

TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



2023—2024 Annual Report

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TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2023-2024 REPORT OF THE STATE DEPUTY
TERRY FRUGÉ

Your Eminence, Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, State Officers, Supreme Director, Supreme Representative, Past State Deputies, Major Directors, State Committeemen, Diocesan and Assistant Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, District Masters, General Agents, Convention Delegates, my Brother Knights, and Lovely Ladies.

Welcome to the 120th Annual Knights of Columbus Convention of the Texas State Council. We want to thank His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, for allowing us to meet and gather in his Archdiocese. We also want to thank the Galveston/Houston Convention Committee, headed by Diocesan Deputy Ron Frerich. They have been hard at work to put the convention together. Our gratitude to the whole committee for their efforts and their hard work in accomplishing this task. Thank you.

The convention is dedicated in honor of Past State Deputy and Former Supreme Director Terry Simonton who dedicated many years to the Texas State Council and the Order.

During this fraternal year, some of our fellow brothers passed away. On Sunday morning at our Memorial Mass, we will remember these brothers. Let us continue to pray for them and always keep them in our hearts. **Let us also pray for Ukraine and our Brother Knights in Ukraine. May they find peace and an end to the war in their homeland.**

Beth and I had the pleasure of attending many events across this Great State. We want to thank the members and their wives, of all the places we have visited for your warm hospitality. You have accepted us and welcomed us with open arms and for that, we thank you.

On behalf of the Texas State Officers and the membership statewide, we want to thank Most Reverend Michael Sis, Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo, for serving as our State Chaplain, and to Father Mel Bessellieu, from the Diocese of Fort Worth, for serving as our Associate State Chaplain. Our thanks, not only for your spiritual guidance and the friendship you bring to the State family, but also for what you do for the Order and the people in your diocese and parishes.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the State Officers and their wives. State Secretary Ron and Margo Alonzo, State Treasurer Bob Goss & fiancé Sheryl Bowles, State Advocate David and Susan Pels, State Warden Bruce and Cathy Mallory, Immediate Past State Deputy and Supreme Director Alfredo and Rosa Vela. Thank you for your assistance, your support, and, most importantly, your friendship. You have taken time off from your schedules to participate and make a difference not only with the Texas State Council, but also in the Order.

We are grateful to all the Past State Deputies and their wives who served and continue to serve the Texas State Council. We will always rely on your advice, guidance, and support. All of you helped mold and shape what Texas is today.

Each and every success that the Texas State Council enjoys is entirely because of the efforts of our Brother Knights at the local level. Thank you to the Grand Knights, Officers and the 115,000+ members of the 800+ councils throughout this great State of Texas. You are the ones responsible for the recognition that the Texas State Council receives. You are the ones that bring in the members, donate to our State Charities, and do all the Programs for your councils. Thank you for what you do for the Order, for the Texas State Council, and most importantly, what you do for your council and parish community.

Membership recruitment is vital for the long-term success of the Texas State Council. Membership Director Derek Rabey and his team have worked throughout the year with our Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, and local council officers to ensure that our jurisdiction continues to grow. We encourage all councils and members to continue to utilize the Online Recruitment tool and the BLESSEDMCGIVNEY incentive. We thank you for helping lead Texas to the Circle of Honor during the 2022-2023 fraternal year for the third consecutive year.

Every council in Texas should strive for Star Council status. To help them and to answer any questions concerning Star Council, our Star Council Director Bill Tillotson, and his team are there to assist. Their task is to keep all stakeholders informed of their status regarding Star Council which includes membership, fraternal benefits, forms, and SAFE Environment. Our goal is to have at least one Star Council in every District. We thank you for your efforts to help get councils to Star Council status.

Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney's vision was to have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish. Our Council Growth Director, David Zeigler, is charged with this task. Whether it is New Council Development, Reactivation of suspended councils, or Round Tables, the team strives to make sure that every parish and mission is represented by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you to the Council Growth team.

To keep a council vibrant and energetic, every council needs strong Programs. Our Programs Director Pat Henz, who took over on short notice when Carlos X. Martinez became a Field Agent, is there to help and answer any questions concerning national, state, or local programs. Our program model is **Faith in Action**, divided into Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Each division has multiple activities that councils can conduct. But we also have programs at the state level. Programs such as the Ace Wings, Pro-Life Marches, ASAP Initiative, Ultrasound Machine, Silver Rose, RSVP Program, and State Golf, Bowling and Softball Tournaments are some of the activities available to keep your councils vibrant and engaged. We thank Pat Henz, and his Programs Team for their efforts.

We also want to thank our Education and Training Director Ed Tydings and the E&T Team. The future of our Order is dependent on how well we train our leaders for the future. Our Education and Training Director Ed Tydings, and his committee are there to provide training for District Deputies, Council Officers, and Financial Secretaries. They are also tasked with gathering the information for the Finish Line which is published monthly. In addition, they take care of the website, social media and the presentations used at major meetings.

The first principle of the Order is CHARITY. The Charities Committee is led by our Charities Director, Reed Fontenot. Their main responsibility is to raise funds for our Charity Program. The Charity Program

returns to the Bishop in your Diocese 70% of the funds collected. Each Bishop can use these funds for his designated Charity. Along with our Charity Program, this committee is also responsible for the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund, Humberto Cardinal Medeiros Fund, Special Olympics, American Wheelchair Program and Disaster Relief. All of these are programs where every council has an opportunity to practice our first principle. Thank you to the Charities Team for fulfilling the first principle of the Order, Charity.

Thank you to the Education Committee led by Giacomo Leone. They spent endless hours going through all the essays to make sure that a child in every Diocese receives an educational grant. These educational grants are funded by participation in the Cardinal Medeiros Fund.

State Council Charity has its own Board of Directors. The Board is made up of the State Officers plus five at-large members. These members are Charity Director Reed Fontenot, Phillip Apgar, Charles Trahan, Leo Hanus and Vincent Pena. Thanks to all of you for serving on the Charity Board.

With over 800 councils and over 115,000 members, the communication task is made easier through Diocesan and District Deputies. The job of Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies is not easy, but it can be very fulfilling. Sometimes they must be the Drill Sergeant, other times, a cheerleader, a compassionate listener and even a front-line worker depending on the situation. Every District Deputy oversees 4 or 5 councils. Plus, they need to attend council meetings and ensure that at least one council in their district attains Star Council status. Thank you, Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies. You all are major contributors to the success Texas enjoys.

One of the reasons the Knights of Columbus was founded was to take care of widows and orphans when the man passed away. To accomplish that, we have our insurance program. The Insurance Liaison between the State Family and the General Agents is Tony Rangel. The insurance program in our state is led by all our experienced and well-rounded General Agents. All GA's have Asst. General Agents, and Field Agents which take care of the councils at the local level. They are there to take care of all your insurance needs whether it be life insurance, annuities, long term care, retirement or whatever it might be. For several years, mutual funds have now been available. For further information, I suggest that you contact your General Agent or Field Agent as soon as possible. A huge thank you to our General and Field Agents; thank you for taking care of our families.

If there is a Field Agent at your local council meeting, please introduce them to your membership and give him an opportunity to speak at the meeting. Plus, use your Field Agent for recruiting purposes. He is interested in your success as an individual and as a council. His only job is the Knights of Columbus. His success is dependent on your success.

The visible arm of the Knights of Columbus is the 4th Degree which is also the Patriotic Degree. To communicate and coordinate between the State Family and our 4th degree, we have our Master of the Sword, Joe Rodriguez. Our Fourth Degree Masters around the state, James Hatcher, Javier Martinez, Kenneth Franch, Guadalupe Ortiz, Giovanni Hyppolite and Jesus Villarreal, Jr. are there to help and coordinate Bishops visits, fallouts, assist at funerals and other functions where the 4th degree is requested.

Every year the Texas State Council and State Council Charities go through an audit with independent auditors from outside the organization. Both TSC and SCC organizations must also submit tax returns to the IRS. To help interpret the audit and to help with filing tax returns, we would like to thank our Audit Committee consisting of Chairman Roy Rabenaldt, CPA, Phil Apgar, CPA, and Dan Stoffel, CPA.

Our appreciation and gratitude to our Football Sweepstakes Team. To help supplement our State Per Capita, we have our Football Sweepstakes. Willie Balerio chairs our committee. He and his committee put their best effort forward amid controversies to make the Football Sweepstakes a success.

Thank You to our Special Assistants to the State Deputy, Doug Oldmixon, and Leo Hanus, who were gracious enough to fill the huge void left by God calling Terry Simonton to his final home. Also, thanks to Assistant to the State Chaplain, Deacon Simon Resendez for his assistance.

Our appreciation and gratitude for our Liturgy Couple Pat Henz and his wife Mary for having the Altar ready to celebrate Mass at our major functions. A special thanks to our Hospitality Couple, James, and Nan DeGhelder. They hosted the hospitality rooms with safety always on their minds.

As previously mentioned, our Insurance Liaison is Tony Rangel and his wife Cindy. Our Master of the Sword is Joe Rodriguez, and his wife is Gloria. To them we owe a deep sense of gratitude for all that they have done.

Our Founder, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney was Beatified on October 31, 2020. We have the Fr. McGivney Guild to promote the works of our Founder. Heading the promotion at the State level is John Plote and his wife Lynn. Lynn also provides musical leadership during the Masses. Our State Historian is PSD Douglas Oldmixon and his wife Jo-Dee. Our Supreme and State Per Capita Chairman is Brad and Ruth Meyer.

A special Thank You to the two ladies in our group. Mary Maresca, Sunshine Lady and Patti Bettge, Prayer Program coordination.

A State Deputy's task can be a daunting one. But we have a great staff in our state office. Thank you to our Executive Secretary, Michael McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, our Accountant and Kathleen McLoughlin, Council Records. They make our jobs so much easier. I want to welcome our new Executive Secretary, Carlos Gonzalez, who will take over from Mike shortly.

Finally, last, and certainly not least. Thank you to all the wives of our Brother Knights. Thank you for allowing us to do what we do and supporting everything that we do. A very HUGE AND SPECIAL THANK YOU to my wife, Beth. As I travel around the state, you will usually see her by my side. Thank you for your love and sacrifice. Thank you for keeping me grounded and for cheering me up when needed.

My Brother Knights, the success of the Texas State Council is and always will be because of the efforts of all the councils at the local level. We still have two more months to go. Please reach for the stars and lead your council to Star Council status. **Christ be Our Light!!!**

God Bless and

Vivat Jesus!

Report of the State Secretary, 2024

Ron Alonzo

Greetings & Best Wishes! Welcome to Houston and our 120th annual Texas State Council Convention.

Next month the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin May 17 – July 16, 2024. At the center will be the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith because through this gift we encounter Jesus Christ himself. During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection are made present before our very eyes. This sacrifice is the source of our hope, the summit of salvation history, and the steady axis around which the world turns. As an extension of this truth, the celebration of the Mass will be central to the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. We will have Mass at every stop, worshipping and receiving Our Lord together with locals we meet along the way. We pray that through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Christ will draw us into greater unity as a people, as a nation, and as a Church.

The St. Juan Diego Route, starting location is Brownsville, TX. The southern arm of the Pilgrimage will depart from the tip of Texas, wind around the Gulf of Mexico, and pass through the southeastern region of the United States on its way to Indianapolis. While pilgrimages have a long legacy within the Church, this is the first undertaking at such a scale—walking coast-to-coast with Our Eucharistic Lord! Hopefully, you will try to participate in this pilgrimage.

What are the duties of the Texas State Council Secretary? The by-laws of the Texas State Council require the State Secretary to take the minutes for all Texas State Council and State Charities meetings and oversee the TSC per capita. When necessary, I assist the State Deputy by attending functions and exemplifications he may not be able to attend because he is traveling elsewhere.

I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé and First Lady Beth for their hard work and dedication to the Order. They have traveled the State, encouraging and motivating members and Councils. State Treasurer Bob Goss has done an excellent job in monitoring and managing the financial activities of the TSC and SCC. State Advocate David Pels continues to provide experienced and fraternal legal leadership and guidance. Our State Warden Bruce Mallory does an excellent job making sure our meetings run efficiently and on time. I also want to give special thanks to our Supreme Director and Immediate Past State Deputy Alfredo Vela for his leadership and hard work. A special thanks to our Past State Deputies for their mentorship and guidance. We still have two months to make our Membership, Charities and Star Council goals. All your State Officers are committed to getting Texas back into the Circle of Honor.

I would also like to give special thanks to our State Chaplain, Most Reverend Michael Sis of San Angelo and Associate State Chaplain, Reverend Mel Bessellieu. Please keep all our Bishops, Priests and other Religious in your prayers.

I want to thank our Major Directors and Committeeman who are doing a fantastic job. These men are doing everything possible to make sure Texas achieves their goals in membership, charity, new council development and star councils.

I appreciate the challenging work our General Agents and our Field Agents do for the Order. The insurance program is an integral facet of Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus, and its continued success is due to the exceptional performance of our general agents and field agents. These men provide top-rated life insurance products as devoted and concerned brothers, professionally trained to serve Knights and their families. They are second-to-none in their willingness to help a fellow member learn how the Knights of Columbus can protect himself and his family.

I want to thank Mike McLaughlin, Kari Jordan and Kathleen McLoughlin for their hard work and

dedication. When you see them this weekend, please thank them. We are also looking forward to working with our incoming Executive Secretary Carlos Gonzalez.

