

# Alabama State Council Knights of Columbus

State Convention – May 4-6, 2018

Orange Beach, AL

## CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Griffin Shreves State Deputy (SD), called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

## OPENING PRAYER

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steve Koach District Master (DM), led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance

## CREDENTIALS REPORT

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME KNIGHT

A video message from Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight was played. He encouraged members to take advantage of electronic membership as a way to increase recruiting. He explained about the new 4<sup>th</sup> degree uniform. He also asked knights to recruit more members to increase the amount of charitable works we do.

## STATE CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS

Father Dan Good, SC, spoke about the necessary division between men and women. He challenged all assembled to be strong men in their community and family.

## GENERAL AGENT'S REPORT

John Stice, General Agent, presented his report. He introduced the field agents present.

## STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

SD Griffin Shreves presented his report. He emphasized recruitment, especially younger Knights. He encouraged the state to finish strong as we are within 150 members of our goal.

## **ROLL CALL**

State Secretary (SS) Jason Esteve called for District Deputies to announce the number of delegates for voting purposes. The credentials committee conferred and determined that the number of delegates was 96.

## **READING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Jason Esteve, SS, said that the minutes of the State Convention Meeting had been published on the website. Motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The minutes were approved as published.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Jason Esteve, SS, conveyed that no communications were received.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET REPORT**

Joe Flaherty, State Treasurer (ST), described the package of Financial reports. 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 2017-2018 budget.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

David Galloway, State Membership Director, presented a snapshot of the progress at the district level. He highlighted Council 10232 as being close to achieving double-star status with an initial goal of 20 members.

He then presented e-membership information. Several questions were fielded and answered.

He then encouraged all councils to push to end the year strong.

## **PROGRAMS**

Bill Mores, State Programs Director, went over the programs that were successful for the year, including the Free Throw Tournament. He described the awards that will be handed out at the lunch today. He explained the forms that are necessary for councils to be a star council.

## **Church Director, Gil Pierre**

The director reported on a number of seminarians transitioning to being deacons.

## **Community Director, Maurice Dupont, PSD**

Maurice Dupont, PSD, State Community Director, thanked the assembled grand knights for an increased participation in award submissions this year.

## **Culture of Life, Dave Birchmeier**

Dave Birchmeier, State Culture of Life Director spoke about the importance of Natural Family Planning and promoting it in local councils. He also discussed theology of the body.

### **Ultrasound Initiative**

Chairman Lee John Bruno thanked the councils for their help placing ultrasound machines throughout the state. He reported that 25 ultrasound machines have been placed in Alabama since the start of the program, which is in the top 10 in the order.

## **DRIVE FOR CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

Ron Belz, State ID Drive Chairman, went over his written report. \$108,000 was collected this year. \$5.3 Million collected since the program's inception (39 years). His report included that more than \$21,000 was disbursed by the District Deputies at their meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May.

## **SPECIAL TALK BY RAY CARNEY, PSD**

Past State Deputy Ray Carney reported on his experience with prostate cancer and encouraged members to be checked and if presented with the cancer, to do their homework and choose the correct course of action for their circumstances.

## **REPORT OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE**

Steve Koach, DM, reported that Sir Knight Mike Rose, a recipient of the Medal of Honor and Faithful Navigator of Assembly 0004 in Huntsville will be on the cover of the upcoming edition of Columbia magazine.

He reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> degree is growing. The last exemplification was held in Madison in honor Bishop Emeritus David Foley. A final exemplification in the Fraternal Year will be held in Enterprise on 9 June. Councils should review their rosters to determine if a new Assembly would make sense for the council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ELECTIONS OF STATE OFFICERS**

The following tellers were appointed

Dan O'Donell

Richard Foote

Shane McKenny

The following State Officers were elected by acclimation:

Jason Esteve – State Deputy

Joe Flaherty – State Secretary

Danny Garcia – State Treasurer

Jack Hahn – State Advocate

The following State Officer was elected by a vote of the delegates

Bill Mores – State Treasurer

The following members were elected as delegates to the Supreme Convention

Joe Flaherty

Danny Garcia

Bill Mores

Jack Hahn

The following members were elected as alternate delegates to the Supreme Convention

Seth Tolson

Dan O’Donell

## **REMARKS OF THE SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE**

David Tebo congratulated the state for attaining positive growth for each year over the past 5 years. He also congratulated the state for being top 10 in the placement of ultrasound machines within the order.

