

Alabama State Council Knights of Columbus

State Meeting - July 8, 2017

Montgomery, AL

CALL TO ORDER

Griffin Shreves, State Deputy (DD), called the meeting to order at 12:07pm

OPENING PRAYER

Father Dan Good, State Chaplain (SC), gave the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steve Koach, Past State Deputy (PSD), District Master (DM), led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

TBD.

STATE CHAPLAIN REMARKS

Father Dan Good, SC, presented his remarks. He discussed the culture of the family and living a life of high morals and virtue. He talked about the importance of the domestic church and the Supreme program dedicated to it. He spoke about the family and its importance and how the church needs to be a part of the institution. That marriage should be worked on constantly. He encouraged the assembled to pray for and to pray with their families. He encouraged the assembled to attend marriage-centric programs in their parishes. He discussed the Courage apostolate for people who have same-sex attraction and its importance. He asked for prayers and financial support where possible. He asked for continued support for priests and seminarians through prayer and encouragement. He spoke about Rachel's Vineyard pro-life ministry and to pray for women who suffer post-abortion. He asked for members to pray with people in need, not just pray for them. He stressed the importance of inviting men to join the Knights of Columbus. He suggested several ways to involve prayer into their daily life. He asked for everyone to approach the mercy of Jesus through confession.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE'S REMARKS – DAVE TEBO, PSD, MPC

Dave Tebo presented his remarks. He explained that the Order is a ministry of service. 18th year as an order increased contributions. \$177,500,673 in contributions and 75,112,649 in hours of service. He stressed the need to have fun while performing works of service.

GENERAL AGENT'S REPORT

John Stice, General Agent, presented his report. He spoke about the need to find your replacement. Recruiting today is essential to the future of the Order. He introduced the field agents present.

PRESIDENT, ASK AL KC

Rani Myers asked for support from the Grand Knights for the Alabama's Ladies Auxiliaries. The current officers and district representatives were introduced. She asked for prayers for new officers to answer their calling.

The ladies were excused.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Jack Hahn, State Warden (SW), vouched that all present possess a current membership card.

PERMANENT ROLL CALL

Jason Esteve, SS, called on the SW who reported that all elected state officers were present, 28 of 30 state directors and chairmen were absent. SS Esteve then called on the DD's to give the total councils in their respective districts that were not present. Of the 81 councils in the state 39 were not represented in the meeting. This represents 46 percent attendance of the councils. 1 of 19 districts had all their councils represented at the meeting – District 8 Joe Ching.

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Jason Esteve, State Secretary, said that the minutes of the State Convention Meeting had been published on the web site. Motion made to approve the minutes as distributed. The minutes were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jason Esteve, SS, reported that the Supreme Secretary sent him a communication that the bylaw revisions and resolutions were received and will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET REPORT

Joe Flaherty, State Treasurer (ST), described the package of Financial reports. It contained the Balance Sheet, Budget vs Actual, and the 2016-2017 Budget. He gave a descriptive overview of all the reports. He also made the group aware if they have questions about the reports later to contact him.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Pete Parrish, Immediate Past State Deputy (IPSD), as chairman of the committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed the Financial reports, had found the accounts to be in order, and had voted to approve the financial reports and the 2016-2017 budget.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP

David Galloway, State Membership Director gave his remarks. He reviewed the fraternal year just completed, recognizing Star Councils 14507, 4888, 9550, 12150, 12914, 13085, 5597, 13174, 13446, and 16400. 2 new councils and 32 new round tables were established. He stressed scheduling first degrees, reporting monthly on progress, and taking ownership of the results. He encouraged councils to hold church drives. He asked members to present their success stories. He stressed that what got people to their current point in life may not get them to where they want to be. Change is necessary. We should approach a candidate because we need them, not that they need the Order. He encouraged members to use the parish directory in their parish as a recruiting tool.

PROGRAMS

Bill Mores, State Programs Director, presented his report. He stressed the domestic church initiative and outlined its implementation.

Family – Skip Gentle, PSD, FSVM

Skip Gentle talked about Family activities. He discussed (among other things) the Food for Families, the vocation cross program, scouting, Supreme's Family of the month and family of the year program, passing a resolution of condolence for a departed brother knight to be presented to his widow. He also spoke about the Domestic Church initiative. He spoke about the Family Fully Alive program. He encouraged grand knights to work with their pastor to initiate the program. He spoke to the brothers about the State Family week Dec 31 – Jan 6. Planning should focus on family values and activities. He spoke about a State Family of the Month program. He asked brothers to focus on prayer in their lives. He went over the programs suggested for the Domestic church initiative.

Culture of Life – David Birchmeier

David began with remembrances of Jim Kaelin, Former Culture of Life director, who passed away recently. He spoke about Natural Family Planning and its importance to families. A Natural Family Planning event will be held on July 22nd and 23rd in Decatur. He asked the assembled to pray for Jim and his wife Phyllis.

Lee John Bruno gave an update on the ultrasound initiative. He explained what the program is and what it does. He spoke about Hanceville purchasing a mobile ultrasound vehicle and now they need the ultrasound machine. Supreme will pay for the machine if the vehicle is purchased. Her Choice in Birmingham is in the process of replacing their ultrasound machine. St. Peter's Council 7584 is sponsoring this machine. The newest interested center is in Tuscaloosa. They need a sponsoring council.