I also want to thank you: our Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Council officers, Council members, District Deputies, Assistant Diocesan Deputies, and Diocesan Deputies. You are the hands and feet of the Knights of Columbus in Texas. It is your efforts that make Texas the shining star of the Knights of Columbus.

Finally, I would like to thank our ladies, children, and family members for all they do to assist us and support us. Without their love, support, and encouragement, we could not accomplish anything. I particularly want to thank my wife, Margo, for her support, my daughters and son-in-law, Alison and Danny Clark, Amanda Alonzo, and our grandchildren. Their love and support are everything to me.

We still have two months to make this the best fraternal year ever in our history.

Christ Be Our Light!

Vivat Jesus!

Report of the State Treasurer, 2024 Robert B. “Bob” Goss

YOU and YOUR FAMILIES make the Order and Texas great. Your time, talent, and charity make a difference – your actions inspire others and help our priests.

Thank you and your families for all you do.

Welcome to my hometown, Houston, for the 120th annual Texas State Council Convention. My thank you and gratitude to our hosts, the Houston Convention Committee and Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for their hard work.

It is my privilege to represent you, my fellow Knights. So, THANK YOU. I wish to express my

deepest gratitude to you for allowing me to serve you as your State Treasurer. Your State Officers have worked diligently to reduce costs and ensure a balanced budget. Your work is important, and your approval of the budget is what allows the Texas State Council to serve Texas and our 15 Diocese. Thank you!

Of course, my deepest gratitude goes to our PSDs: Alfredo Vela, Mark Evans, the late Terry Simonton, Doug Oldmixon, Jim Collins, Tony Herreth, Larry Zapalac, Leo Hanus, Ron Gay, Jacob Gaona, Ken Otte, Tim Von Dohlen, Ray Neumann, and Lou Barbour, for their continued leadership and assistance. Prayers for the late Terry Simonton, Estelle and the late Floyd Tafelski, Herma Nell, and their families. Terry was a mentor to so many of us.

Thank you to our Texas State Council leadership team—State Deputy Terry Frugé, State Chaplain Most Reverend Michael J. Sis, Associate State Chaplain Reverend Mel Bessellieu, State Secretary Ron Alonzo, State Advocate David Pels, State Warden Bruce Mallory, and their families for their dedication and inspirational leadership. I am truly blessed to work with such fine Knights who are totally dedicated to helping other Knights, fellow Catholics, our communities, and the citizens of Texas.

A special thank you to our TSC staff – Executive Secretary Michael McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin. Your dedication and professionalism enable the TSC to help so many people across the state. Thank you very much. Finally, a warm Texas welcome aboard to our next Executive Secretary Carlos Gonzalez and his fiancé Rebecca.

Thank you to all that have given me rides to Knights events, especially SK Ron Frerich, Sheryl Bowles, Ron Alonzo, Pat and Mary Henz, Carlos X. and Rosamar Martinez, and many more. Thank you for your kindness. I am incredibly grateful.

I particularly want to thank our current State Directors, Bill Tillotson, Derek Rabey, Ed Tydings, Pat Henz, Reed A. Fontenot III, David H. Zeigler Sr., and their teams for all the heavy lifting they do. Thank you for all your leadership and action.

A special thank you to our retiring TSC staff member— Executive Secretary Michael McLaughlin - - Good luck and God bless you. We are going to miss you and Dawnn!

Most importantly, I want to thank you from all the Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council officers, and council members I have assisted throughout the years. Your dedication and hard work are the driving force enabling TSC to enable all the programs and charities throughout every parish in the state. By strengthening your Councils and making your parishes better, it is our District Deputies and Council leaders that truly make Texas the best jurisdiction in the Order. It has been my special privilege to serve all of you.

Lead with kindness, or as I state, shower your adversaries with kindness - others will notice you take the high road and do not stoop to negativism. Your positive actions by not responding to every negative comment will win many situations. People like to be around good people. Living our faith with kindness will inspire others to join.

Let us take care of our brothers and Lead.

Every achievement that Texas earns is because of our brother Knights. As leaders of your councils, districts, and diocese - lead by encouragement and clear guidance. PRAISE IN PUBLIC & CRITICIZE IN PRIVATE will address these very real issues. Be a leader in your community. The best recruitment tool is to be a good Catholic and an example of the principles of the Order. Parishioners - Catholic men, encouraged by their wives, will join by observing your good works noting you are a good person, a good

Catholic, and a great Knight. Remember men will join if you present a potential candidate a reason to help their priests and parish. Invite these men. Lead and inspire by your good actions of charity, unity, fraternalism, and kindness – handle your foes with kindness. “Kill them with kindness” is hard but it deconflicts adversity and may lead to resolution. Bring life to your council’s Faith in Action.

Charity

Explain to your councils that the council charity = = 70% goes to their Bishop. Once the diocese hits 100% of the Diocese charity goal = = 70% +100% of every dollar OVER the 100% goes to YOUR BISHOP. Please explain 97% of all charity money goes to charity. Our 3% overhead IS REMARKABLE.

Council financial problems

- Council funds - - DO NOT commingle OR TURN OVER council funds to the parish or home associations accounts. The Knights of Columbus are a separate entity.
- Councils have a fiduciary duty over the Home Association.
- The Financial Secretary cannot write checks. Or be on the bank account.
- Council dues are NOT FUNDRAISERS - - SEE BYLAWS.
- If you change ANY part of your bylaws i.e., increase council dues - - YOU MUST USE ONLINE BYLAWS - - NO ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Conclusion

My deepest gratitude to you - - God Bless You, Your Family and Thank You for allowing me to serve you.

God bless you and your families. I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to serve you as your State Treasurer. I especially want to thank my family for allowing me to serve you. May God continue to bless our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishops, our Clergy, our Order, our families, our State, and our Nation. God bless you. Vivat Jesus!

Report of the State Advocate, 2024

David Pels

A special thank you to the Houston Convention Committee for all their hard work in planning and hosting this year’s Texas State Council (“TSC”) Convention.

Thank you to our Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé and First Lady Beth for your leadership. Thanks to our Immediate Past State Deputy and Supreme Director Alfredo Vela and former First Lady Rosa, for your continued guidance and example. Thank you to my other fellow officers for all that you do: State Chaplain Most Reverend Bishop Michael Sis; Assistant State Chaplain Reverend Mel Bessellieu; State Secretary Ron Alonzo; State Treasurer Bob Goss; and State Warden Bruce Mallory—you set an excellent example for our Brother Knights throughout the State of Texas.

Thank you to our Major Directors and Committeemen for the special training, leadership, and guidance you provide: Derek Raby, Membership; Bill Tillotson, Star Council; Reed Fontenot, Charity; Pat Henz, Programs; David Zeigler, Council Growth; Ed Tydings, Education & Training. Greg Brown and his Committee for Evangelization and Faith Formation are especially appreciated for feeding our souls and enriching our faith.

Thank you to the “boots on the ground” including all our Brother Knights and Sir Knights in their Councils and Assemblies for all you do to

recruit new members, fund charitable causes, support vocations, and assist in their Parishes and communities. Thank you to our Diocesan Deputies, Chapter Presidents, District Masters, Worthy Marshals, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Faithful Navigators and other officers and directors. Without you, the Texas State Council would not accomplish its goals. Thank you for working with me to help resolve various legal issues.

Thank you to the Past State Deputies for the help you provided me with during the course of this Fraternal Year. Your advice and counsel are invaluable and much appreciated.

Thanks to Legal Affairs Committeemen Mikell West and Webster Veade for your help and support throughout this Fraternal Year. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our TSC Executive Secretary Mike McLaughlin, and his assistants, Kathleen McLoughlin (Council Records) and Kari Jordan (Accountant) for all you do to keep the TSC running each and every day. You do so very much behind the scenes to help all our Texas Knights.

I appreciate everyone’s patience as we work with you and with the Supreme Advocate, the Legal Department, and the Council Government Excellence Team. We appreciate all the help we receive from the Supreme Council (“Supreme”) on a regular basis. This includes Supreme Advocate John Marella, Matthew McGrath, Brian Gedicks, Joseph Niglio, Joseph Brownsberger, Joseph Miller, Jennifer Cordes, Angela Escobar, and Ann Petrillo. We also thank Bob Kish, Supreme Western Territorial Growth Director, for his assistance and support.

Last, and certainly not least, I want to thank my family, especially my wife, Susan, for allowing me to do what I do every day, both as an attorney in my law practice and as State Advocate. I couldn’t

do it without you. I appreciate your understanding and support.

Texas is one of the largest and most diverse jurisdictions in the Order, and the legal issues we encounter are no less so. To list them all would be excessive for this report, so I am setting forth some of the issue areas we frequently encounter.

References for Legal Support

An abundance of training is provided by Supreme and the TSC. Knowledge is power. Please take advantage of this training as it equips you to solve many of the problems you encounter in your Councils and Assemblies. Nothing feels better than to recognize a problem and then solve it without having to agonize over whether you made the correct decision. If you encounter a problem that was not addressed in your training, please log in to Officers Online and go to the tab for the “Officers Desk Reference” or ODR. The ODR is organized into helpful sections with topics frequently encountered in the day-to-day operation of your Council or Assembly. I encourage you to check the ODR for an answer to your problem before going anywhere else for the solution.

If you cannot find the answer in the ODR, please ask your officers for help, such as your trustees. Or go to your District Deputy for advice. If he doesn’t know, you should ask your Diocesan Deputy or an Assistant Diocesan Deputy. If there is still an issue or concern after addressing the matter at the diocesan level, please give me a call and I will do what I can to help. I can be reached at cell (817)988-3484 or at pelsd66@gmail.com.

Liability Insurance

We live in a litigious society. All Councils and Assemblies should have liability insurance. K of C Councils are entities separate and apart from the Catholic Church, so the insurance that might cover your Parish, does not necessarily cover Council

activities that you conduct at the Parish, nor all individuals who participate or attend those events or activities. If your Council is sued and you do not have insurance, neither TSC nor Supreme provides legal counsel to defend you or to pay any judgment that may be found against you. The Knights of Columbus has a program with Lockton Affinity, LLC to provide insurance for Councils and Assemblies. Premiums are reasonable (\$2.20 per member plus a \$35 admin fee for \$1 million in coverage) and are based upon the number of members in your Council or Assembly. Liability insurance should be a line item in every Council and Assembly budget. Lockton Affinity may be contacted at (800) 496-0288 or by e-mail at CouncilInsurance@locktonaffinity.com, or on the web at locktonaffinity.com.

Home Corporations

A Council cannot own real property or real estate, however, Home Corporations can. Home Corporations exist to support their associated Councils. There are still many Home Corporations in Texas, but there are less with each passing year. This often has to do with aging facilities that become cost-prohibitive to maintain, resulting in sales of the Home Corporation real estate. If you become aware that your Home Corporation is contemplating a sale, please notify me. There are documents and procedures that should be put in place to ensure that the sale is conducted properly. There are rules that apply to the proceeds of sale of the real estate and other legal issues that are unique to “halls.” If you are having an issue with your Home Corporation, please consult the Home Corporation tab and Home Corporation Handbook found in Officers Online. Please call me if you cannot find the answer to your question or if you would like to discuss it.

Council Bylaws

Gone are the days when a Council tailors bylaws unique to its circumstances. All Councils

should be using the template bylaws found on the Supreme website for creating new bylaws or amending existing ones. This is to ensure uniformity among Councils throughout the Order. Only certain prescribed officers, such as Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries have access to the template. No variations are allowed. Established Councils should be converting their bylaws to the template bylaws if they haven't already. Under certain circumstances, Supreme will infer or construe your Council to have bylaw provisions set forth in the template, even if you have not formally adopted the template bylaws.

Dispute Resolution

Everyone makes mistakes, even Brother Knights. When this happens, Fraternal Correction should be used to resolve the matter at the Council level, setting pride aside and keeping in mind the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. The principle of subsidiarity is encouraged, i.e., resolve the dispute at the lowest possible level, learn from it, and move on. Someone aggrieved on the Council level should not be contacting the TSC or Supreme to complain or redress grievances that should be resolved on the Council, District, or Diocesan levels. In those situations, in which a dispute cannot be resolved locally, please respect the "chain of command", and take it to your District Deputy. The DD can then take it up with the Diocesan Deputy if he feels the need to do so. The State Advocate can then be contacted if the Diocesan Deputy and DD desire further advice and guidance.

Please note that the dispute resolution referred to above is separate and apart from reporting violations or incidents of sexual abuse per safe environment training. Please contact the Supreme Office of Youth Protection if you become aware of a reportable event. Also contact your Parish, Diocesan Office of Youth Protection, and report the matter to law enforcement authorities. Please notify the State Advocate as soon as possible with

information regarding the arrest or conviction of a Brother Knight for a sex offense.

Closing thoughts

Knights often find themselves in situations where they really don't know whether they are dealing with a legal issue. Please remember that "No question is too dumb to ask," so if in doubt, please ask.

Vivat Jesus!

Report of the State Warden, 2024 Bruce Mallory

Election integrity, in our country and in our Order, is paramount to transparency and accountability. One of the primary roles of the State Warden is to assure a delegate is properly vetted and certified to be seated as a participant during the business meeting at the annual meeting.