## **RESOLUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Danny Garcia, State Advocate (SA), thanked the members of the prayers for him and his family regarding the loss of his wife and father. He thanked his committee: Mark Kielbasa, Scott Hetrick, and Michael Mest. Resolutions were presented and adopted. Proposed bylaw changes were presented and adopted. These bylaw revisions and resolutions appear as an appendix to these minutes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **SUNDAY CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

SD Griffin Shreves called the State Council to Order

### **OPENING PRAYER**

IPSD Pete Parrish Led the assembled brothers in an opening prayer

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

DM Steve Koach led the group in the pledge.

### **STATE DEPUTY'S REMARKS**

SD Griffin Shreves urged the brothers to finish the year strong in membership and to take the energy that is present at this convention back to the councils.

### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REMARKS**

Membership Director David Galloway thanked the members for their efforts so far and encouraged the assembled brothers to continue to bring members into the order.

### **PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REMARKS**

Program Director Bill Mores thanked everyone for electing him to the office of State Warden. He also thanked councils for answering the call of increased reporting of programs.

### **NECROLOGY REPORT**

SS Jason Esteve read the names of those Brother Knights who had passed over the Fraternal Year.

Father Russel Biven  
Jim Kaelin  
John Busby  
Rudy Woodward  
Tom Bradley  
Paul Gross  
Wilford Beck, Sr  
Kim Harris  
John Evans, III  
Chuck Kelly  
Gary Toifel  
John Cane  
Gary Gamble  
Richard King  
Dan Shehee  
Bill Dalton  
Tom Hayward  
Christopher Summers  
Leonard Palumbo, Sr  
Wheeler Griffin  
Pete Antonio  
Cecil Morgan  
Tom Wilson  
Nick Young  
John Baumgarten  
Jim Licari  
Ralph Beard  
Bill Forester  
Carl Gibes

Bishop Emeritus David Foley

## **SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE'S REMARKS**

RMPC David Tebo urged the state council to finish strong.

## **PAST STATE DEPUTY REMARKS**

PSD Maurice Dupont DM Steve Koach and IPSD Pete Parrish spoke. Each complimented the convention and congratulated the incoming state officers.

## **STATE OFFICERS REMARKS:**

Jack Hahn, SW, thanked everyone for electing him to the position again.

Danny Garcia, SA, thanked everyone for their continued confidence. He said that he continues to pray for his brother knights.

Joe Flaherty, ST, thanked everyone for their continued confidence. He stressed anyone who wants new pins, they are available. Thanks to everyone for helping him out.

Jason Esteve, SS, thanked everyone for attending. He thanked everyone for their continued confidence.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

State Deputy Griffin Shreves led the assembled members in the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 by State Deputy Griffin Shreves.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Esteve

State Secretary

# APPENDIX A

Resolutions and By-Laws as passed by the State Convention

## **Attachment 1** ***Resolutions***

### Resolution – 1

#### **EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus is the leading Fraternal Organization in the world; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus is enjoying growth in its Membership and Insurance in force; and,

**WHEREAS:** The State of Alabama could not be a Leader in the Knights of Columbus without the leadership and assistance from the Supreme Knight, and his staff; and,

**WHEREAS:** The dedication of all those working at the Supreme Council is displayed everyday through assistance to our State Council and its membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council, meeting on May 4-6, 2018 in Orange Beach, Alabama, wishes to thank the Supreme Knight, the Supreme Chaplain, all of the Supreme Officers, the Board of Directors and the Staff of the Supreme Council for a job well done, and asks the Supreme Knight to relay our gratitude to all those who work tirelessly for the success of our State Council.

