



**ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**FALL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 12, 2024**

1. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 8:31 by Bill Mores, State Deputy
2. Opening Prayer  
Led by Pat Jackson, State Secretary
3. Pledge of Allegiance  
Led by Joe Flaherty, District Master, State Membership Director, PSD
4. State Deputy Remarks  
SD Bill Mores addressed the attendees. Pete Parrish, VSM, PSD, DD and Online MD was excused due to a minor procedure. Thanked everyone for their attendance. Congratulations to all for achieving Pinnacle last year, question is how to repeat that this year? Reviewed Mission of the Order, current goals and status (see slides for details). GK Mike Assaf asked about programs not on the “official list”, reviewed that any council program can be claimed, just use the major category that best fits the activity on the F10784. Can always use “Other”. Stressed the importance of Fraternal Benefit Events and the other goals. Thanks all for support, continue to have a great year.
5. Regional Growth Director Remarks  
JC Reiher, RGD addressed the attendees. Stated it was a pleasure to be there. Lots of information to be covered, please use it. Noted that councils can get credit for any program, not just those on the suggested list. STAR award is important to recognize your excellence. You are doing the work, take credit and inform your members. Alabama is “kicking butt” on growth. Early growth is essential for reductions. “Fishers of Men” program is new and is here. Meaningful programs are critical to getting your members involved and retaining them. 46% of councils have recruited at least one new member, encouraged all to get at least one and then keep going. Can’t wait to see us in person.
6. General Agent’s Remarks  
John Stice, General Agent, addressed the attendees. Membership growth and STAR are essential to the Insurance program goals as well. The councils are doing great work. Please let the members know about the agency and all the benefits that are available to them. Please encourage your members to talk to their agent. Christian Warren is the new North Alabama agent replacing Cam Ellis. Please complete the member information cards so the agency has up to date information. Coordinate FBE’s with your agent. Let the home office know if you are having any difficulties.
7. Evangelization, Faith and Formation Report  
Mike Schultz, EFFD, addressed the attendees. Mike introduced himself, the EFFD is a new role. Supports the COR program. He is looking forward to leading the program. Stressed being our Brothers Keeper.
8. Program Director’s Report and  
FDM, MD Mike Weist; Programs are the key to success. Reviewed the current Directors and Chairmen under the Programs organizational chart, complete with program listings (see slide deck). Form 10784 is the backbone, feeds data to the F1728 and SPF and budgets. Great tool, Use Programs for recruiting. Reviewed the Supreme and State awards and submissions process.
9. Membership Report  
PSD, DM, MD Joe Flaherty; reviewed goals and current status (see slides). Recruiting and membership are ultimately about accomplishing our mission and meeting our obligations to the church. We owe it to our fellow Catholic men to offer what we have to them. 47% of members join because they were asked. Half asked say they have not joined because they weren’t invited. 33% have never asked anyone to join us. Be Fishers of Men. Reviewed published resources available. Reviewed incentives. Encouraged use of the online sign-up process, it is much easier.
10. On-line Membership Report  
SD Bill Mores addressed the attendees in Pete’s absence. Paper forms are going away, no stated time frame but digital forms will eventually be the only method. “Blessed McGivney” code still works for now for online membership signup, no timeframe for disabling this. Can also use the insurance agents code (first letter and last name). New members should still be vetted by Councils admission committee prior to accepting them into their council. If a new member is rejected for cause by a council they should pass the cause on to the State Deputy for communication to Supreme.



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11. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Report  
PSD, DM, MD Joe Flaherty announced a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree ceremonial to be held in Prattville on 9 November with more information to come.
12. Future Meetings
  - Mid year meeting in Prattville on 11 January at St Joeseph, DD's in the morning and GK's/all in the afternoon.
  - Spring meeting, virtual format on 1 March
  - State Convention in Atmore on 4 -6 April
  - Kickoff meeting for 2025-2026 fraternal year on 25-27 July at St Joeseph in Prattville.
13. Closing Comments
  - PSD, DM, MD Joe Flaherty; Looking forward to the next quarter and continued improvements. Thanks to all for attending.
  - IPSD Danny Garcia; Thanks for hosting the virtual meeting, good information. Reach our goals and reach Pinnacle. We get another delegate to the Supreme Convention due to our growth.
  - RGD JC Reiher; Lots of great information, thank you for the invitation. Remember STAR council, we're Fishers of Men. The personal invitation is important.
14. Closing Prayer  
Led by SS Pat Jackson
15. Meeting Adjourned  
Meeting adjourned by SD Bill Mores at 10:46