For a council's delegate(s) to participate in the convention, as well as all State events, the council must be in good standing. His council must be current with both Supreme and State financial obligations, per capita. It is proper that only those councils that financially support Supreme and the Texas State Council are those that have a say in the business of the organization. (Charter Constitution Laws, Sec. 156, and Sec. 157 paragraph 8, make it clear that a council is responsible for assessments from Supreme or State Council. Failure to pay per capita results in suspension of a council, harming the members of that council as they lose their fraternal benefits.)

A council in good standing names its delegates, and alternates, to the state convention. At convention check in, the delegates' membership is verified along with the good standing of his council. A delegate is obliged to attend all the business sessions and his diocese caucus breakout session that occurs Saturday afternoon.

Attendance at the caucus breakout is required to receive reimbursement.

There will be “Deputy” State Wardens checking membership cards as you enter the business meeting and Tellers will total the votes. Please make sure you present for inspection, your 3rd Degree card showing dues paid through December 31, 2024, signed by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

Representing your council is an honor and a responsibility. Take advantage of the training and spiritual enrichment opportunities that the convention offers. Collaborate with your delegation to cover multiple sessions by attending different topics. Gather samples of all the program and membership materials available. Take them home to use in your council.

I want to thank our Texas State Council staff, Mike McLaughlin, Executive Secretary, Kathleen McLoughlin, Council Records and Kari Jordan, Accountant for their help and guidance. Heartfelt thanks to Mike for his outstanding service to the Texas Knights and his friendship. Welcome Carlos Gonzalez as he steps into the Executive Secretary role. Our support team helps make Texas the leading jurisdiction in the Knights of Columbus.

I have very much enjoyed my time as your State Warden. The many meetings, trips, phone calls, and experiences with fellow State Officers and Directors, Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, and you my fellow Knights, have been rewarding and inspirational. Be assured, the Texas State Council is in excellent hands and well positioned for the future.

A special thanks to Cathy, my wife. Her love and support allow me to do all that the Knights, and others, ask of me. She is the rock that I depend on to keep me humble and to keep the home fires burning bright.

Vivat Jesus!

Report of the Membership Director, 2024 Derek W. Rabey

My Brother Knights and Families, The State Membership Team welcomes you to the 120th Texas State Council Convention. Our Team is excited to be here with you in Houston, Texas. This past year your efforts in membership recruitment brought Texas into the Circle of Honor for the third consecutive year. Texas is currently on pace to achieve Circle of Honor recognition for the fourth straight year. With your continued efforts, Texas will finish the year strong and will again be among those jurisdictions earning Circle of Honor status.

Texas is ahead of last year’s new member intake numbers. As of the March 12, 2024, Circle of Honor report, Texas had achieved 77.25% of our membership goal. We have recruited 3,439 so far, this fraternal year. On that date, we still needed 1,013 to return to the Circle of Honor. We had 123 Councils which have met or exceeded their membership intake quotas and these highlights include two (2) Councils over 300%, and fourteen (14) Councils over 200%. Outstanding! Congratulations to those councils which have found a way to achieve and exceed their goals. Come by the Membership Table in the exhibit area to see where your Council, District, Diocese, and the Texas State Council currently stand.

Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI). The Supreme Council has again provided our councils with the opportunity to clean up your membership rosters. Our councils have taken advantage of this program and moved over 22,000 members into the AMI Council. This is up 1,124 members from the end of the last fraternal year. These Brother Knights remain members of the Texas State Council, Council #97042, in an online membership status.

e-Membership (also referred to online membership) has played a crucial role in our new member recruitment. Now we need to continue

putting forth the effort to ensure we remain actively engaged with these e-Members, ensure they are assigned to our local Council prospect lists and work to convert them into degreed membership in our local Councils.

Membership Recruitment

Mervin Albert, Chairman

Continue to take advantage of the Supreme incentive for the online membership at www.kofc.org/join

Invite a Catholic gentleman to become an Online Member for FREE!

Now through June 30th, take advantage of the Promo Code, BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, for 12 months of free online membership. Share the benefits associated with membership at every opportunity.

Continue to schedule your Membership Recruitment Drives. Ensure you have members of your Council's recruitment teams available at every Council Program activity. Seek out new opportunities for New Council Development as well as opportunities for Council Reactivations.

Have you had the experience where you have asked someone if he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and he says no? Do you have a prepared next response? It is as easy as telling him what being a member of the Knights means to you and how it has impacted your life. After sharing your story, you are in the prime position to invite him to become a Knight.

Whenever and wherever, there is a need, there is a Brother Knight. The Texas State Council needs your support in growing your local councils. We need you to get out there and invite practical Catholic men to join us. We must continue to work to change the lives of practical Catholic men across this great state. The Supreme Knight has stated repeatedly, "When we get the man right, we get everything right."

We must continue to show the other jurisdictions of the Supreme Council what it means to be from Texas and what it is all about. Do not quit until we have crossed the finish line and have secured Texas' spot in the Circle of Honor.

Make it a point to stop by our Membership tables in the exhibit space to visit with the Director, Chairmen and Committeemen of this Team, to pick up recruitment materials and to check on your council's status. Your Membership Team is here to help; all you need to do is ask.

Online Membership

John Hicks, Chairman

Texas is effectively utilizing e-Membership to bring Catholic gentlemen into the Order. This fraternal year, through March 5, Texas has brought in 2,312 online members. 1,231 (53%), have joined a local Council. Council members, District Deputies, and Diocesan Deputies should make it a point to invite e-Members (Prospects) to participate in major events being conducted by local Councils. This will keep these e-Members engaged in the charity, unity, and fraternity of the Knights, and will potentially spark an interest in joining the local Council.

Today, over 4,515 Online Members are in Texas' Council #98042. These Prospects are available, and many are eager to join your Council. Most are already "assigned" to a local Council and visible to the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and District Deputies, on the Council Prospect Tab within Officer's Online. When a Prospect is assigned to your Council, please work to make personal contact with them. Also work with them to determine if they have an interest in becoming a Council member. If a man has no interest, the Financial Secretary can "Reject" them in using the reason "Does Not Want to Transfer." The Prospect is removed from the Council Prospect Tab and remains a member of Texas' Council #98042.

For the remainder of this year, and going forward, Financial Secretaries, Grand Knights, and District Deputies, please sign into Officer's Online and review the "Prospect Tab". The men you find there want to be part of the Knights of Columbus. Help make their advancement successful.

It has been a pleasure serving as Online Membership Chairman this year. I am happy we were able to make this a mainstay of our recruiting arsenal.

Ceremonials

Charlie Perez, Chairman

If a man is interested in joining a council, he should be vetted by the Admission Committee, referred to and voted in by the council members, and then scheduled to attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF). One comment about the work of the Admission Committee - please work with your chaplain or parish priest if there is a question of whether a man is a Practical Catholic. Laypeople should not assume the role of a priest.

Once a Prospect has completed the CUF, either in-person, online, or on-demand, the Financial Secretary can transfer the new Member into the Council. The process is instant and avoids the delays experienced when using paper Form 100s.

Continue to schedule a CUF for your Council, District, and Diocese to get plugged into. No new candidate should have to wait to attend a CUF to become a Third-Degree member of our honored Order. Ensure you continue reporting these scheduled CUFs to be included on the Master Texas event calendar.

All Councils Active

John Leal, Chairman

I love my job!! First, I would like to thank y'all for taking my calls. I have been able to reach all Worthy District Deputies and Diocesan Deputies. My job is to ensure all councils recruit at

least one new member this fraternal year. Over 500 councils have recruited at least one new member, so far, this fraternal year. Do not let up! We need to aid the over 300 Councils which have not recruited to add new members to their rolls. Let's stay in the Circle of Honor.

Please remember 8 simple steps.

1. Appoint a membership director.
2. Organize a membership committee.
3. Develop a recruitment action plan.
4. Build a prospect list.
5. Order Supreme Council recruitment materials.
6. Involve the Priest with pulpit announcements.
7. Schedule a recruitment Sunday.
8. Invite the Field Agent.

Membership Retention

Beto Martinez, Retention Chairman

Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI): In years past, we have heard how hard Supreme or Texas has made it to drop members because the procedure is too difficult, there is too much paperwork or if the paperwork is submitted, nothing happens. No longer can any council use that as an excuse. The Affiliate Member Initiative has given our Councils the opportunity to take the actions necessary to control the cleanup of their rosters. We truly hope you take advantage of this opportunity again this year.

Now, all Councils should have been following the Interim Member Billing Procedures, as outlined in the Affiliate Member Initiative Guidebook, Phase 3 Edition, Appendix B. Your State Retention Chairman continues to be here to assist and to guide you with this Interim Billing Procedure. By using this Billing Procedure and following the

guidelines provided, your Councils will be afforded the opportunity to ensure your Council membership roster is appropriately maintained. Each council has the responsibility to stay in contact with their members and to assist them where needed. We want to retain our members, when possible.

CONCLUSION

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Directors for making this an extremely enjoyable year; the members of the Membership Team who have worked so hard this year; the Officers and the leadership at the Diocesan, District, and Council levels; the Brother Knights and their families in the local councils, for all the hard work you did to achieve our goals. I also would like to thank the State Office Team of Mike, Kari, and Kathleen for all their assistance and support.

Finally, the most important thank you goes to my wife Veronica and my daughter Micah for their continued encouragement and tireless support throughout the fraternal year.

Report of the Council Growth Director, 2024 David Zeigler

So far so good, but we can do so much more. With “Christ be our Light”, Council Growth Team is doing the work we have been asked to do. Creating new councils is not only bringing our great organization to Parishes throughout the State, but we are bringing men back to the Faith. All our programs are all centered around our faith and new councils provide the structure & guidance men are looking for to keep them active in their faith. For those parishes not large enough to support a council, Roundtables make sure the Knight’s presence is available to all men.

We have started six new councils this fraternal year with three more on the way to being completed. We are looking forward to having another record year for Roundtables. We will complete our Circle of Honor Goal for both. We have reactivated three councils with at least 2 more working the process. Thank you, thank you to all the DD’s and members for making this all possible, our accomplished goals are not possible without your hard work.

Working with our Worthy Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies, the Council Growth Team will ensure continued Growth as called on by our Priest and Supreme Knight. For us to continue to be the largest Catholic men’s fraternal organization in the world, we must continue to provide opportunities for men to have their own council or Roundtable; that way we ensure we have a Knights presence in every Parish and Mission.

New Council Development

Rick Guzman, Chairman

The congregational growth of the parishes across Texas is a direct reflection of the implementation and development of Knights of Columbus Councils, which drives Catholic men and their families reflecting character, dignity, faith, service orientation to be leaders of their councils and parishes. As our Knights stand in solidarity with our Bishops, Priests, and Religious, it is a continuous example of living the prayer of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney to support those in need. This fraternal year, our Diocesan Deputies are working in conjunction with Field and General Agents, District Deputies, and Brother Knights to meet the goal set forth of One New Council per Diocese. The Diocesan leadership across Texas continues to meet that opportunity to grow the Order and we are blessed and pleased to announce the creation of the following new councils:

**Council #18262 - Holy Trinity, Dallas, TX,
Dallas Diocese**

- DD 108 Jack Ayers
- Mike Courtney, Diocesan Deputy

Council #18277 - Divine Mercy, Laredo, TX, Laredo Diocese

- ADD Tony Gonzalez (DD233)
- Angel Luna, Diocesan Deputy

Council #18311 - Vietnamese Martyrs, Arlington, TX, Fort Worth Diocese

- DD 19 Richard Rumenapp
- Craig Modrzynski, Diocesan Deputy

Council #18327 - St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX, Archdiocese of San Antonio

- DD 38 Edvardo Garcia
- Mike Rademacher, Diocesan Deputy

Council #18344 - St. Sharbel, Our Lady's Maronite Parish, Austin, TX, Austin Diocese

- Will Britten, FICF, General Agent
- DD 157 Miguel Torres
- Victor Medina – Diocesan Deputy

Council #18402 – Roger Bacon, El Paso, TX, El Paso Diocese

- DD 7 Jesus Granado Jr.
- Art Aguirre Sr., Diocesan Deputy

The following New proposed Councils, which on the verge of completion, are as follows:

- Holy Trinity – Llano, TX – Austin Diocese
- St. Paul II – El Paso, TX – El Paso Diocese
- San Lorenzo – Clint, TX – El Paso Diocese
- St. Anthony of Padua – The Woodlands, TX -Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

The diocese across Texas continue to identify and initiate new councils in their parishes lacking a Knights presence. The New Council Development Team is willing and ready to assist in the support as requested by the pastors. Thanks to all the Brother Knights, across the Order in particular our State Deputy Terry Frugé for his never-ending

work in supporting and completing the NCD process with each new council. We thank you, the Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies for your guidance and support to ensure the sustainability and the success of the new councils and look forward to adding to the list with the current councils in the process of being completed and established before the end of this successful fraternal year.

Reactivations & Mergers

Greg Dutchover, Chairman

What better opportunity for our Brother Knights than to re-ignite the fire of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity at a parish than Reactivations! Working with the local pastor, District Deputies help reopen the spiritual door for our Brother Knights to support the Catholic community and fulfill the needs of the parish. Reactivating a council allows the men to have organized fraternal activity and that sparks Knights to invite all eligible Catholic men back in our Order. A Reactivation is a win for the Order, but more importantly a win for the local Catholic Community.

The State is proud to list the following reactivations that our Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies and Brother Knights have worked to reignite.