Resolution - 2

**APPRECIATION AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT  
FOR POPE FRANCIS**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis has been a faithful servant of the Church and global Christian community throughout his lifetime; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis has faithfully and dutifully served the Church and needs of the global Christian community since his election as Supreme Pontiff in March 2013; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis known for his humility, his emphasis on God's mercy, his concern for the poor, and his commitment to interfaith dialogue, and has ardently worked to maintain that the Church should be more open and welcoming; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis maintains the traditional views of the Church and has been a major supporter of the cause of the Culture of Life; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis served the Church in the role of Cardinal from his native country, Argentina; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis has been a champion for world peace; and,

**WHEREAS:** Pope Francis has traveled extensively around the world spreading the gospel of Christ;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council, meeting on May 4-6, 2018 in Orange Beach, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council to express our deepest appreciation to Pope Francis and dedicate our unwavering support to him in serving the Church and the needs of the global Christian community.

Resolution - 3

**THANKING ALL LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THEIR SERVICE**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The men and women of our local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies, regularly put their lives on the line on a daily basis to protect and to serve all; and,

**WHEREAS:** The members of our local, state, and federal first responder agencies are working hard each and every day to ensure that our lives and property are safe; and,

**WHEREAS:** Many of the men and women who proudly serve in local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies are Catholic Christians; and,

**WHEREAS:** Many of these men and women are Knights or family and friends of Knights; and,

**WHEREAS:** Supporting local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies is a major focus of the Knights of Columbus;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council, meeting on May 4-6, 2018 in Orange Beach, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies, and pledge our unwavering support to them and offer our continuous prayers for their safety.

**IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has supported our Military since the beginning of our Beloved Order; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council has worked diligently to provide aid and support the men and women who both currently serve and have served our country; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council has programs to aid our wounded warriors as they return home to their families; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Council holds a special place in the hearts and minds of all Brother Knights;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council meeting on May 4-6, 2018 in Orange Beach, Alabama hereby asks the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to thank these brave men and women of our military for their service to the United States of America.

Resolution - 5

**SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE AND FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus shares the Church's conviction that our obligation to shape the moral character of society is a requirement of our Catholic faith; and,

**WHEREAS:** All Christians have a responsibility to seek the justice of God's kingdom, restoring the temporal order and directing it to God through Christ; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that it is morally necessary to exercise the right to vote, to defend one's country, and to offer prayers for all who exercise authority; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Church affirms that democracy is the best expression of the direct participation of citizens in political choices; and,

**WHEREAS:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds all Americans, that responsible citizenship is a virtue; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus has a long history of encouraging its membership and others to act on their duty of responsible and faithful citizenship;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That we rededicate ourselves to our founding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in all of our interactions with others so that we may conduct ourselves according to Our Lord's commandment that we love our neighbors as ourselves, for He said, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35), and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That we will seek to build upon past efforts and programs designed to educate fellow citizens of their duties of faithful citizenship, and in a non-partisan way to help fellow Knights and other citizens to participate fully in the political process; and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council meeting on May 4-6, 2018 in Orange Beach, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to hereby adopt this resolution.

## **NEW MEMBER ANNUITY**

To Whom This May Come:

**WHEREAS:** The Knights of Columbus Insurance program offers a New Member Annuity product that is written by the Financial Secretary of a council without an assigned Insurance Agent; and,

**WHEREAS:** The value of the New Member Annuity product is \$100 (One Hundred Dollars); and,

**WHEREAS:** This product is not available to councils that have an assigned Insurance Agent, thereby denying access to some members of a Knights of Columbus offered product;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Alabama State Council meeting on May 4-6, 2018 in Orange Beach, Alabama hereby petitions the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to consider making this product available to all members of the Knights of Columbus regardless of council affiliation.