

# Orientation Handbook 2023

## **Welcome Letter from your Chairman**

The York County Republican Party is an inclusive and diverse group of dedicated volunteers who believe in the conservative values our country was founded upon. We love our country, believe in the Bill of Rights, the U.S. Constitution, and the South Carolina Republican Platform

We strive to educate our members regarding issues at the municipal, county state and national level so that you can make informed decisions. Our goal is to provide means for “We the People” of York County to have a voice.

Our form of government is the best ever devised, but only works when citizens are informed and involved. If you want to know more about how the South Carolina Republican Party is organized and managed, how legislation gets passed, how your elected officials are voting, and want to have a voice – then join us.



Larry Barnett  
**Chairman York County GOP**

## **How is the Republican Party organized in South Carolina?**

The Republican Party is divided into 4 levels:

**National** – 2 US Senators elected to 6-year terms; 7 members of the House of Representatives elected to 2-year terms.

**State** – South Carolina Senators 46 – 4-year terms; 124 State House Members – 2-year terms

**Counties-** Total of 46 Counties in South Carolina

**York County** has a total of 7 County Council Districts and 9 Municipalities; Clover, Fort Mill, Hickory Grove, McConnells, Sharon, Smyrna; Rock Hill, Tega Cay, and York.

**Precincts-** There are 100 Precincts in York County which are divided into 7 Clusters.

### **PRECINCTS:**

The Precinct is the building block of the Election process at the most local level and where you and the grassroots can really make a difference. To find your Precinct just go to <https://vrem.scvotes.sc.gov/Voter/VoterInfo> . You will need to input, York County, your name, address and the last 4 digits of your Social Security number.

In effort to assure better communication, our YCGOP has further divided this large number of York County Precincts into 7 Clusters. Each of these are led by a volunteer Cluster Leader. Once you have located your precinct name, click on the attached link to find what Cluster you are assigned to and your Cluster Leader 's contact information.

### **Where Can I make a Difference?**

- **Attend local membership meetings** – Last Thursday of every month, Doors open at 6:00 pm to sign in and socialize with other members. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

#### **Meeting location:**

Southern Charm Event Center  
534 Waterford Glen Way  
Rock Hill, SC 29731

- **Become a member of YCGOP.**
- **Join a committee.**
- **Get to know your Cluster Leader and ask, “How can I help?”**
- **Volunteer to work on a Campaign.**
- **Run for Precinct Executive Committeeman or Precinct President** – once every 2 years for a two-year term.
- **Become a Precinct Delegate** – elected every two years to attend the county conventions and elect county officers.
- **Work the Elections as a Poll worker** – will require training through SC Board of Elections– non-partisan.
- **Run for Elected Office**
- **Educate yourself on upcoming legislation.**

- **Attend school board and county council meetings.**
- **Apply for appointment to one of the many city and county boards and commissions.**

## **How do I join the YCGOP and what are the costs?**

Annual memberships are as follows:

- Student – free with current school ID until 25 years of age
- Individual \$35.00
- Couple \$60.00
- Chairman’s Council – Special Event with YCGOP Officers, Free ticket or tickets, to Fundraiser, Engraved Name Tag
  - a. Chairman’s Council Individual \$150.00
  - b. Chairman’s Council Couple \$250.00

## **List of Committees and Chairmans:**

Bylaws	Membership/
Clusters	
Education	Newsletter
Fundraising	Orientation/Training
Legislation	Resolutions
Meeting/Events	Social Media

## **List of Precinct Clusters and Cluster Leaders:**

**Cluster #1 - Nancy Nicholson**

**Cluster #2 - Paula Daly**

**Cluster #3 – Ken Milem**

**Cluster #4 – Andy Krouse**

**Cluster #5 – Tim Steele**

**Cluster #6 – Ellen Brandt**  
**Cluster #7 – Diana Jackson**

**Elected Precinct Leaders:**

**What is a Precinct Executive Committeeman?**

A Precinct Executive Committeeman (EC) Is the foundational building block of the Republican Party. This and other Precinct Offices are voted on once every two years in a process called “Reorg”.

**Requirements:**

- You must be a member in good standing of the GOP.
- Must be willing to attend county executive committee meetings, usually held quarterly, and special meetings are called from time to time as business requires.
- Votes for the precinct at county executive meetings
- Maintains contact with and reports to the precinct members as appropriate.

**What is the role of the Precinct President?**

- A PC represents the registered Republican voters in their neighborhood and the YCGOP to the voters in their precinct.
- Calls meetings of the precinct, date, time, and location
- Presides at Precinct meetings.
- Attends county executive meetings as observer.
- Is automatically proxy for the county executive committeeman if that person cannot attend meetings.

**Local Contact information:**

**Election Worker info**

<https://www.yorkcountygov.com/270/Election-Workers>

### **York County Boards**

<https://yorkcountygov.granicus.com/boards/w/83853d22a8adcc01>

### **York County Council Committees**

<https://www.yorkcountygov.com/895/Council-Committees>

**SC GOP platform – <https://sc.gop/assets/uploads/2022/09/SCGOP-Platform.pdf>**

**SCGOP Rules- <https://sc.gop/assets/uploads/2022/09/SCGOP-Rules-Updated-2022-Convention.pdf>**

**Find your legislator – <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php>.**