



MINNESOTA STATE COUNCIL



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Welcome to the 2020 State Convention of the Minnesota Knights of Columbus.

A year ago we were meeting in Alexandria at Arrowood Resort.

A year ago we were getting ready to host the 137th Supreme Convention in Minneapolis.

A year ago we were waiting to hear about the “new” ceremonial/exemplification.

A year ago we had welcomed in over 900 new Brother Knights into our ranks.

Today we are meeting virtually; a kitchen table, a living room, maybe the front seat of or car.

Today we are spending more of our energy connecting with our parishes and communities.

Today we have switched over from the “old” degrees to the new exemplification.

Today we elect a new set of state officers to continue the ongoing leadership of our state council.

Today we are welcoming in over 600 new Brother Knights.

A year from now we will be meeting in St. Cloud for the state convention.

A year from now we will be accessing how NO NEIGHBOR LEFT BEHIND affected our parishes.

A year from now we will have changed our methods of meetings and gatherings so this will never happen again.

A year from now we will continue to welcome new Brother Knights; how many will be up to the council’s determination to keep the Order strong and healthy.

I always anticipated attending the state convention. I loved to see the different projects and programs that our councils did. Seeing many familiar faces as well as seeing the new leadership of the councils come forward. Celebrating mass together and having the local bishop come to join us.

This has been a year for the books. We successfully hosted a Supreme Convention, we said goodbye to Bishop Sirba of Duluth, and we saw a changeover of our exemplifications of charity, unity, and fraternity. More importantly we saw our councils, our assemblies, our ladies auxiliaries, step forward and fill the needs. Whether it was delivering food, checking in on our neighbors, giving blood, procuring medical supplies, passing out palms, or donating money, our state council was the shining example of what it meant to be a Knight of Columbus member.

It has been my privilege to serve in the capacity of a state officer these past seven years; the last two as the state deputy. I represented our state as host of the Supreme Convention, got to travel throughout the state meeting and greeting the different councils presenting 100 year certificates and STAR council awards. I thank everyone for your hospitality and look forward to serving the Order in years to come.

Let’s make the best of todays situation and we look forward to the future.

GTO! Grow The Order

Marc Peters, State Deputy

