



## **2026 Alabama K of C District Deputy Mid-Year DD Meeting Minutes**

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
511 N. Memorial Dr. Prattville, AL  
1/10/2026

Open at 8:03 by Bill Mores, SD

Opening prayer Pat Jackson, SS

Pledge of Allegiance Griffin Shreeves DM, PSD

Roll call Pat Jackson, SS

Welcome by Bill Mores, SD

Remarks from Drew Dillingham, Director Programs & Member Engagement  
Good Morning, pleasure to be here. Alabama hospitality and weather (warm). Membership and programs are focus. DD's, pass this to councils. Membership – GK of council 1 in New Haven. Recruitment is difficult. We meet in the original church and Blessed McGivney is physically there, still hear that "I'm too busy". Some just walk by, won't talk. Now Blessed McGivney parish, cluster of 7, have a Hispanic church in the group. Signed up 7 guys after a Coats for Kids, but several don't want to give address, other info. The pastor is not super supportive. The challenges you have are everywhere. Some solutions Church Drives, ASAP and recruitment paired up, tie recruitment incentives to the program. AL doing well, at 18<sup>th</sup> in the order. Roll of the DD – strong DD's make us successful. Got a call from his DD after Christmas encouraging him to keep momentum. Success comes in hierarchies, need chain of command. DD is a critical link in the chain. Thanks for your service, counting on AL hitting 100% of membership target.

State Deputy remarks, Bill Mores SD

You guys are a crucial part of the organization. Start of this year had a meet with JC, defined Mission statement (see slide). DD's role, help your council be more effective, provide a model example for your guys to emulate, set an open and engaging tone for growth and outreach. Lead Teach Mentor Encourage. Be present, visible. Build relationships. Encourage use of the tech that's available, get away from manual forms, use online tools. Share your experiences. Be the answer man, get one if you don't know. Support, spread hope. Use State Officers for help, we all have guys at the next level to lean on. Reports Andre, Training Alan Cannon / Mike Weist. Convention May 1 – 3. Kickoff to be announced (July ?), webinars to be posted. Hold a District meeting, councils to exchange information / ideas. Show Heralds of Hope video from Supreme. Made CoH, you guys were a huge part.

-Awards

-Star District (see slides to update list)

DD19 Alan Ruegemer, DD20 Joe Duffy, DD13 Brad Corbin, DD11 Tony Coyle, DD6 Randy Ross, DD10 Jack Porter

-All Star

DD7 Randy Duffy



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Alan Cannon mentioned using Former Member list on Officers On Line as a recruitment source.

Evangelization, Faith & Formation remarks, Mike Schultz, EFFD

Thank you, good morning, Looking forward to meeting feels like a retreat. COR materials available on back table. Opening prayer – prayer is central to the COR mission. Mentioned Nathan Wozny and his cancer treatment, keep in prayer. Mission of COR to refocus us on prayer, formation and fraternity. Your Will Be Done (see slides). Brief break for tornado warning. Prayer for safety. DD's you are COR evangelists. COR team on slide. COR is not a program, it's a relationship and is ongoing. Highlights from Supreme training - Retreat in a Box, Small Group facilitator, intercessory prayer, prayers you both know. Methods to pray in your own words. Introduce Diocesan Coordinator Orlando Garcia, Birmingham. Just became a Knight in October. Excited to be part of team.

Membership remarks, Emerson Healy, MD

General recruiting best practices – Start with Why, Talk to your pastor, Set clear expectations, Presented recognitions to top 3 districts from Fishers of Men, District 7, 15 and 20

Online Membership remarks, Pete Parrish, PSD, FDM, VSM

Good Morning, remember the online program, reviewed how the program works. Use the Officers online system, available to GK and FS, Prospect and Candidate tabs take place of the F100. Pursue STAR, achieve goals. See slides for more details. FBE look pretty good currently, encourage councils to work with their local agent. Keep eye on Youth protection. Training will expire, need to avoid emergency by planning. Encourage request reimbursement for expenses at least quarterly.

Program remarks, Mike Wiest, PD, FDM

Good morning, showed org chart slide with directors and the listed programs that fall under each director. Coats for Kids, 52 cases approx. 2K coats across the state. "Other" category for non "check-box" listed programs. Sleep in Heavenly Peace in pilot stage, has been successful, will be added in future. Other new programs coming, expanding from 8 per category to 10. Pass the Hat incentive and at the convention. Donations to 3 resource centers in the state. Did well with this program. Detailed review of the numbers (see slides). Reviewed process of submitting award applications for the convention. Review of STAR deliverables, where are your councils on these items? Is glass half full or better at the midway point?

DD Questions

Jack Porter – Are slides available? Yes, will be on state website.

Audits changing, now annual only, due Aug 2026

Encourage use of online join process

Need to be at 75% of goal by 31 March

Affiliate Program is still available



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Schedule membership drives each month  
Encourage use of Officers On Line  
Every council should strive for STAR

New general agent Cam Ellis (John Stice moved out west)

Vincent Duff – Council was reporting taxes on calendar year. The Audit is not the 990 for taxes.  
Keep them separate.

Brandon Mosely – If council exceeds \$50K regularly, what to do? File appropriate 990, get with CPA

Closing prayer Pat Jackson, SS 10:43