



2026 Alabama K of C District Deputy Mid-Year General Meeting Minutes

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

Open at 11:48 by Bill Mores, SD

Opening prayer Deacon John Cooper, Faith Director

Holy Hour Deacon John Cooper, Faith Director

Pledge of Allegiance Griffin Shreeves DM, PSD

Welcome by Bill Mores SD

Supreme Rep Remarks, Drew Dillingham, Director Programs & Member Engagement
Good afternoon, Member since 2014, with Supreme since 2019, GK of Council 1 in New Haven at St Mary's. In charge of round table at Yale. Membership and Programs is focus. Proof of Concept for church drives (recruiting). Reviewed steps in PoC process. COR is another successful recruiting tool. Schedule exemplifications right before COR. Programs – One of the greatest potential pools for growth is in the Hispanic community. Many leave Catholic faith on arrival, getting them in Knights is great way to help keep them in the faith. Imitate Juan Diego and Viva Christo Rey are great programs, good for all but especially Hispanic groups. Day of the Dead is a good opportunity to reach out to the Hispanic community, provide quinceanera support; celebrate Catholic heritage, drive community into the parrish. Other new programs are coming, supplies are online, most are free. 7 parishes combined into 1, called St Marys, coats for kids story from DD meeting. AL at 18th in order in membership, on track for great year.

State Deputy remarks, Bill Mores, SD

Reviewed numbers on membership (see slides). Goals reduced a couple times due to good work, have an opportunity to get another if we keep up the progress. New General Agent is Cam Ellis, he is traveling to the GA meeting in TX. Played recorded message from him.

ASK AL KC remarks, Margaret Lagasse, President

Merry Christmas. Focus on Jesus' public ministry. Time to focus on our mission. Our mission is to support the councils. We have complimentary goals. Bishops fund, promote education with scholarship program, pink tickets. Contact me if you have questions on starting an auxillary, Brian has my contact info.

State Convention update

Convention May 1-3 at Wind Creek in Atmore. Fourth year there. Other hotels are available, blocks not available, but good rates are available, sometimes better than the contract rates we can get. Reviewed amenities at the hotel and events at the convention (see slide). No 4th



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degree meeting this year. Registration is open on state website, complete by 17 April. Please sell ad space for the program, helps offset convention costs. Joe Flaherty talked about the raffle. See slides, 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd and 4th Wind Creek resort packages. More tickets can be had, reach out to Joe. \$10 per ticket, 3 for \$25. See slide. Send tickets and money to Joe. Raffle helps to keep convention costs down.

Ladies excused, break

Credentials Report, Andre Patterson, SW

Roll call / Communications, Pat Jackson, SS

Treasures report, Brian Lagasse, ST

Per Capita notices are out, please take care of this. Notices will not stop. Presented financial sheets. State pins are available from last year. Packets of the last 12 years are available. New pin will be available at the conventions.

Steve Koach, PSD, FDM, Finance Committee Chair

Accounts are in order, Treasurer handling accounts well.

Reviewed for information only current status of state membership, finances and trend of funds going down. See slides for discussion points.

Advocates report, Johnny Bares, SA

Safe environment report handed out to the DDs for their use. Thanks to Mike Weist for his help in communicating the program. Use the Star Tracker, has the important information you need. Resolutions and bylaw changes for the convention are in process, please let us know if you have anything to submit.

Evangelization, Faith & Formation remarks, Mike Schultz, EFFD

Good afternoon. Agenda on slide. Prayer is central to COR, always open with prayer. Prayer restores. ACTS - Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication. Pray for each other, told about Nathan Wozny, rare form of aggressive cancer, in treatment in New York. My Brothers Keeper – yes we are. Prayer, Formation and Fraternity are central to COR. Your Will Be Done – GK's request help, neighborhood parish visits, Regional meetings, Searching in prayer for COR team members. Spent 4 days at EFF training in New Haven, more like a retreat. Learned we are COR Evangelists. COR is not a program it is a relationship. Introduced Retreat in a Box (see slide for details), Small Group Facilitator, Intercessor prayer (see slide). New position, Diocesan



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EFF Coordinations interface at more refined level with the DD's. Introduced Orlando Garcia, is our new DEFFC in B'ham. Lots of materials in the back, take with you.

Awards for highest percentage of gain and Net gain 65 new members 433% of target, to Prattville council 10731.

Membership remarks, Emerson Healy, MD

ASAP tied to membership growth. Hitting targets and donating to ASAP yields additional funds from Supreme.

