described in subsection (b).

(b) On or before the first Tuesday in September of each calendar year, any amount in the general fund in excess of the budgeted yearly amount from the previous year shall be deposited into an interest bearing account for disbursement called the Contingency Fund up to the maximum balance established for this fund. If the Contingency Fund is fully funded, these excess funds shall be used to support the Priesthood Scholarship Fund. Details regarding the use of the Contingency Fund are specified in article 9, section 6.

Section 2. Records of funds:

A separate record of all funds and funds including the Joseph D. O'Gara Memorial Priesthood Scholarship Fund shall be kept and these funds shall be kept on deposit in the name of the Knights of Columbus, Alabama State Council, in a financial institution and including a trust or agency department thereof, paying the highest net rate of interest and which is or are secured by instruments of agreement and insurable governing agencies thereof, and only up to the amount that is secured, as approved by a majority of the State officers or a delegated representative thereof, as elected or appointed. Any and all disbursements from the General Fund must have the approval of the Alabama State Council in accordance with Article 7, Section 9. Monies from the Joseph D. O'Gara Memorial Priesthood Scholarship Fund shall be disbursed in accordance with Article 9, Section 6. The State Treasurer will report the income and