

2020 Alabama State Council Knights of Columbus
Virtual State Convention Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2020

Call to Order:

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Alabama State Council, and I now call this meeting to order. As we open this virtual meeting at 6:00pm, I would like to ask our State Chaplain Father Dan Good to open with a prayer.

State Chaplain:

Prayer for Protection in time of Pandemic offered by Fr. Dan Good.

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

State Deputy Opening Remarks:

There are a few announcements I need to make as we proceed with this virtual meeting:

- We know that this will be a unique experience for all, including your state officers and staff, so I am grateful for your patience.
- Only delegates with proper credentials, as well as District Deputies and Past State Deputies, have the right to speak during this meeting. This is the same as “floor rights” during a typical meeting. If someone with the right speak wishes to do so, please hit *3 on your phone, and you will be placed in the queue. Note that you may be contacted so that we may know your intention to alert me when to recognize you.
- Please do not mute your phone, the system automatically mutes participants. This will speed up the process when being recognized to speak. Again, please do not mute your phone.

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- The Minutes of the 2019 State Convention, and all Reports of Committees, Reports of Officers, and Resolutions have been posted on the state Council website prior to this meeting for review and delegates were notified by email that the materials were posted.
- Our goal is to complete the required business in 90 minutes, so many items will be abbreviated, or eliminated. I ask that everyone, especially Delegates, stay connected until we have concluded the Meeting.
- If you are dropped, please rejoin the call in progress, by dialing 1-877-228-2184 and enter event I.D. 117987. (REPEAT AND TELL THEM TO WRITE IT DOWN)

Due to the circumstances of this virtual State Meeting, I have asked our State Secretary and State Treasurer to serve as our Credentials Committee.

I have also appointed Brother Seth Tolson to serve as our parliamentarian for this virtual meeting.

Supreme Knight's Message:

At this time, we are pleased to have a message from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, which we will play now.

Deputy Supreme Knight's Message:

We are also pleased to have Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly participating in our meeting today, and at this time I call on him for his message.

General Agent's Message:

Brother John Stice, General Agent of Alabama gave his remarks to the participants of the State Convention.

State Chaplain's Report:

Fr. Dan Good started his report by thanking all the knights for their help. He mentioned that these times represent an opportunity to reconnect with our friends, family, and neighbors. We need to look past the fear that abounds, but it is a time for heroes to emerge. Fr. Good added that he prays for all the Knights in the state of Alabama.

Appointment of Credentials Committee:

The State Deputy appointed the State Secretary, Joe Flaherty and the State Treasurer, Danny Garcia to serve as the Credentials Committee.

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Committee on Credentials Report:

The State Secretary provided a report stating that the list of delegates based on information provided by our councils, and cross checking this with the members that have joined us today for this virtual meeting, our State Treasurer and myself have the following number of delegates:

6 State Officers
1 Immediate Past State Deputy
55 Delegates
62 Total Voting Delegates

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

At this time, we will proceed with the approval of the minutes of the 2019 State Convention which have been distributed prior to the State Convention. There being no corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved.

State Deputy Report on Shortened Meeting Agenda:

Without objection, the rules will be suspended, and the following shortened Order of Business will be adopted:

- Prayer
- Appointment of Committee on Credentials
- Report of Committee on Credentials
- Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting
- Reports of Committees
- Reports of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of Representatives and Alternates to the Supreme Council
- Consideration of Resolutions
- New Business
- Prayer
- Adjournment

Reports of Committees:

As the various reports of the committees have been distributed prior to the State Convention, without objection they will be accepted as written and included in the minutes.

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Even though we are using an electronic polling system for the vote, in case of an unforeseen issue, I have

Nomination and Election of State Officers:

- The State Deputy went over the rules and procedures established by Supreme regarding how the nominations and elections are to be conducted.
- The State Deputy appointed Past State Deputy Pete Parrish as the judge and the following Past State Deputies, Steve Koach and Gary Nolan as tellers.

State Officer Elections

- As noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was submitted at the State Caucus for the position of State Deputy, Joe Flaherty.

Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection the state secretary will cast one ballot for Joe Flaherty for State Deputy for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

- As noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was submitted at the State Caucus for the position of State Secretary, Danny Garcia.
- Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection the state secretary will cast one ballot for Danny Garcia for State Secretary for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.
- As noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was submitted at the State Caucus for the position of State Treasurer, Jack Hahn.
- Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection the state secretary will cast one ballot for Jack Hahn for State Treasurer for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.
- As noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was submitted at the State Caucus for the position of State Advocate, Bill Mores.

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- Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection the state secretary will cast one ballot for Bill Mores for State Advocate for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.
- As noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following nomination was submitted at the State Caucus for the position of State Warden, Pat Jackson.
 - At this time the chair recognizes Brother Randy Ross for the purpose of a nomination. Brother Ross nominated himself for the position of State Warden.
 - At this time, we will proceed to the balloting for the position of State Warden.
 - Balloting will be open for two minutes – press 1 for Pat Jackson or press 2 for Randy Ross.
 - The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the state secretary for the results.
 - With the total of 58 ballots cast, the majority of the votes went to Pat Jackson, who will be our State Warden for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

Election of Representatives to The Supreme Convention:

State Deputy Esteve explained that the Past State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy are automatic delegates. In addition to these, Alabama can elect 4 more Third Degree members to represent us at the meeting – 2 insurance delegates and 2 associate delegates.