Get your pastors involved, makes a huge difference in Proof of Concept success, drives better growth. Lots of handouts in back of room, take them with you. Handed out awards for Fishers of Men, Councils 4080, 2737 and 10731. Cash incentive awards for recruiting were disbursed.

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

Every council should strive to attain STAR. STAR requirements reviewed (on slide). Take it all one bite at a time and it is all achievable. Use Officers On Line, makes everything easier. Online forms streamline processes. Online joining and exemplification reviewed. 9 councils at the membership goal, 5 are 1 member away.

Program remarks, Mike Wiest, PD, FDM

Many great Directors and Chairmen. Showed org chart, introduced those who are present. Spoke to slides. 10784 now has 10 selectable programs instead of 8 and Other. Featured programs worth 2 points if done completely. Other is not eligible for a Featured flag. Fraternal Leader Advisory – Read this, make use of it. At half way point, is your glass half full or better? Reviewed major milestones that should be done by now, and those remaining.

Committee reports

Tom O'Donnell reviewed the ID Program. Participation down. Some councils have started other fund raising efforts to support the program. Think outside the box, tootsie rolls are not a requirement or the only option.

Dennis Vaglica spoke on Christmas cards, gave details on ordering.

Bill Mores spoke on Christmas poster contest, submittals way up

Joe McCarty sent e-mail on icon open dates, reviewed last years use was heavy in North area. Need to get requests in as schedule is filling up. We have 2 icons available.



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Danny Garcia asked how many are in McGivney guild. Encouraged all to join if not members. Interest in new college council in Troy. Encouraged donations to PSF box while at the meeting.

John Blackburn has Silver Rose schedule, we only have it for a month, we're working on getting materials to support.

Alan Cannon, spoke on audit now being annual, not semiannual. Still some councils have not completed. Training is available. Format is updated. Only on-line submittal. Have to include your EIN now.

4th Degree report, Griffin Shreeves, DM, PSD

Joe Flaherty, VSM brings greetings from SM McCusker, Province is doing well, currently in 1st place. Every 3rd Degree member should be offered chance to be in the 4th. Turned over to Griffin.

Major responsibility is coordinating the degrees. Gave next degree date Jan 17th at Prince of Peace in Hoover. March 2026, Enterprise, May 30, 2026 Foley, June 6, 2026 in Madison. Latest drill manual offered online only. Printed copy is not the latest. Appendix D gives details on making beret correct. Appendix C gives Supreme appearance guidelines. All here today is a leader in the KofC. We should be mindful of this responsibility and the image we project.

Mass is at 5:00

Supreme Rep Closing remarks, Drew Dillingham

Why do we do what we do? Men are looking for meaning and purpose. They are lonely. We help to give them purpose and a place to belong. It is up to us to make the world better. Tyranny of the possible. Change in world leadership when JP2 rejected "inevitability" of communism. Gave statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Bill. Initial order of 200 placed. They will be on supplies on line for about \$50.

PSD remarks

Steve Koach – Thank the host council, great meal. Wealth of information from this meeting, take it to your councils and the GK's who were not here. Sign up for the convention, sell your raffle tickets.

Pete Parrish - Thank you for attending today. Guys who come to the meetings are the backbone of our order. Thanks to host council and assembly, we appreciate you.

Griffing Shreeves – Enjoyed being here, thank you



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Joe Flaherty – Thanks to host council, great job. Thanks for being here in bad weather, ditto take information back to those not here. Exemplification next week in Hoover, not to late to sign up.

Danny Garcia – Thank the host council, reiterate what everyone else said. Have a safe trip home.

Officer Remarks

Gerald Buford, EA – will be running for State Warden, thanks for coming out, be safe going home.

Danny Garcia, IPSD - none additional

Andre Patterson, SW – Congratulations to DD who got awards. Remember the GKs helped you, don't forget them. Running for State Advocate

Johnny Bares, SA – none additional, running for State Treasurer

Brian Lagasse, ST – Great to see everyone, love talking to you. Send me stuff, love to see things in the PO Box. Running for State Secretary

Pat Jackson, SS – Thanks for everything, appreciate the host council and all you do. Running for State Deputy.

Bill Mores, SD – Thanks for all your support, come to us when you need help. We want to see all of you make STAR. If you are missing any awards from Supreme let us know so we can follow up. Appreciate you being here, its an honor to represent you. We need new blood to sustain our presence as the older guys age out. Thanks for all you do, the time as SD has gone fast. Recognized seminarian who was in attendance.

Closing prayer, Mike Schultz, EFFD; Pat Jackson, SS

Meeting adjourned at 4:01