Community – Maurice Dupont, PSD

Maurice started by talking about the SP-7 form and its contents. He suggested to make a business plan to set goals, construct lists of tasks to accomplish, and then hold the activities. He noted that successful councils plan activities early in the year. He asked councils to be sure to have a budget as part of their plan.

Council – Lawrence Huffman

Lawrence explained how Council activities help build a strong council and a strong church. He stressed using an admissions committee to better understand what potential knights want to do and how best to utilize them.

Church – Gil Pierre

Gil spoke about RSVP and its success. He asked that councils let him know if a council is planning on sponsoring a seminarian. Her reported there are 6 new seminarians in the archdiocese and 3 in the diocese.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE’S REMARKS – DAVE TEBO, PSD, MPC

Dave spoke about the online training program. He spoke about the fact that it’s open training. He also spoke about holding parish drives. He encouraged councils to order a recruitment drive kit as it is free of charge for the first one. He gave several examples of why a man would want to join the Order. He presented several publications and items to aid in recruiting.

CEREMONIALS – BILL SCHULTZ, DIRECTOR

Bill requested councils to schedule first degrees to aid in recruitment. Spanish 2nd degree kits are available but by request only. Councils can submit a form 450 if necessary, as can degree team captains.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

TBD.

DRIVE FOR CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Ron Belz, State ID Drive Chairman, stressed the importance of submitting a drive chairman. He went over the basics of the program and the deadlines, goals, and many different possibilities to participate. He encouraged every council to participate. He went over the different forms to turn in for the campaign. He concluded by reading thank you notes from classes and organizations that benefitted from the program.

PRIESTHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND FR. MCGIVNEY GUILD

R. Evan “Pete” Parrish, ISPD, described the fund briefly. He spoke about the Christopher Fund and how it works. He encouraged everyone to be a member of the guild.

SILVER ROSE AND MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER

G. V. “Skip” Gentle, PSD, FDM, FVSM, Chairman, stated that the Silver Rose will come into Alabama this year in the Mobile Archdiocese on July 9 and will leave the State from the Birmingham Diocese. Be sure to request it if you want it.

The new Marian Icon will begin in the Huntsville area September 3 and end in Birmingham. Councils are encouraged to advertise and also get it to schools.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

Steve Koach, District Master (DM) noted that the 4th degree members in regalia can be a great recruiting tool. 2400 members in the state (over 8600 total knights in the state) Oct/Nov in Mobile, 17 February in Birmingham, April in Huntsville, June in the Enterprise area. A degree schedule will be provided soon. He spoke about the military chaplain’s scholarship fund. Currently more than \$1.25 Million dollars have

been raised. He encouraged new assemblies to be started where none exist. He is willing to help get them started. He stressed for all councils to support veteran's causes, especially VA hospitals. He spoke about the Star Assembly award, its requirements and its recent establishment. 3 assemblies in Alabama received the award. Enterprise, Madison, and Tuscaloosa were recognized as having received the award.

STATE ADVOCATE REPORT

Danny Garcia, State Advocate (SA), asked for the help from Council leadership. Providing a safe environment is a top priority at the Supreme Council level. He described the online training program offered by the Supreme Council. He noted who needs to take the training and the timeframe in which the training needs to be accomplished. He linked the Form 365 with notification of who needs to take the training. He informed the assembled that this program does not take the place of other safe environment courses offered by other groups. Failure to comply will lead to the ineligibility of the Youth Leader in the council. A hotline has been established by the Supreme Council to report safe environment issues.

Tax filing was discussed.

Home corporations were discussed. Councils with home corporations should perform an assessment to ensure the home corporation is adding value to the council. A handbook is available to perform the assessment and also contains all the forms that need to be filled out. Use of the emblem was discussed in relation to council homes and home corporations.

Every council should have liability insurance. A provider was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was moved and seconded that Council 13512, being recently reinstated, have their per capita waived for a six month period. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

PAST STATE DEPUTY REMARKS:

Slip Gentle asked everyone to say three hail marys a day,

Maurice Dupont PSD, asked for everyone to plan for their council's success.

Steve Koach, PSD, asked District Deputies to get the information to the councils who weren't here.

Pete Parrish, IPSD, thanked the Knights for their hard work in the past Fraternal year. He asked Grand Knights to encourage Grand Knights that did not attend to come to the next meeting.

STATE OFFICERS REMARKS:

Jack Hahn, SW, asked GKs to have fun doing their job this fraternal year. He encouraged members to come up with original ideas. He promoted a webinar on bible version apologists.

Danny Garcia, SA, prayed for safe travels for everyone.

Joe Flaherty, ST, State pins are for sale. They can be shipped. Please make sure ID drive checks are cashed.

Jason Esteve, SS, reminded everyone about an upcoming Council officer webinar.

Griffin Shreves, SD, recognized Fr. Tom Weis for being in attendance.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father Dan Good, State Chaplain said the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at TBD by SD Griffin Shreves

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Esteve

State Secretary