- At this time, I recognize Bill Mores.
Announcement to withdraw nomination as Insurance Delegate.
- At this time, I recognize Pat Jackson.
Announcement to withdraw nomination as Insurance Delegate.

First Ballot for The Election of the 1st Insurance Delegate:

The State Deputy called on the State Secretary to call out the names of the members nominated at the State Caucus as the Insurance delegates to the Supreme Convention:

1. John Bares
2. Danny Garcia
3. Jack Hahn
4. Ryan Marks
5. Seth Tolson

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The State Deputy read the following to all voting delegates:

Since there are more nominations than positions available, the following rules apply. For each ballot, delegates will only vote for one nominee. There will be multiple ballots to fill the available slots. During the first ballot, the member with the greatest number of votes will be elected to the first Insurance delegate position. We will then proceed with a second ballot with all of the remaining names, and the member with the greatest number of ballots will be elected to the second Insurance delegate position. The remaining nominees' names will then be available for the alternate ballot.

Balloting will be open for 2 minutes – press 1 for John Bares, press 2 for Danny Garcia, press 3 for Jack Hahn, press 4 for Ryan Marks, and press 5 for Seth Tolson.

The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. State Deputy calls upon the state secretary for the results.

With the total of 59 ballots cast, the following individual received the highest number of votes and will serve as an Insurance Delegate: Danny Garcia.

Second Ballot for The Election of the 2nd Insurance Delegate:

The following members were nominated as the Insurance delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting:

1. John Bares
2. Jack Hahn
3. Ryan Marks
4. Seth Tolson

Balloting will be open for 2 minutes – press 1 for John Bares, press 2 for Jack Hahn, press 3 for Ryan Marks, press 4 for Seth Tolson.

The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. State Deputy calls upon the state secretary for the results.

With the total of 59 ballots cast, the following individual received the highest number of votes and will serve as an Insurance Delegate: Jack Hahn.

First Ballot for The Election of the 1st Associate Delegate:

The State secretary reported that at the State Caucus, the following members were nominated as the Associate delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting:

1. Pat Jackson
2. Bill Mores
3. Dennis Vaglica

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Balloting will be open for 2 minutes – press 1 for Pat Jackson, press 2 for Bill Mores, press 3 for Dennis Vaglica

The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the state secretary for the results.

The State Secretary was called upon to report the results of the vote. With a total of 55 ballots cast, the following individual received the highest number of votes and will serve as Associate Delegate: Bill Mores.

Second Ballot for The Election of the 2nd Associate Delegate:

Per the procedures stated earlier related to the election of the 2nd Associate Delegate, balloting will be open for 2 minutes – press 1 for Pat Jackson, press 2 for Dennis Vaglica

The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the state secretary for the results.

With the total of 56 ballots cast, the following individual received the highest number of votes and will serve as Associate Delegate: Pat Jackson.

Election of Alternate Delegates

We will have one ballot to determine the order of selection of alternate delegates should an elected delegate be unable to attend the Supreme Council meeting. Alternates will be ordered according to the number of votes they receive in this single ballot with the nominee receiving the most votes being the first alternate, and so on. As before, only vote for one nominee.

Alternate delegate nominations are:

1. John Bares
2. Ryan Marks
3. Seth Tolson
4. Dennis Vaglica

Balloting will be open for 2 minutes – press 1 for John Bares, press 2 for Ryan Marks, press 3 for Seth Tolson, press 4 for Dennis Vaglica.

The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the state secretary for the results.

With the total of 59 ballots cast, the following individuals received the highest number of votes in order: Seth Tolson - 24, John Bares – 12, Dennis Vaglica – 12, Ryan Marks -11.

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State Advocate Report:

The State Deputy called on the State Advocate to present the Report of the Resolutions Committee.

Before he starts, let me state that the recommendation of the resolutions committee will act as an active motion. If anyone wishes to speak on a resolution, please hit *3 on your phone now, and you will be placed in the queue. Once you are recognized as having the floor, please be ready to speak. Please do not mute your phone.

If no one requests to speak, the dropping of the gavel will signal the approval of the committee's recommendation.

Resolutions

- Resolution 1 Gratitude to the Supreme Council. Adopted
- Resolution 2 Appreciation and Unwavering Support for Pope Francis. Adopted
- Resolution 3 Thanking All Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement and First Responders. Adopted
- Resolution 4 Thank All Doctors, Nurses, Caregivers And Support Staff. Adopted
- Resolution 5 In Gratitude To All Transportation, Food, And All Virus Essential Personal. Adopted
- Resolution 6 Garbled. Adopted.
- Resolution 7 Support For Responsible And Faithful Citizenship. Adopted

New Business:

Motion by Steve Koach, PSD: *A one-time waiver to the state bylaws be granted allowing for a deposit of up to \$15,000.00 to the State Charity Fund utilizing excess funds from the State Council's General Fund at the end of the fraternal year.* Seconded by Brother Peter Bartosh. Motion Approved.

Closing Prayer:

The State Chaplain lead the assembly in prayer for the Canonization of Father McGivney.

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by the State Deputy at 7:13pm.

Attest: Joseph Flaherty, State Secretary