Council #9650 - Our Lady of Lourdes, Zapata, TX, Laredo Diocese

- DD 238 Miguel Medellin
- Angel Luna, Diocesan Deputy

Council #7713 – San Elizario, TX, El Paso Diocese

- DD 4 James Weber
- Art Aguirre, Diocesan Deputy

Council #13876 – Mission, TX, Brownsville Diocese

- DD 215 Jorge Alanis
- Fernando Garcia, Diocesan Deputy

To be considered for the award, each college council should annually complete the Outstanding College Council Award Application. This application not only determines the winner of the Outstanding College Council Award but also the best programs in each of the four Faith in Action categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life). Completed applications should be sent to college@kofc.org with the Council # and name of the school included in the e-mail subject line (i.e., Texas A&M University Council 10624). The application is due at the close of the fraternal year on June 30.

The TSC College Conference was held in San Antonio on the weekend of November 10-12, 2023. The host Council was UTSA Council #17492. We had training, activities, a COR that included a Holy Hour conducted by Chaplain Fr. Brian Garcia. The conference was underwritten by many Councils & Chapters. The Texas General Agents also sponsored the Rosary building activity. Thank you to the following for their Generous support to make the weekend affordable for the College Knights:

Texas General Agents
Austin Chapter
Corpus Christi Chapter
Fort Worth Chapter
Archdiocese of San Antonio Chapter
Council 3295 - Victoria Diocese
Council 2574 - Austin Diocese
Council 3287 – Austin Diocese
Council 14636 – Tyler Diocese
Council 9151 – Austin Diocese
Council 12553 - Fort Worth Diocese
Council 7099 – Fort Worth Diocese
Assembly 1303 – Corpus Christi Diocese
Council 11107 – Corpus Christi Diocese
Council 11238 – Corpus Christi Diocese
Council 13250 – Corpus Christi Diocese
Council 16275 – Corpus Christi Diocese
Council 10090 – Archdiocese of San Antonio
Council 9967 – ASA

Council 6856 – ASA
Council 7265 – ASA

Texas will continue to lead the way with its College Councils. We look forward to the continued success of all its Councils across the Universities and Colleges of our great State.

Round Tables

Dan Aguilar, Chairman

As Knights it is our responsibility to help other Catholic gentlemen experience the joys of our four Principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, remembering that we as Knights are the strong right arm of our Parish and Missions. This is accomplished with a first step for those Catholic communities that do not have the initial number of men to sustain a council. Introduction of a ROUND TABLE is the solution.

Our councils across Texas have remained active in supporting Round Tables where applicable. The following Diocese have led by example in meeting their goals of actively participating in Round Tables being sponsored by Home Councils. We have had 9 of the 15 Diocese meet & exceed their goal. They are listed below:

Beaumont Diocese
Brownsville Diocese
Corpus Christi Diocese
El Paso Diocese
Fort Worth Diocese
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Laredo Diocese
Lubbock Diocese
Tyler Diocese

Texas State Council sponsored a Roundtable competition for District Deputies that was completed on December 31, 2023. The prize was an engraved Barrel Head. The District Deputy that won that prize is: DD179 Adrian Lopez, Corpus Christi Diocese.

The following Councils are on the verge of reactivation:

- 8312 – Immaculate Conception – Asherton, TX – Laredo Diocese
- 13675 – St. Joseph, La Pryor, TX – Laredo Diocese
- 12367 – St. Joseph, Dilley, TX – Archdiocese of San Antonio

Each Diocese continues to collaborate with the pastors to identify the next reactivation. The Reactivation Team is also concentrating on mergers and have identified multiple councils to merge and are currently working with the local diocesan leadership to ensure alignment and the merger is complete to compliment the needs of the parish communities while utilizing the strengths of each council to bring a unified position to support the pastor's needs. The local leadership in conjunction with working with the Reactivation Team will Get It Done, No Excuses.

Hispanic Council Development

Miguel A. Torres, North Chairman

Carlos R. Ramirez, South Chairman

Texas is blessed with a growing Spanish speaking congregation population across our Catholic parishes filled with men ready to join our Order. These men are answering the call to get involved in their parishes and provide the positive impact being requested by their pastors. We welcome our Brother Knights and their families as they form the foundation of growth of a culture rich in Catholic tradition. The goal is to continue to grow our presence across all Parishes and Missions. We continue to welcome and cultivate understanding to ensure all our Brothers within our parishes are successful and provide the leadership and service being requested.

We are pleased to have started a Spanish speaking council:

Council #18402 – Roger Bacon College, El Paso, TX, El Paso Diocese

- DD 7 Jesus Granado Jr.
- Art Aguirre Sr., Diocesan Deputy

The positive impacts these men have on the Catholic communities is most noticeable as they answer the prayer of Blessed Fr. McGivney's call to service across the State with new councils and reactivations.

College Council Development

Archie Wright, Chairman

The mission of College Councils is to develop future leaders in the family, the Order, the community, and the Church. College council members participate in various activities throughout the fraternal year to promote the moral, intellectual, and spiritual development of the college community through witness to the Gospel and dedication to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

The order continues to expand across the Colleges and Universities in Texas. The newest college council to be established this fraternal year is St. Mary's University, Council #18327, San Antonio. Though recently formed, the council is actively working with their Parish Priest to develop a program in which a Catholic Counselor visits the Parish weekly to assist students seeking mental health help.

We have several other colleges and universities that have established round tables and will continue to grow and hopefully become councils.

The Supreme Council annually presents the Outstanding College Council Award to the college council that best exemplifies the mission and ideals of the Order and has gone above and beyond to make a difference on campus and in the surrounding community. The winning council receives a trophy, a \$500 check for the council treasury, and coverage through Knights of Columbus media outlets.

Council Retention

Michael Barnett, Chairman

The mission of our Council Retention program is to ensure that all councils in Texas operate in good standing with the Supreme Council. Supreme assesses each council a per capita of \$6.50 per member, with half due in October and half in April.

Councils that fall behind in their remittance are subject to suspension; it is our goal to prevent that from happening. And if it does, to rectify it as soon as possible. Council Retention proactively contacts Diocesan Deputies in advance of a due date, and then follows up about any councils that may have missed their payment. We have made numerous phone calls this year to Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, and even Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries to clarify requirements, investigate issues, or just give a friendly reminder, always in a spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity.

In October, we did have some councils suspended, but we have reduced that number to 11, most of which are inactive. Overall, the number of suspended councils has been reduced from 123 in September to 92 presently. Many of these have been inactive for years.

Triple Crown Award

The Laredo Diocese has been on fire all year! I would like to congratulate Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna and all the Knights of the Laredo Diocese. Brother Angel achieved the “Triple Crown Award” by achieving a New Council, a Reactivation, & meeting the Roundtable Goal by September 30, 2023. Great Job!

I am very proud of the Council Growth Team; these men are making sure your questions are answered; they have helped in recruiting for new & reactivating councils. We are just like most of our Brothers in councils that work in the background, just chugging along completing our goals. Thank you, Brothers, the Council Growth

accomplishments would not have been possible without you.

The Council Growth Team:

Rick Guzman, New Council Development
Chairman

Dan Aguilar, Round Tables Chairman

Michael Barnett, Council Retention Chairman

Archie Wright III, College Council Chairman

Greg Dutchover, Reactivations Chairman

Miguel Torres, Spanish Speaking North
Chairman

Carlos Rene Ramirez, Spanish Speaking South
Chairman

These Brother Knights let “Christ Be their Light” and led their respective responsibilities. I cannot thank them enough and I pray for continued blessings for them and their families for all they do and continue to do for the Order and the Great State of Texas.

Thank you & prayers for our outstanding State Office Family, Executive Secretary Michael McLaughlin, Accounting Kari Jordan, and Council Records Kathleen McLoughlin, without their support and guidance, we would be lost. Thank you for making us look good! Brother Mike, good luck in your retirement, you will be missed.

I also want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé and our First Lady Beth for their leadership and keeping the Texas State Council a leading force in our Order.

Thank you to our other State Officers & Major Directors for your continued support.

I also want to thank my better half, Laura. She has kept me focused and been a rock when I needed it. I love you and thank you for sharing this journey with me.

Vivat Jesus! Keep Texas Number #1.

Report of the Star Council Director, 2024 Bill Tillotson

The Star Council Award is earned for achievement in the areas of membership, insurance, and service program activities. The criterion used for this award are the behaviors most seen in successful councils – growth in membership, focus on insurance programs, and a commitment to a variety of programs in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life.

All Councils should strive to earn this prestigious award each year. With proper planning and leadership, every council can do so.

Star Council Team Members

- Hector Gutierrez – Committeeman, San Antonio & Laredo
- Brian Kozel – Committeeman, Galveston-Houston
- Clint Mendonca – Committeeman, Tyler, Beaumont, Victoria, & Corpus Christi
- Joseph Patrick Ortiz – Committeeman, Austin & Brownsville
- Donald Piwonka – Committeeman, Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, El Paso
- Freddy Rodriguez – Committeeman, Dallas, Fort Worth

Star Council Award

To earn the Star Council Award:

1. Earn the Father McGivney Award for membership growth by June 30, 2024. There is no application to complete for the Father McGivney Award, as the Supreme Council automatically assesses eligibility. Goals are set at 6% growth with a minimum of 5 and maximum of 15.
2. Earn the Founders' Award for insurance growth by June 30, 2024. Working with our

Field and General Agents, each Council schedules at least two Fraternal Benefits events for current and prospective members and their spouses during the fraternal year. A minimum of ten members or membership eligible men are required to attend for councils of less than 100 members; 14 for councils of 100 members or more. The Fraternal Benefit Seminar Council Report Form 11077 must be submitted by any council member for each event.

3. Earn the Columbian Award for Faith in Action programs by June 30, 2024. Conduct at least four programs in each of the four Faith in Action categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. This form is due June 30, 2024, but aim for June 1, 2024. If there is an issue found with your report after June 30, there is no time to recover from it.
4. Complete and send other required forms to Supreme and the Texas State Office.
 - Submit the Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) due by July 1, 2023
 - Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) due by January 31, 2024

The most convenient way to submit these forms to Supreme is by going to the secure Officers Online section of the Knights of Columbus website at www.kofc.org and selecting the Member Management application or go the Forms tab to find the online forms to complete. Send copies of all submitted forms to forms@tkofc.org as well.

5. Safe Environment. Be compliant with required training and background checks. Men in the following positions must complete Safe Environment training modules and may be required to provide authorization for a background check. These

must be complete within 30 days of receiving an email from Supreme after appointment. All Director positions must be filled by different members.

- Grand Knight
- Program Director
- Family Director
(background check required)
- Community Director
(background check required)
- Columbian Squires Counselors
(if applicable) (background check required)

Safe Environment Requirements can be found at www.kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program. All inquiries about the program should be directed to the Office of Youth Protection via email to oyp@kofc.org or by phone to 203-800-4940.

May 1, 2024, is the “snapshot” date for a council to be safe Environment compliant in order to qualify for the Star council award.

1. Councils must be current with Supreme Assessments twice during the year; prior to October 10, 2023, and April 10, 2024.

Star District Award

District Deputies are also recognized for excellence by Supreme. Criterion for this award is:

1. Meet membership goal (70% of combined council quotas)
2. Meet insurance goal (half of assigned councils complete required Fraternal Benefits events)
3. Submit Forms 944 (due September 15, 2023) on Council Status for all councils
4. Have at least one council in the district earn Star Council

Lone Star Awards

Texas also has awards above and beyond the Star Council Award: The Lone Star Award for Excellence and the Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction. The requirements for the Lone Star Award for Excellence are:

1. Meet the Star Council Award criterion
2. Submit Form 185 by July 1, 2023
3. Pay State Per Capita by March 1, 2024
4. Meet State Charity Goal by June 30, 2024
5. Seat at least one delegate at the State Convention in Houston in April 2024
6. Submit Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit by August 15, 2023 & February 15, 2024

The requirements for the Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction are:

1. Meet the Star Council Award criteria
2. Submit Form 185 by July 1, 2023
3. Pay State Per Capita by December 31, 2023
4. Meet State Charity Goal by December 31, 2023
5. Seat two delegates at the State Convention in Houston in April 2024
6. Submit Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit by August 15, 2023 & February 15, 2024
7. Submit Form 10784 for Special Olympics by January 31, 2024
8. Submit at least one entry for a State Service Program Award or Family of the Year or Blessed Fr. McGivney Chaplain Award or Educational Grant by March 1, 2024

Star Tracker Report

The Star Tracker Report is maintained and published twice a month as data is available from multiple sources (Supreme and State). This report tracks each council’s progress towards the Star Council and the Lone Star Awards.

Reports are sent to Diocesan and District Deputies via our Constant Contact email platform. Reports are also sent to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries on the first of the month.

The Star Tracker also has Council Lookup and District Lookup tabs which can be used to monitor progress towards the Star council and Star District awards.

YTD Progress for 2023-2024

On March 1, 2024, there were 723 active councils in Texas. Of these, the following Star Council forms had been submitted:

Report of Officers Chosen Forms 185 – 701 submitted (97%)

Service Program Personnel Report Form 365 – 608 submitted (84%)

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 – 589 submitted (81%)

Also as of this date, 122 councils (17%) had met or exceeded their membership goal for the year. 59 councils (8%) have met their Fraternal Benefit Event goal for the year. Also as of this date, 275 councils (38%) in Texas were fully Safe Environment Compliant.

