

Alabama State Council Knights of Columbus

State Organizational Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2022

St Joseph Catholic Church, Prattville, AL

Call to Order

State Deputy Danny Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Opening Prayer

Deacon John Cooper offered the opening prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Pete Parrish, VSM, PSD, PDM led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Holy Hour of Prayer and Adoration

Deacon John Cooper lead the Holy Hour of Prayer. It included an opening song, greeting and prayers. The program provided included a guide for meditation during our quiet time of adoration.

State Chaplain Remarks

Deacon John Cooper expressed greetings from State Chaplain Fr. Vernon Huguley who was unable to be with us today.

Supreme Knight's Remarks

Played recorded message from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelley

Supreme Representative Remarks

Regional Growth Director Dave Tebo addressed those assembled and challenged us to continue recruiting and striving for Star Council status.

General Agent's Report

Brother Cam Ellis, AL Assistant General Agent reported on the state of the insurance arm of our order here in Alabama and order wide. He encouraged continued use of e-membership for recruiting.

State Deputy Remarks

State Deputy Danny Garcia addressed the room thanking everyone for choosing him as State Deputy. He reviewed our goals for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year and his vision for Alabama achieving Pinnacle Status,

ASK AL KC Remarks

Lois Mores, President of ASK AL KC addressed the State Council. She thanked everyone for supporting their Pink Ticket raffle and the work they do. She encouraged councils without an Auxiliary to consider forming one.

Convention Report

Bill Mores reported that our next convention will be April 21-23,2033 at Wind Creek Hotel & Casino in Atmore. It is a full-service facility with many onsite activities including dining, pool, spa, bowling and movie theater.

LADIES EXCUSED

Credentials Report

State Warden John Bares vouched that all present were in possession of a current and valid membership card.

Permanent Roll Call (Bill Mores, State Secretary)

State Officers – All present except State Chaplain Fr. Huguley (Excused)

District Deputies – 13 DD's were present at the meeting.

Councils – There were 40 councils present at the meeting.

Reading of the minutes of Last Org. Meeting (Bill Mores, State Secretary)

Minutes of the 2021 State Organizational Meeting were posted on the State web site prior to this meeting. There was a motion made by Council 10232 and seconded by Council 7584 to approve the minutes as published. All voted to approve minutes as published.

Communications

State Secretary Bill Mores had no communications to read.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Mores provided the reports showing the State Council's financial status as of June 30, 2022. The reports included the Balance Sheet, Regions Account showing Budget vs. Actual and summary of all other accounts. Also presented was the 2022-2023 Budget.

Finance & Budget Committee Report

Committee Chairman Steve Koach, PSD, FDM reported that the Committee met prior to this meeting to review the reports presented by Treasurer. All reports have been accepted as published.

The 2022-2023 Budget presented and reviewed by the committee. It is a balanced budget and was approved by the Finance Committee.

Membership Report (Joseph E. Flaherty III, IPSD)

Membership Director Joe Flaherty reported that Alabama achieved 103.82% of our 2021-2022 Goal and Thanked everyone for working hard to do so. District Deputies and Councils making their goals were recognized. He went on to report that Free Online membership has been extended and then presented the AL Quick Start Program. General recruiting Best Practices were review and all were encouraged to recruit younger members and to use e-member program. Goals and incentives for the 2021-2022 Fraternal year were reviewed.

Online Membership Report (Pete Parrish, PSD, FDM, VSM)

Online Membership Director Pete Parrish presented a short history of the program, how it works and its advantages.

State Program Director Report (Steve Koach, PSD, FDM)

Program Director Steve Koach provide a review of the Faith in Action program and presented resources to help plan and execute a successful program. Changes and new programs for 2022-2023 were then presented. The new ASAP Program was presented in detail. He ended his presentation by reviewing the Award Criteria that will be used for the 2022-2023 year.

VSM / Fourth Degree Report

VSM Pete Parrish report on the state of the 4th Degree in both the Bienville Province and here in Alabama.

State Advocate Report

State Advocate Brian Lagasse reviewed the Safe Environment Program and the need for all councils to become SEP Compliant as soon as possible.

Intellectual Disabilities Report

Brother Ron Belz has stepped down as Chairman due to health issues and will be replaced by Brother Tom O'Donnell. Brother Tom distributed forms and details of how to run a successful I.D. Drive.

McGivney Guild Report

Brother Joe Flaherty reviewed the program and encourage all to enroll.

Silver Rose Report

Brother Skip Gentle presented the schedule and stressed the need to stay on schedule throughout its time in Alabama.

Special Olympics Report

Brother Jerry Brecher provided a report on how Special Olympics is rebuilding after being shutdown for nearly 2 years due to COVID.

Free Throw Contest Report

Brother George Champion encouraged all to participate. State Competition will be Marc 18, 2023 in Montgomery.

Pilgrim Icon Report

Brother Joe McCarty gave short report on how to use Pilgrim icon.

State Trainer Report

Brother Alan Cannon reported on types of training that is available and how to reach him.

Supreme Representative

Regional Growth Director Dave Tebo provided closing remarks.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Past State Deputy Closing Remarks (All PSD's Present)

Closing remarks were made by each PSD present

Steve Koach

Pete Parrish

Joe Flaherty

State Officer Remarks (All State Officers)

Closing remarks were provided by each State Officer in attendance.

Closing Prayer

State Secretary Bill Mores lead all in the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Father McGivney.

All were invited to attend the 5 pm Mass here at St Joseph's.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Mores

Bill Mores, State Secretary