

121st Alabama Knights of Columbus State Convention

Business Meeting Minutes

Wind Creek Conference Center, Atmore, Alabama

April 20, 2024

1) Call to Order

State Deputy Danny Garcia called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

2) Opening Prayer

State Chaplain Fr. Vernon Huguley offered the opening prayer

3) Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Weist, District Master lead the posting of our colors and the Pledge of Allegiance

4) Holy Hour of Prayer

State Chaplain Fr. Vernon Huguley led the Holy Hour based on the worship aid that was distributed to all those in attendance. It included song, prayer and time for silent reflection in front of the exposed Sacrament.

5) Archbishop and Bishop Remarks

Archbishop Rodi welcomed all to the Diocese of Mobile and thanked the Knights of Columbus for all we do.

Bishop Raica of the Birmingham Diocese welcomed all and thanked us for our support of the church.

6) Preliminary Credential Report

State Secretary Bill Mores reported that at this time we have 7 State Officers and 54 Council Delegates present

7) Video Address from Supreme

Brother Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's video message to all council members was played which provided a recap of all that the order accomplished last year.

8) Supreme Director remarks

Supreme Director Sean Halpain, PSD-Arizona addressed those in attendance. He highlighted all the good work the order does and thanked us for all we have done in Alabama.

9) State Deputy Remarks

State Deputy Danny Garcia addressed us on the state of the order here in Alabama. He reviewed what has been accomplished and where we stood relative to our goals for this fraternal year

10 ASK AL KC Representative

ASK AL KC President Lois Mores welcomed all and thank us for supporting Ladies Auxiliaries around the state.

11 General Agent Report

John Stice, General Agent for Alabama reported on the state of Stice Agency. He recognized his Field Agents who accomplished their goals.

12) Meeting Agenda – Brother Danny Garcia, SD

- Prayer
- Appointment of Committee on Credentials
- Report of Committee on Credentials
- Approval of 2023 Minutes
- Reports of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of Representatives and Alternates to the Supreme Convention

- Consideration of Resolutions
- New Business
- Prayer
- Adjournment

At this time, we will proceed with the approval of the minutes of the 2023 State Convention which have been posted on the State web site for your review prior to this meeting. Jeff Kendall made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published on the State website. Joe McCarty seconded the motion and all voted in favor of it.

13) State Treasurer's Report

Pat Jackson, State Treasurer review the financial reports dated March 31, 2024 that have been posted on the state website.

14) Finance and Audit Committee

Steve Koach, PSD, FDM and Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the committee found all reports to be in order. They also recommended that we continue to use Jamie Waldrop as our CPA.

15) Programs Report

Program Director Steve Koach, PSD, FDM reported on programs throughout the state. He gave a brief review of the category of awards that will be presented at this evening's banquet.

16) Membership Report

Joe Flaherty, IPSD and Membership Director reported on our recruiting efforts for the year. Most notably that we have reached our goal for the 2022-2023 fraternal year. He recognized council and Brother Knights that were

instrumental in reaching our goal. Reaching our goal at this point in the fraternal year has not been done in many years. He encouraged councils not to stop but to continue to help grow our membership.

17) Online membership

Pete Parrish, PSD, FDM, VSM reviewed the benefits of recruiting a member using the online process. We have converted many e-members to council members but there are still several out there that councils need to add to their membership.

18) 4th Degree Reports

Vice Supreme Master Pete Parrish reported that the Bienville Province was doing well and thanked everyone for their support of the 4th Degree. He encouraged all that are not already a 4th Degree to become one soon.

District Master Mike Weist report that Alabama was doing well but we have not yet reached our goals. He encouraged all to recruit a new member soon.

19) New Business

- Appointment of tellers

SD Garcia appointed Pete Parrish, Gerald Buford, Joe Flaherty & Tom Hart

-State Officer Elections

Nominations:

Results:

State Deputy-Bill Mores

Unanimous (1 ballot cast for)

State Secretary-Charles "Pat" Jackson

Unanimous (1 ballot cast for)

State Treasurer-Brian Lagasse

Unanimous (1 ballot cast for)

State Advocate-John Bares

Unanimous (1 ballot cast for)

State Warden-TWO CANDIDATES

1)Andre Patterson

Paper ballots were distributed & counted

2)John Hudak

Andre Patterson received a majority of the votes.

-Delegates to the Supreme Convention

Automatic delegates are: SD Bill Mores

IPSD Danny Garcia

Nominated

Result

Pat Jackson

Elected as 1st Delegate

Brian Lagasse

Elected as 2nd Delegate

Joe Flaherty

Elected as 3rd Delegate

Steve Koach

Elected as 4th Delegate

Andre Patterson

1st Alternate

John Bares

2nd Alternate

Dennis Vaglica

3rd Alternate

-Resolutions

State Advocate Brian Lagasse presented the 4 resolutions that were submitted and all were approved by those in attendance.

-Gratitude to the Supreme Council

-Appreciation and Unwavering Support of Pope Francis

-thanking all Local, State Federal Law Enforcement and First Responders for their Service

-In Support of Our Military

CLOSING REMARKS

20) Supreme Representative

Sean Halpain, PSD reminded us to continue focusing on membership especially by recruiting younger members. He also spoke on the Order can help us with our financial matters and asked us to support the insurance products offered.

21) Past State Deputy Remarks

- Steve Koach - Thank you for being elected as delegate.
- Pete Parrish – Congratulations on good meeting. VJ
- Joe Flaherty, IPSD – Congratulations and keep recruiting.

22) State Officer Remarks

State Executive Assistant Tom Hart – Thank you for attending
State Warden John Bares – Thank you
State Advocate Brian Lagasse – Thank you for all you do
State Treasurer Pat Jackson – Thank you for being here
State Secretary Bill Mores – Thank you for your support & attendance
State Deputy Danny Garcia – Thank you for being here and for all you do for the Order and the great State of Alabama

23) Closing Prayer

State Chaplain Fr. Vernon Huguley lead us in a closing prayer and blessed our food for lunch.

24) Adjournment

SD Garcia reminded all of the bowling tournament this afternoon, this evening's reception and banquet and the closing Mass on Sunday morning.

SD Garcia adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Respectively submitted

Bill Mores, Alabama State Secretary