Based on these numbers, 337 councils were identified on March 1, 2024, as being within striking distance of attaining Star Council. Through the remainder of the year, all GK's, DD's, Diocesan Deputies and Committeemen should work diligently to attain as many Star Councils as possible.

2023-2024 Lone Star Awards For Excellence with Distinction

Council	District	City Location	Diocese	Grand Knight	Financial Secretary
1450	199	Amarillo	Amarillo	DAVID M WILSON	ROBERT D FRIGO
2767	200	Pampa	Amarillo	WILLIAM P WEIMAN	ANTONIO RESENDIZ
3205	146	College Station	Austin	DARRELL L PERKINS	ARTHUR L V BAJET
7197	143	Temple	Austin	MATTHEW L RANNEY	LEROY E SMITH JR
8156	158	Austin	Austin	JAMES D GAMBLIN	JOHN A LANGAN
9930	147	Harker Heights	Austin	BROCKLEY K MOORE	JERRY A HERNANDEZ
10333	156	Austin	Austin	PATRICK J MEDINA	JARED D BEAVERS
10373	150	Pflugerville	Austin	DON ADAIR	RUSSELL BURLESON
13927	151	Austin	Austin	RONALD V BUETTNER	MICHAEL G WHATLEY
14943	152	Bastrop	Austin	JEFF R KIRK	KARL J ARUNSKI
3491	122	Groves	Beaumont	CURTIS R HUMPREY, JR	PHILIP JAMES CHAUVIN
5145	122	Nederland	Beaumont	RODNEY JOHNSTONE	JONATHAN O VERNON
7058	121	Lumberton	Beaumont	THOMAS EHRENS- BERGER	FREDERICK C BARTZ
2785	216	Harlingen	Brownsville	EDGAR R MARTINEZ	ROBERTO G MARTINEZ
5598	209	Edinburg	Brownsville	JACOB R TREVINO	JOSE L ESPINOZA
6413	171	Portland	Corpus Christi	JOHN R MC CARTY	ALVIN M SAATHOFF
799	112	Dallas	Dallas	PAUL A LARA	JAMES A HALE
5656	110	Dallas	Dallas	BOB MOORE	JAMES JOPLIN
6065	111	Plano	Dallas	OSCAR SANCHEZ	LUIS BAUTISTA
6402	113	Garland	Dallas	JUAN N COLUNGA	JOSE R GOTAY
8954	106	Richardson	Dallas	BRIAN S TOOLEY	JASON A CLARK
11721	107	Kaufman	Dallas	MARIO CHAVEZ	CHAD W BROWN
12153	114	Mckinney	Dallas	JEFFREY W MARCHINO	TROY A SCHEFFMAN
12480	111	Frisco	Dallas	GRADY B HILL	DANIEL L SCHROER

2023-2024 Lone Star Awards For Excellence with Distinction

Council	District	City Location	Diocese	Grand Knight	Financial Secretary
2592	7	El Paso	El Paso	RICARDO VALLES	IGNACIO GOMEZ
7563	4	El Paso	El Paso	FERNANDO AVILA	HECTOR M ORTEGA
12697	9	El Paso	El Paso	ROBERT L ARANDA	SCOTT ORJADA
4101	31	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	DONALD W WIG-GINTON	JACK COLLIER
6269	28	Arlington	Fort Worth	CHRISTOPHER C HOELSCHER	VICTOR GARZA
7099	24	Grapevine	Fort Worth	TREY C KINNAIRD	JOSEPH A ROUGRAFF
7175	26	Burleson	Fort Worth	WILLIAM K SCHWAN	MATEUSZ DLUGOPOLSKI
7641	18	Bedford-Eules	Fort Worth	JUAN A SANTOS	ARTHUR F LEAHY
9299	19	Arlington	Fort Worth	ARTURO F GOMEZ	RODNEY TURRUBIATES
13408	30	Carrollton	Fort Worth	JAMES E MARKS, JR	SHAWN E ANDERSON
15789	24	Colleyville	Fort Worth	MICHAEL J BEST	JOHN P FINKE
16393	27	Denton	Fort Worth	ROBERT BLACK	MARK E EISERMAN
17404	29	Azle	Fort Worth	DON J KOTZER	DANIEL SWANSON
18179	24	Roanoke	Fort Worth	CHAD A DEGNER	JAMES F JOHNSON JR
4204	79	Sugar Land	Gal-Houston	DONALD E HENSLEY	DANIEL E REGA
6527	82	Houston	Gal-Houston	CHARLES S MOGER	TERRY J KRYSL
7067	75	Needville	Gal-Houston	MARK W KOVAR	CHAD A NESVADBA
7382	75	Houston	Gal-Houston	JAMES M STARK	DENNIS M TRAINOR
8482	96	Houston	Gal-Houston	CLAYTON G EVANS	LAWRENCE P HOGAN
8771	90	Houston	Gal-Houston	DAVID B NATION	RICHARD J THOMPSON II
8960	74	Pearland	Gal-Houston	DAVID A PROVENZANO	MICHAEL A MELANCON
9686	66	Clute	Gal-Houston	JEREMY J RODRIGUEZ	JOSE R GARCIA
9708	71	Houston	Gal-Houston	BILL J HOFF	MARK C KRADZINSKI
10872	93	Spring	Gal-Houston	TERRENCE P KEANE	CHARLES J LEVESQUE
11023	83	Houston	Gal-Houston	BRIAN M O'ROURKE	JEREMIAH N FOLEY
11343	79	Sugar Land	Gal-Houston	RICHARD J KLECZYNKI JR	GREGORY E SCHOCKLING
12320	92	Kingwood	Gal-Houston	TERRELL K NELSON	JEFFERY S GASPARD

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12327	94	The Woodlands	Gal-Houston	MICHAEL D VAN HORN	CHRISTIAN M BLANCO HEREDIA
13166	92	New Caney	Gal-Houston	FREDDIE SANTOS	GREGORY W METOYER
14512	93	Spring	Gal-Houston	DALE J CHARPENTIER	CHRISTOPHER E KOCH
14617	79	Missouri City	Gal-Houston	GREGORY J GARVIN	JOHN R GANGUZZA
17653	93	The Woodlands	Gal-Houston	DAVID L McMANUS	WILLIAM J MOELLER II
2304	233	Laredo	Laredo	ALFRED C MC CABE	HIGINIO G REYES
9626	232	Laredo	Laredo	HECTOR CHAPA JR	CARLOS VALLARTA
10413	236	Laredo	Laredo	HUGO C SANCHEZ	LEONARDO PEREZ
3008	246	Lubbock	Lubbock	SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ	JOHN L WILSON
3203	222	Odessa	San Angelo	VICTOR L FIERRO	TRINIDAD F JACOBO
4183	46	New Braunfels	San Antonio	ROBERT L STEWART	DANIEL J BUMBERNICK
5262	38	San Antonio	San Antonio	JUAN X SOTO	JOSE A MORENO
6358	48	Schertz	San Antonio	THOMAS A STAMP	JOHN D HOEFT
7347	46	Canyon Lake	San Antonio	ROY FRANCO	HOWARD G ROBINSON
7983	40	San Antonio	San Antonio	OSCAR VIGIL	MARCUS A VILLEGAS
8521	43	Bulverde	San Antonio	TOMAS RUBIO	JOSEPH T VOCKS SR
8789	54	San Antonio	San Antonio	LAWRENCE WAYNE CURE	BENITO C GARCIA JR
10090	51	San Antonio	San Antonio	BENJAMIN T TORRES	JUAN ESTRADA, JR
10240	40	San Antonio	San Antonio	FELIPE JIMENEZ	LOUIS J MARIN
11599	39	San Antonio	San Antonio	RICHARD E VASQUEZ	ALONSO ZUNIGA
14690	42	Leon Springs	San Antonio	THOMAS M KIRBY	GARY R DAVENPORT
16748	45	Seguin	San Antonio	JESUS MORENO SR	RICHARD PENA
18327	38	San Antonio (College - St. Mary's)	San Antonio	STEPHEN M GARCIA	JAIME CARRILLO
6699	136	Dangerfield Mt. Pleasant, Pittsburg	Tyler	DENNIS P GENDRON	MANUEL PASILLAS
14636	135	Flint	Tyler	JONATHAN R HOCKER	TERRY W SLAYTON
16078	132	Emory	Tyler	DENNIS P WAGNER	WILLIAM D ALBERTS
2490	188	El Campo	Victoria	TIMOTHY J DRAPELA	JAMES A KOCUREK
8388	193	Victoria	Victoria	MICHAEL A MUNIZ	ROBERT B GONZALES

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2574	154	La Grange	Austin	HECTOR CERVANTEZ	MARCUS J RECEK
5967	156	Austin	Austin	KEITH R WANTA	WILLIAM G BOIKO
7600	151	Cedar Park	Austin	BRIAN D VAN DE WALLE	DAVID E TULL
8131	153	Lockhart	Austin	THOMAS D BONN	PETER L DONAHOE JR
8190	153	Luling	Austin	GILBERT BERMUDEZ	ALEX MARTINEZ
9997	151	Austin	Austin	MICHAEL LEE YARBERRY	ERIK D ANDERSON
10463	151	Lago Vista	Austin	LUCAS A MANLEY	GARY M HATCH
12148	149	Round Rock	Austin	RICHARD ZAMORA	JEFFREY W DALY
12642	152	Rockne	Austin	JOSEPH M MAY	JOHN C KLAUS
951	125	Beaumont	Beaumont	BJ TULLIER JR	DEACON WILLIAM J GIER II
2461	122	Port Neches	Beaumont	JOSEPH A GRAFFAGNINO	DOUGLAS G THOMAS
3201	126	Liberty	Beaumont	MYCHAL P ENGLISH	LEON W BLACKWELDER
5035	125	Beaumont S W	Beaumont	MICHAEL W LA BLUE	CAREY M BULLOCK
6763	125	Fannett	Beaumont	ALLEN P PELTIER	PHIL J PELTIER
8298	207	Mcallen	Brownsville	GERARDO GARZA	LEROY GARZA
11070	208	Harlingen	Brownsville	MICHAEL H CARMONA	MARIO E MORENO
11980	217	Hidalgo	Brownsville	JULIO C MANZANARES	JESUS LOPEZ
12091	214	Donna	Brownsville	JORGE E SAENZ	ROEL ZAMORA
12869	213	Mercedes	Brownsville	IGNACIO GARCIA JR	MARCOS J GARCIA IV
15262	209	Edinburg	Brownsville	DAGOBERTO GARZA	JUAN NEGRETE JR
3169	173	Alice	Corpus Christi	RAFAEL F CUELLAR JR	AGAPITO ALANIZ JR
9220	177	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	EVARISTO GONZALEZ JR	JOSEPH R NADERER
830	117	Denison	Dallas	FRANK A VENTURA	ROBERT E STEELE
5052	110	Dallas	Dallas	OMAR N MEDIANO	DAVID E RUMML
7438	106	Greenville	Dallas	JOHN W FEESS	JIMMY R WARE
7850	111	Plano	Dallas	MICHAEL FLANAGAN	JOSEPH K SKEES
8417	118	Waxahachie	Dallas	ERIC A VALDEZ	GLENN R BECK
10523	115	Grand Praire	Dallas	RICKIE J SALA	EDWARD E ROMACK
11293	114	Allen	Dallas	CURTIS J HOPPE	MICHAEL E STEFFENS
11716	110	Plano	Dallas	ROBERT EDSALL	JACK C LYON
13133	107	Talty	Dallas	HOWARD V REDWINE	BRENDAN R HIRSCHMANN
18262	108	Dallas	Dallas	LARRY F REDING	CHARLES J KOCIAN
638	1	El Paso	El Paso	DAVID CABRAL	ROBERT M SMITH-YANEZ
10420	2	El Paso	El Paso	JUAN R TORRES	DAVID SOLIS
14584	5	Ft Bliss	El Paso	CHRISTOPHER J BECKER	KLAUS P HILLE
15017	6	El Paso	El Paso	AUBREY D SEMIEN	DAVID GARCIA

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759	18	Keller	Fort Worth	JOHN J KEIGLEY	PAUL KOTCH
2045	30	Pilot Point	Fort Worth	KYLE HOLLOWAY	JOHN E DECHAUD JR
7736	19	Mansfield	Fort Worth	CHARLES R ESTEP	THOMAS G SCOTT
10930	16	Ft Worth	Fort Worth	DOUGLAS C SIMMONS	LARRY F LOFTUS
12553	27	Denton	Fort Worth	JEREMY F SCHMUCKER	PAUL RANDO JR
13363	19	Arlington	Fort Worth	MARCUS LOPEZ	ANTON SEIDL
14549	28	Arlington	Fort Worth	LOUIS VILLANO	CHARLES BRAD MAUNDERS
15882	32	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	MICHAEL F EDER	CHRISTOPHER PAUL CACIOLA
17304	30	Prosper	Fort Worth	ROBERT P DALEO	DOMINICK J GERVASI
3793	86	Wallis	Gal-Houston	MARK D WILLIAMS	DUWAYNE ENGELHARDT
3910	80	Houston	Gal-Houston	HENRY E KAHLICH	THOMAS A MACK
4550	87	Houston	Gal-Houston	JOSEPH K LABRIE	MATTHEW W JOHNSON
5232	71	La Porte	Gal-Houston	ROBERT R ORTIZ	FELIPE S SANCHEZ
6234	71	Nassau Bay	Gal-Houston	ANDRY J DELHOMME	PAUL G THOMAS
6403	69	Alvin Manvel	Gal-Houston	STEVEN R VALDEZ	MICHAEL STIFFIN
6557	93	Spring	Gal-Houston	BILLY R MAYO	WILLIAM M COX
6812	66	Lake Jackson	Gal-Houston	RICHARD E KAUS	LAWRENCE J SAMSON
6878	92	Humble	Gal-Houston	REX M ROEGES	JERRY L GIEGERICH
7153	99	Huntsville	Gal-Houston	JOSEPH J MALLESKE	FREDRICK R GUILLORY
7728	79	Missouri City	Gal-Houston	PHILIP R KRAUS	DAVID M PEREZ
8293	82	Houston	Gal-Houston	ALEXANDER C OGBODO	HOWARD E DAVIS
8494	101	Friendswood	Gal-Houston	JOHN C LAINE	HERMAN DANA MILBURN
9310	68	League City	Gal-Houston	RENE R GARZA	DAVID J SADLER
9759	85	Katy	Gal-Houston	SCOTT M LANE	GEORGE R PERALTA
9794	92	Huffman	Gal-Houston	FRANK J CAMPISI	FRANK J MCMAHON
10390	74	Houston	Gal-Houston	GABRIEL A COURIEL	ROBERT D DENTON
10861	96	Spring	Gal-Houston	MARK A HAUBERT	NORBERT R GRIJALVA
10959	71	Houston	Gal-Houston	PHILIP E PRASEK	MICHAEL J LOBO
11866	95	Magnolia	Gal-Houston	JAMES R SCOTT	NORRIS G SCHEXNIDER JR
12818	65	Houston	Gal-Houston	ERUBIEL CHAIRES	JESUS M PACHECO
12955	85	Katy	Gal-Houston	GEORGE H DEWEY	JAMES ROADARMEL
14700	83	Houston	Gal-Houston	JONATHAN T BICKHAM	JAMES V DEL MONTE
16103	85	Fulshear	Gal-Houston	JASON T KNAPE	ROBERT D ROBBINS
10711	231	Eagle Pass	Laredo	JOSE G VELAZQUEZ	HECTOR FERNANDEZ
17991	234	Laredo	Laredo	DENNIS O EVELAND	NARCISCO T CASTRO JR
18277	233	Laredo	Laredo	MARIO PENA	AARON CANALES

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12803	246	Lubbock	Lubbock	JESSE J ALAMANZA	RONALD J GALLAGHER
15876	242	Lubbock	Lubbock	JESSE FLORES JR	RUDY J MEDRANO
2136	229	San Angelo	San Angelo	CECILIO CALDERA JR	GLENN E DIERSCHKE
3867	227	Brownwood	San Angelo	KEVIN S CHAMBERS	JOHN V ALLEN
9215	221	Midland	San Angelo	LARRY RODRIGUEZ	DANIEL RODRIGUEZ
9674	230	Fort Stockton	San Angelo	MIKAL A ORTIZ	CARLOS M ORTEGA JR
12657	223	Midland	San Angelo	MARCOS A YBARRA SR	ABEL ABUNBEZ
12798	224	San Angelo	San Angelo	RICHARD S RIOS	MARCOS G RIVERA JR
17679	222	Odessa	San Angelo	MANUEL SALAZAR III	JIMMIE GABRIEL GONZALEZ
18101	228	Abilene	San Angelo	KEVIN F PANTOJA	CHRIS SHOWS
4315	54	San Antonio	San Antonio	MICHAEL J KOPECKI	KENNETH M LEMANSKI
5090	45	Gonzales	San Antonio	JAMES A MOLNOSKEY	JAMES A MOLNOSKEY
6409	41	Kerrville	San Antonio	DAVID J PILLATZKE	A KEITH MORVANT
6856	46	Selma	San Antonio	JIMMIE R GONZALEZ	GEORGE H CHENEY
8065	51	San Antonio	San Antonio	EDWARD ALTAMIRANO	ROBERT J GARZA
9291	49	San Antonio	San Antonio	ALBERT N ENG	DENNY G ARCHIBEK
9463	44	San Antonio	San Antonio	JOSE L RINCONES	ALEXANDER KING
9967	43	San Antonio	San Antonio	MARCUS VIGIL	MICHAEL J BUNTING
10940	42	Boerne	San Antonio	DAVID J DETELICH	BRUCE ANDERSON
13523	44	San Antonio (College - Assumption Sem.)	San Antonio	ERIC H FLORES	LUIS H GOMEZ BUSTAMANTE
13704	44	San Antonio	San Antonio	HUMBERTO L QUINTANILLA II	PATRICK P GILLOCK
17492	51	San Antonio (College - UTSA)	San Antonio	LUIS A FERNANDEZ	JORDAN A DELGADO
17762	43	San Antonio	San Antonio	WILLIAM H PERSON	FREDERICK B KING JR
17769	40	San Antonio	San Antonio	JOHN REYES JR	NORBERTO J ESPARZA
9393	188	El Campo	Victoria	FRANK FLORES	ADAM GUSMAN

2023 - 2024 All Star Districts

District	Diocese	District Deputy
151	Austin	KEVIN BRINKMAN
152	Austin	MICHAEL D'ANTONIO
19	Fort Worth	RICHARD RUMENAPP
71	Gal-Houston	JOSEPH A KRAMER JR
79	Gal-Houston	JOE D GUTIERREZ
92	Gal-Houston	ROBERT "BOB" H
93	Gal-Houston	JOHN A WILLIAMS
234	Laredo	JOSE "JOE" GARCIA
44	San Antonio	DENNY ARCHIBEK
51	San Antonio	JOSHUA JONES

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District	District	District	District
1	66	108	169
6	68	110	175
9	71	111	177
18	74	112	180
19	75	113	188
24	79	114	207
27	80	117	209
28	82	118	216
30	83	121	217
38	85	122	221
39	87	125	222
40	90	126	223
42	92	132	227
43	93	146	228
44	94	147	229
46	95	151	232
48	96	152	233
49	99	153	234
51	101	154	238
54	106	156	246
65	107	158	

2023 - 2024 Star Councils

Council	Council	Council	Council	Council	Council
638	5232	7736	9708	11980	14700
759	5262	7850	9759	12066	14943
786	5598	7983	9794	12091	15017
799	5656	8065	9930	12148	15033
830	5967	8131	9967	12153	15174
951	6065	8142	9997	12320	15262
1450	6234	8156	10090	12327	15783
1502	6269	8190	10240	12385	15789
2045	6358	8225	10333	12480	15876
2136	6402	8293	10373	12535	15882
2304	6403	8298	10390	12553	16078
2461	6409	8327	10393	12642	16103
2490	6413	8368	10413	12657	16275
2574	6527	8388	10420	12661	16375
2592	6557	8417	10463	12697	16393
2767	6699	8482	10480	12798	16451
2785	6763	8494	10523	12803	16748
3008	6812	8521	10677	12818	17304
3169	6856	8572	10711	12869	17404
3201	6878	8771	10861	12955	17492
3203	6887	8789	10872	13133	17653
3205	7058	8954	10930	13166	17679
3367	7067	8960	10939	13232	17762
3491	7099	8975	10940	13357	17769
3793	7153	9130	10959	13363	17991
3867	7175	9215	11023	13408	18101
3910	7197	9220	11070	13523	18173
4101	7265	9283	11107	13615	18179
4183	7347	9291	11293	13704	18262
4204	7382	9299	11343	13927	18277
4315	7438	9310	11570	14025	18311
4550	7445	9393	11599	14512	18327
4868	7563	9463	11716	14549	
5035	7600	9626	11721	14584	
5052	7641	9674	11866	14617	
5090	7696	9686	11905	14636	
5145	7728	9698	11937	14690	

Report of the Programs Director, 2024 Pat Henz

The success of any council comes from the success of its programs. Successful programing brings in new members. Without these two, a Council begins to fail. If we don't do the programs that our members are looking for, they will go somewhere else and become a drop. If a council does not plan, schedule, promote and communicate with the members about what the council is doing, then the members won't know what is going on or when to help.

I would like to thank Carlos X. Martinez for his time and talent devoted to being Programs Director for the past year and a half. In November, Carlos took a job with the Knights of Columbus Insurance and became an agent. Because of this, he had to resign from being State Programs Director. Both Carlos and our Worthy State Deputy Terry Fruge asked if I would complete his term as Director and I was honored to pick up where he left off and continue promoting great programs for the great councils of Texas.

It has been amazing to see how the councils have continued to do so many great programs. You all have been active in your parishes and communities. It just goes to show that the Knights stay focused on the mission of the Knights of Columbus: "Empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community." Proof of this is in every edition of the Texas Knight and of all the great programs that were submitted for the State Council Program Awards.

The Programs Team has worked extremely hard this year promoting the many Supreme and State sponsored programs. I am truly grateful to this team and all that they have done for the State. Know that they are working hard for you and the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

The State Programs Committee Members are as follows:

- Vocations, Silver Rose & Pilgrim Icon Chairman – Tom Krueger
- Pro-Life Chairman – Tom Clark
- Pregnancy Resource Chairman – Andrew Clark
- Veterans Affairs Chairman – Antonio "Tido" Peralez
- Free Throw Chairman – Jesse Aguilar
- Golf Chairman – Ricky Meyer & Larry Solansky
- Bowling Chairman – Skipper Arsenault
- Softball Chairman – Steve Simons

FAITH IN ACTION

The FAITH IN ACTION program, organized into the FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, and LIFE categories, empowers Knights to come together to share their Catholic faith, celebrate fraternity with loved ones, and stand shoulder to shoulder in service to the community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition. Woven within these four categories are the opportunities to share something that all generations and cultures within our organization seek in their membership with the Knights of Columbus.

Supreme has produced some amazing videos to go with so many great programs such as "Into the Breach" and "Into the Breach – The Mission of the Family". Councils are also coming up with new and unique programs. From Diaper Drives, Rosary programs, Trunk or Treats, Family gatherings, Parish clean ups, Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Leave No Neighbor Behind, Flag Memorial, and on and on and on. There were so many councils that continue to step up and help

their communities and their parishes. Why wouldn't a man want to join the Knights?

The lists of programs in the Faith in Action booklet are examples of programs that every council should already be doing. Your council may call it by another name, but the idea is to be active and provide activities in each of the Faith, Family, Community, and Life categories. Doing a minimum of four activities in each of the four categories qualifies a council for the Columbian Award. The Columbian Award is one step closer to earning Star Council – the highest award Supreme gives out to councils and something that all councils should strive to earn.

PILGRIM ICON

Tom Krueger, Chairman

The Pilgrim Icon program continues with St. Joseph. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said that “through this Pilgrim Icon Program, we can all turn in prayer to St. Joseph. We give thanks to God for the gift of his fatherly example, and we ask St. Joseph to be a father to us. Along the way, may we also grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph’s quiet strength, integrity, and fidelity.” And Pope Francis stated: “St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity, fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men.”

The #10682 Guide Sheet provides a step-by-step process that any member can follow during this successful program element. The actual prayer service can take anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour dependent on the time constraints and the wishes of your pastor. While it is always preferable to have your pastor or clergy involved, they are not required. It is suggested you involve as many parishioners and parish organizations as possible to have the broadest impact.

Order your prayer books and prayer cards 6 weeks in advance of the planned service to avoid backorder delays and having to print PDFs for participants. Do not forget to complete #10784 before you leave the event from your phone.

SILVER ROSE

Tom Krueger, Chairman

The Knights continued to carry the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe through North America with the Silver Rose Prayer program. Texas started in July and ended with the six roses in Laredo in December. On December 11, all the roses came together for the transfer on the International bridge in Laredo. This year a large group of Knights were allowed to escort the rose and hand it off to the Bishop in Mexico. It was another very touching and special event.

The Silver Rose will once again be on display at this year’s State Convention and start its journey across Texas. The other Silver Roses will eventually start making their way across the United States and again end up here in Texas in November. This is the new schedule.

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Route 1			Route 1			Potential Days
Diocese	Start	End	Diocese	Start	End	
New Mexico		11/23/2024	New Mexico		11/23/2024	0
Mexico	11/24/2024	12/12/2024	El Paso	11/23/2024	11/24/2024	
			Mexico	11/24/2024		
			Return to Supreme			

Route 2			Route 2			Potential Days
Diocese	Start	End	Diocese	Start	End	
Oklahoma		11/16/2024	Oklahoma		11/16/2024	18
Texas	11/17/2024	12/5/2024	Ft. Worth	11/17/2024	12/5/2024	17
Midyear	12/6/2024	12/8/2024	Mid Year	12/6/2024	12/8/2024	
Mexico	12/8/2024	12/12/2024				
			Return to Supreme			

Route 3			Route 3			Potential Days
Diocese	Start	End	Diocese	Start	End	
Arkansas		11/23/2024	Arkansas		11/23/2024	11
Texas	11/24/2024	12/5/2024	Tyler	11/24/2024	12/5/2024	10
Midyear	12/6/2024	12/8/2024	Mid Year	12/6/2024	12/8/2024	
Mexico	12/8/2024	12/12/2024				
			Return to Supreme			

Route 5			Route 5			Potential Days
Diocese	Start	End	Diocese	Start	End	
Louisiana		11/16/2024	Louisiana		11/16/2024	18
Texas	11/17/2024	12/5/2024	Beaumont	11/17/2024	12/5/2024	17
Midyear	12/6/2024	12/8/2024	Mid Year	12/6/2024	12/8/2024	
			Return to Supreme		12/12/2023	

Route 7			Route 7			Potential Days
Diocese	Start	End	Diocese	Start	End	
New Mexico		7/13/2024	New Mexico		7/13/2024	143
Texas	7/14/2024	12/5/2024	El Paso	7/13/2024	7/28/2024	14
			San Antonio	7/28/2024	8/24/2024	26
			Victoria	8/24/2024	9/6/2024	12
			Galveston Houston	9/6/2024	9/20/2024	13
			Beaumont	9/20/2024	10/3/2024	12
			Galveston Houston	10/3/2024	11/3/2024	30
			Corpus Christi	11/3/2024	11/23/2024	19
			Brownsville	11/23/2024	12/1/2024	7

Laredo Diocese	12/1/2024	12/5/2024	3
Laredo Intl. Crossing		12/7/2024	
Return to Supreme		12/12/2024	Total Schedule:
			136

Route 8			Route 8			Potential Days
Diocese	Start	End	Diocese	Start	End	
Puerto Rico		4/20/2024	Puerto Rico		4/20/2024	71
Texas	4/27/2024	7/7/2024	Texas		4/27/2024	
Mexico	7/7/2024	12/12/2024	Amarillo	4/27/2024	5/6/2024	8
			Lubbock	5/6/2024	5/14/2024	7
			San Angelo	5/14/2024	5/22/2024	7
			Fort Worth	5/22/2024	6/6/2024	14
			Dallas	6/6/2024	7/6/2024	29
			Return to Supreme		7/7/2024	
			Ttl scheduled			65

RSVP VOCATIONS

Tom Krueger, Chairman

It is no doubt that Texas Knights support their seminarians. Councils and Assemblies in every diocese are supporting over 300 seminarians. Through the RSVP Program, Councils in Texas have donated over \$400,000 this past year to our seminarians. And several councils reported that they are also supporting seminarians in the Military Diocese and other Religious Orders – mostly those that their council parish priests are in such as TOR's and other Orders.

Councils can support vocations in many ways, starting with prayer for our Seminarians, Religious Aspirants, and priests. You may also include observance of Vocations Awareness Week, provide Vocations Awareness Days, and/or Provide Holy Hours for Vocations. All of these should be reported on form 10784 under the Faith segment of the Faith in Action program.

Our primary measurement tool for your Council, however, is the proper implementation of Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). This program Guide Sheet #10601 provides a step-by-step listing for your Vocations or Faith Program Chairman to follow. By completing a \$500 donation to support a Seminarian or Religious Postulant/Aspirant and the submission of the form 2863 refund report, your Council achieves 2 points in the Faith segment of the Faith in Action Program.

While seminarians to the priesthood is the primary focus, we need to also understand many Religious Orders continue to fill the gaps where we do not have Diocesan Priest for our parishes. These religious orders also need support to educate Seminarians. Women Religious also qualify for the RSVP Program.

It is imperative that you coordinate with your Diocesan Vocations office or your Diocesan Vocations Director to provide the funding where it

is most needed. Your diocese may have a Vocations Chairman appointed by the Diocesan Deputy that needs to take the role of communicating with the Diocesan Vocations Director and coordinate all participating Council efforts. We do not want to leave money on the table from Supreme. I have experienced where a council fails to submit the refund application (#2823) or does not complete it properly, maybe without proof of the cancelled check. The result was they did not receive the \$100 rebate expected from Supreme. All details are listed in the vocation's handbook. You may download all RSVP Resources at Supreme including the #10601 Guide Sheet, #1942 Vocations handbook, #2863 Refund applications, #10155 Father McGivney Prayer Card, #4688 Tri-Fold Brochure and #10783 RSVP Poster.

PRO-LIFE

Tom Clark, Chairman

The Culture of Life continues to be in the forefront of Council activities in the great State of Texas! We continue to celebrate the milestone for Life when the Roe v. Wade decision was reversed on 6/24/2022!! With this our Texas laws went into place forbidding the taking of an unborn child's life in this great state.

We are not done. The reversal of Row v. Wade is not the end of the war, but instead the beginning of our greatest challenge – to change the heart of a nation. To help our country to embrace Life and to care for all unborn children and their moms.

Thanks to all who have participated in the Pro-Life Programs and by doing so have helped to save many babies from the horrors of abortion. Knights and their ladies have taken the Culture of Life message back to their Diocese, Districts, Councils, and communities and lives are being changed, and many babies have been saved and hearts opened to Life.

While the ACE Wings are certainly not the only state program, by encouraging Knights to participate in earning their ACE Wings remains a barometer on the health of Pro-Life activities in our state. We remain solid and steadfast in our defense of the unborn as well as those who are at risk of losing their lives such as the terminally ill and those on death row.

Please do not forget that each ACE Wing represent a child lost to abortion – we wear these wings to show others that their life would have mattered, and that they would have enjoyed all the wonders that life brings to each of us... to wear them is a sign that you are a strong man of Christ, willing to place the weakest of the weak on your shoulders and to carry them, for Life!

To date (March 2024), 233 ACE Wings have been earned in Texas, up from 201 just a year ago. Of these 233 ACE Wings earned, 45 went to our ladies who worked alongside their husbands, our Brothers, defending life. Another 12 Councils presented ACE Wings to thank individuals in their communities for their Culture of Life efforts. I hope these numbers will increase significantly through the end of our fraternal year.

The Special Forces ACE Wings continue to grow in popularity. To date this fraternal year 70 SFAW have been sent out to Knights with 23 of these going to spouses.

The Gold ACE Wings, the Texas State Council Pro Life Hall of Fame, is doing well with the majority of Diocesan Deputies taking great care to choose candidates. We have increased the number of Gold ACE Wings available to each Diocese to two each (plus spouses). Please encourage your Diocesan Deputy to recognize men in their respective Diocese for the Gold ACE Wings. Encourage your Diocesan Deputy to recognize some of the priests or deacons who go above and beyond for Life.

I have to thank the Diocesan Culture of Life Chairmen for their work within their respective Diocese, for without them and their tireless efforts, the Culture of Life face of Texas would look much different. I also wish to thank the Culture of Life Chairman in each Council... for they are the ones who bring the Culture of Life message to each Brother Knight in Texas.

So, have you earned the right to wear the ACE Wings? If not, then we challenge you to become one soon... your work might save a future teacher, engineer, or even a Priest... we lose 150 babies every hour of every day throughout the United States... we cannot change this unless every Knight and his lady gets involved!

God's blessings to all my Brother Knights and thank you for caring about Life!

PREGNANCY RESOURCE

Andrew Clark, Chairman

This fraternal year has been a good year for the Ultrasound Initiative. Texas continues to purchase new Ultrasound machines either for new centers or to update an old, outdated machine. I believe one of the best things we can do to increase our ultrasounds is by looking at our past. I would encourage all councils to reach out to pregnancy centers who have received an ultrasound machine from this program and see if an update is needed. These machines are always being updated and top end ultrasound machines 5 years ago are not as clear as the machines that are currently out.

It is important to remember that even though abortions had been limited in Texas, these machines are still needed to help educate abortion minded women to truly show the beauty of life that is their child. Remember, a mother is more likely to choose life if she sees an ultrasound of her baby! This is a great way to stay connected and show continued support for our pregnancy centers around our Great State. My hope is that through this strategy we will be able to redouble our efforts

to not only support our local Pregnancy Resource Centers, but also to save lives.

VETERAN AFFAIRS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Antonio “Tido” Peralez

The Veterans of our Order are a key membership who bring positive attributes that are reflective of their Military training. The question your council must ask, Is your Council Veteran Friendly? Do you actively recruit Veterans and mentor them as they join your Councils? When confronted with the opportunity to invite the Veterans of your Parish, key attributes that come with these Catholic Men are, team oriented, sense of duty, strict organizational skills through a disciplined ethic, initiate and follow through on activities, all enhanced by their cross-functional skills.

Visiting our Veterans in their time of need, particularly at the Veteran’s hospitals, is a valued and honored tradition. Please support our Veterans and visit them.

Remember our Veterans, Honor those who served and Respect the sacrifices of our Veterans.

SHIELD A BADGE

Pat Henz, Chairman

I am so proud of my Brother Knights across this great State of Texas and their support of our Police, Fire, and First Responders. Several councils continue to adopt officers from their communities and are praying for them daily.

The “Shield a Badge with a Prayer” program is designed to show support to local Law Enforcement Officers through daily prayer. The goal of “Shield a Badge” is to have every officer “adopted” and to have a daily prayer said for that officer’s Safety, Good Judgment, and a Safe Return Home. The commitment is for ONE year. The officer’s name and badge number are given to the prayer sponsor. There are NO promises

beyond a prayer every day (no personal contact, no phone calls, and no gifts.) This program would qualify for a Community Program.

May 15th is National Law Enforcement Day. Consider conducting a Blue Mass or some sort of special blessing to show your support to your local law enforcement sometime during May. Let’s continue to pray for all our Officers and First Responders, for their Safety, Good Judgment, and a Safe Return Home. Consider starting a Shield a Badge program at your council.

GOLF

Ricky Meyer & Larry Solansky, Co-Chairmen

The Annual Johnny Lopez Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament was held in Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glenn Rose last September. Teams from all around the state gathered for a weekend of fun and fraternity. It was a beautiful weekend with some great scores.

The 50th Annual Johnny Lopez Golf Tournament will be held in September 2024. More details are coming soon as this is expected to be a special anniversary tournament.

BOWLING

Skipper Arsenault, Chairman

The 59th Annual Texas State Council Bowling Tournament was held on April 13th & 14th and 20th & 21st in Houston. Results of how the teams did will be publicized in the next Texas Knight.

SOFTBALL

Steve Simons, Chairman

The Annual Daryl Entrop Memorial Softball Tournament is planned to be held in June. More information about the tournament, rules and guidelines, and the entry form will be put out once everything has been confirmed. We are looking forward to seeing many familiar teams and hopefully several new teams. Come out and support the guys and the Knights.

FREE THROW

Jesse Aguilar, Chairman

It was great to be able to hold the State Free Throw Championship this year. Nearly every diocese was represented, and the scores were very

competitive. The Color Guard from District 2 did an outstanding job proudly posting the colors before the start of the competition. We also want to thank all the Councils, District Deputies, and Diocesan Free Throw Chairman for their hard work making this happen.

2024 STATE FREE THROW WINNERS

Boys Age 9

1 st – Ellis Searcy	Co. 1167	Gainesville (FW Diocese)	Score 21
2 nd – Mauricio Prado	Co. 3910	Houston (G/H Archdiocese)	Score 20
3 rd – William Quillin	Co. 13520	Dallas (Dallas Diocese)	Score 18

Girls Age 9

1 st – Ann Marie Vestal	Co. 11905	Lindsay (FW Diocese)	Score 12
2 nd – Ayla Garcia	Co. 4298	San Antonio (ASA)	Score 11
3 rd – Alexia Massey	Co. 1329	Victoria (Victoria Diocese)	Score 6

Boys Age 10

1 st – Seth Seydler	Co. 2433	Hallettsville (Victoria Diocese)	Score 24
2 nd – Matthew Cole	Co. 10090	San Antonio (ASA)	Score 23
3 rd – Gus Tarsha	Co. 11716	Plano (Dallas Diocese)	Score 22

Girls Age 10

1 st – Karsyn Bussey	Co. 1824	Windthorst (FW Diocese)	Score 18
2 nd – Abby Knape	Co. 16103	Fulshear (G/H Archdiocese)	Score 14
3 rd – Victoria Simper	Co. 3244	Moulton (Victoria Diocese)	Score 13

Boys Age 11

1 st – Sebastian Garcia	Co. 10240	San Antonio (ASA)	Score 25
2 nd – Brady Alquist	Co. 4204	Sugar Land (G/H Archdiocese)	Score 24
3 rd – Max Lander	Co. 11716	Plano (Dallas Diocese)	Score 21

Girls Age 11

1 st – Haile Crawley	Co. 12553	Denton (FW Diocese)	Score 18
2 nd – Caroline Buck	Co. 3910	Houston (G/H Archdiocese)	Score 17/4
3 rd – Serena Ornelas	Co. 7983	San Antonio (ASA)	Score 17/3

Boys Age 12

1 st – Sebastian Marquez	Co. 10131	Austin (Austin Diocese)	Score 21/5
2 nd – Israel Netro	Co. 3295	Flatonía (Victoria Diocese)	Score 21/4
3 rd – Trae Robles	Co. 16275	Bishop (CC Diocese)	Score 20

Girls Age 12

1 st – Skylee Pape	Co. 5090	Gonzales (ASA)	Score 19
2 nd – Atli Oglesby	Co. 8572	Ozona (San Angelo Diocese)	Score 17
3 rd – Cecilia Sanchez	Co. 3008	Lubbock (Lubbock Diocese)	Score 17

Boys Age 13

1 st – Caleb Mosely	Co. 16103	Fulshear (G/H Archdiocese)	Score 21
2 nd – Kellan Todd	Co. 18101	Abilene (San Angelo Diocese)	Score 20
3 rd – Dayne Sadler	Co. 1459	Muenster (FW Diocese)	Score 18

Girls Age 13

1 st – Irie Jaehne	Co. 10995	Houston (G/H Diocese)	Score 22
2 nd – Aveyah Long	Co. 7290	Corpus Christi (CC Diocese)	Score 21
3 rd – Sloane Vasquez	Co. 4298	San Antonio (ASA)	Score 17

Boys Age 14

1 st – Martynas Kunigauskas	Co. 10959	Houston (G/H Archdiocese)	Score 22
2 nd – Trysten Trejo	Co. 16275	Bishop (CC Diocese)	Score 21
3 rd – Gage Jenschke	Co. 9765	Fredericksburg (ASA)	Score 19

Girls Age 14

1 st – Faith Hyland	Co. 13520	Dallas (Dallas Diocese)	Score 21
2 nd – Tate Griffin	Co. 2153	Weimar (Victoria Diocese)	Score 19
3 rd – Sydney Montalbano	Co. 14617	Missouri City (G/H Archdiocese)	Score 15

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Never forget the youth of the parish and always have some programs that include them. Great examples of those other programs are the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

8th Grade

1 st – Olivia Harrington	Co. 15789	Fort Worth Diocese
2 nd – Arianna Luna	Co. 8789	San Antonio Archdiocese
3 rd – Nikita Dementyev	Co. 4204	Galveston Houston Archdiocese

9th Grade

1 st – Grace Keller	Co. 17196	Fort Worth Diocese
2 nd – Sophia Ramirez	Co. 1202	Corpus Christi Diocese
3 rd – Brayden Crook	Co. 6658	Austin Diocese

10th Grade

1 st – Madison Tierney	Co. 7290	Corpus Christi Diocese
2 nd – Zander Frost	Co. 5145	Beaumont Diocese
3 rd – Henry Cannon	Co. 6658	Austin Diocese

11th Grade

1 st – Emily Grace Kimball	Co. 6658	Austin Diocese
2 nd – Addie Salrosa	Co. 17304	Fort Worth Diocese
3 rd – Madeline Howell	Co. 11865	Tyler Diocese

12th Grade

1 st – Guadalupe Ortiz	Co. 7290	Corpus Christi Diocese
2 nd – Grace Pelzel	Co. 15789	Fort Worth Diocese
3 rd – Liliana Miller	Co. 6658	Austin Diocese

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Grade Kindergarten

1 st – Leyton Parrott	Co. 6358	San Antonio Archdiocese
2 nd – Gavin Goszyk	Co. 7382	Galveston Houston Archdiocese
3 rd – David Fuhrmann	Co. 11905	Fort Worth Diocese

Grade 1 & 2

1 st – Isabella Gonzalez	Co. 7532	Galveston Houston Archdiocese
2 nd – Mila Martinez	Co. 1202	Corpus Christi Diocese
3 rd – Valeria Gallardo	Co. 3195	Beaumont Diocese

Grade 3 & 4

1 st – Ethan Leija	Co. 9765	San Antonio Diocese
2 nd – Bryan Cardenas	Co. 6699	Tyler Diocese
3 rd – Sophia Martinez	Co. 7532	Galveston Houston Archdiocese

Grade 5 & 6

1 st – Jade Vincent	Co. 8771	Galveston Houston Archdiocese
2 nd – Anna Aguirre	Co. 11937	Dallas Diocese
3 rd – Josefina Orines	Co. 1202	Corpus Christi Diocese

Grade 7 & 8

1 st – Kylie Tran	Co. 4204	Galveston Houston Archdiocese
2 nd – Elizabeth Smith	Co. 1167	Fort Worth Diocese
3 rd – Elise DeLaGarza	Co. 12253	Tyler Diocese

STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE WINNERS

Several Councils conducted the Soccer Challenge. Those winners advanced to their District and then Diocesan level. Those Dioceses that participated in the Soccer Challenge had their winners kick for the State. Then those score sheets were sent to the State and, after reviewing the scores, State winners were announced. Here are the State Soccer Winners:

Boys Age 9

1 st – Ethan Wild	Co. 9708	Houston (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 440
2 nd – Nicolas Gras	Co. 15789	Colleyville (FW Diocese)	Score 435
3 rd – Brian Padro	Co. 10524	Athens (Tyler Diocese)	Score 220

Girls Age 9

1 st – Alexandra Reyes	Co. 4550	Houston (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 535
2 nd – Yaretzi Martinez	Co. 10524	Athens (Tyler Diocese)	Score 425

Boys Age 10

1 st – Axel Morales	Co. 10524	Athens (Tyler Diocese)	Score 515
2 nd – Julian Oernardine	Co. 4101	Ft. Worth (FW Diocese)	Score 470
3 rd – Joshua Koch	Co. 14512	Spring (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 360

Girls Age 10

1 st – Gabby Garcia	Co. 12320	Kingwood (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 550
2 nd – Bianeit Dominguez	Co. 8806	Gun Barrel City (Tyler Diocese)	Score 460

Boys Age 11

1 st – Jack Ottaberry	Co. 10524	Athens (Tyler Diocese)	Score 580
2 nd – Luis Gallardo	Co. 4550	Houston (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 495
3 rd – Nathan Prado	Co. 4101	Ft Worth (FW Diocese)	Score 455

Girls Age 11

1 st – Celeste Martinez	Co. 10524	Athens (Tyler Diocese)	Score 455
2 nd – Shirla Garcia	Co. 7206	Baytown (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 430
3 rd – Andrea Salas	Co. 4101	Ft Worth (FW Diocese)	Score 405

Boys Age 12

1 st – Israel Benavides	Co. 7206	Baytown (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 590
2 nd – Javier Morales	Co. 8806	Gun Barrel City (Tyler Diocese)	Score 450

Girls Age 12

1 st – Reese Bennett	Co. 10524	Athens (Tyler Diocese)	Score 295
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Boys Age 13

1 st – Travis Ottaberry	Co. 10524	Athens (Tyler Diocese)	Score 535
2 nd – Jorge Lopez	Co. 7206	Baytown (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 525

Girls Age 13

1 st – Angelica Garcia	Co. 13166	New Caney (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 380
2 nd – Milka Salas	Co. 4101	Ft. Worth (FW Diocese)	Score 365

Boys Age 14

1 st – Victor Hernandez	Co. 10524	Athens (Tyler Diocese)	Score 470
2 nd – Matthieu Salom	Co. 7206	Baytown (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 450

Girls Age 14

1 st – Shirley Sosa	Co. 13166	New Caney (Gal/Hou Archdiocese)	Score 445
2 nd – Jasmine Dominguez	Co. 8806	Gun Barrel City (Tyler Diocese)	Score 430

CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR

This year we continue recognizing the Chaplain of the Year for the State of Texas. As we all know, every one of our chaplains is special and number one in our parishes. The Monsignor James M. Kirwin Chaplain of the Year Award is to recognize a council chaplain that has shown an exemplary commitment to provide extraordinary service and inspirational leadership as a chaplain, mentor, and guide. There were many entries this year and the winner was Fr. Dennis Aréchiga from St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, from the Archdiocese of San Antonio. He was announced at the Convention Banquet.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Each year, the Texas State Council recognizes one special family from among many. The

winning family of this award will be submitted to Supreme for possible selection as the Supreme Family of the Year. This winner will be announced at the Convention Banquet.

IN CONCLUSION

As I wrap up this special term as State Programs Director, I am always amazed at so many great programs you all do. I love to see all those that are promoted in the Texas Knight. I was also very impressed with all the State Program Award entries. There were over 130 entries this year. This just showed that so many councils were able to find ways to support their parishes and communities. Know that your programs are on display at all times. If you are not doing programs, you are not active, and the congregation sees that.

Grand Knights - You are the most influential leader in your council. If you walk around defeated, so will your council members. Encourage your council officers and members to be active, to understand their responsibilities, and stay focused. God gifted you the ability of leadership - don't waste it. Remember, every program is an opportunity for every Knight to put their Faith in Action and step into the breach.

I want to thank my team for being patient with me and keeping me going. You guys are utterly amazing to work with and your dedication to your area of responsibility and all the other things you do in your own councils gives me the inspiration to continue doing this job. Programs are so important and there are so many great programs that councils are doing in this great State of Texas. It is truly amazing. And I am proud to be part of it.

Finally, I want to thank my wonderful wife, Mary. You have supported me over the last 24 years when I started as a District Deputy. I am thankful to God and so blessed to have been in so many positions over the years. We have traveled the State together, we have met so many wonderful Knights and their Ladies, and I love you for that. I'm not sure what was tougher, this or being a cop for 30 years. You're the Best!

Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Vivat Jesus!

Report of the Education & Training Director, 2024 Ed Tydings

The mission of the Texas State Council Education, Training, and Communication Team is to provide the who, what, where, when, and how for council, district, and diocesan leadership for the Knights in

the State of Texas. Our primary focus is to help you understand the expectations of each of your leadership roles. Our main audience are the grand knights, financial secretaries, trustees, council directors, district deputies, and diocesan deputies. We provide onsite and virtual training seminars for council leadership, and work with the other major directors at various meetings with the district and diocesan deputies.

Education & Training

District Deputy Organizational Meeting July 7 – 9, 2023, Houston

The organizational meeting in July is the first of several meetings district deputies attend. For first year DDs, the phrase “drinking from a fire hose” is the most appropriate description. We began with a brief celebration of our state achieving the Circle of Honor Award. Then we got down to business. Our Worthy State Deputy laid out his goals for the upcoming fraternal year. All six major directors discussed their plans on how we will achieve these goals for the year.

The diocesan organizational meetings followed in July and August. The state officers and major directors traveled to the fifteen dioceses to deliver similar presentations to the local leaders of all dioceses. Some diocesan meetings were also available virtually.

Diocesan Deputy Meeting October 6 – 8, 2023, Houston

The Worthy State Deputy and the major directors meet individually with the diocesan deputies to review the first quarter's success and opportunities for improvement. This key meeting helps identify potential issues early in the year to give us all time to try to work through them before they become barriers to success.

District Deputy Midyear Meeting, December 1 – 3, 2023, San Marcos

We met at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. Our Worthy State Deputy and the major directors provided status updates to the district and diocesan leadership. This meeting concentrates on how we can build on the successes of the past six months. These presentations are more focused on district and diocesan progress. Each director and his team meet in smaller breakout groups with one or two dioceses at a time to focus on success and to highlight opportunities for improvement.

The diocesan midyear meetings were conducted during the months of January and February. State officers and major directors once again traveled to the fifteen dioceses providing presentations to the local leaders. Reaching out to the local leadership is one of the most important meetings we conduct as the council leadership learns how their contributions to programs, membership growth, and charity affect the overall health of the Texas State Council and of our Order.

State Free Throw Contest and Diocesan Deputy Meeting, March 1 – 3, 2024, San Antonio

Like the end of the first quarter meeting, this meeting with the diocesan deputies gives our Worthy State Deputy and the major directors the opportunity to meet individually with the diocesan deputies. Affectionately known as “speed dating”, each diocesan deputy has twenty minutes with each major director. Ideas are exchanged, two-way feedback is provided, and everyone leaves with specific areas to concentrate their efforts that will give the best opportunities for success.

State Convention, April 25 – 28, 2024, Dallas

For the past couple of years, the State Convention breakout and training sessions hosted by the major directors received overwhelmingly positive feedback. We continued with the sessions at this year’s state convention on Friday and

Saturday. I hope you take advantage of learning more about the Order.

Financial Secretary Trainers

Our financial secretary trainers are available across the state, and they are assigned to specific dioceses. The diocesan and district deputies have put them to work this year. FS training chairman is David Solis from El Paso, and he coordinates with the other trainers. The classes are open to all council and assembly officers, district deputies, and any other Knights wanting to learn more about the inner workings of the council or assembly. Financial secretary trainers continue to offer one-on-one virtual training sessions as requested. Please contact your assigned financial secretary trainer for your training needs. These Brother Knights provide an invaluable service to make sure new and “seasoned” financial secretaries have the knowledge and skills needed to perform their roles. We all know that behind every successful grand knight, there is a financial secretary keeping the paperwork in order and submitting the forms on time.

- Victor Garza – Dioceses of Dallas and Fort Worth; 682-300-4004; vgarza48@att.net
- Steven Webb – Dioceses of Lubbock and Amarillo; 806-239-9920; swebbt@yahoo.com
- Peter Donahoe, Jr – Archdiocese of San Antonio and Diocese of Austin; 830-391-3701; pldjr4287@gmail.com
- Jerry “JL” Giegerich – Dioceses of Beaumont and Victoria, and Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston; 281-610-6507; jlglogs@gmail.com
- David Solis – Dioceses of El Paso and San Angelo.; 915-238-8735; dsolis4027@aol.com

- Michael Murphy – Dioceses of Brownsville, Corpus Christi, and Laredo.; 956-793-0462; michaelmurphy9@gmail.com
- Mark Freund – Diocese of Tyler; 713-870-3114; freundmark14@gmail.com

Communications

The Texas State Council website is constantly updating new articles submitted for all to see. If you have not recently visited www.tkofc.org go look at it. Visit it often to keep up to date with the Texas State Council's activities, forms, & training opportunities.

The Finish Line is a monthly publication sent to all Brother Knights in Texas for whom we have working emails. It lists the upcoming events and deadlines for the next 30-60-90 days. Each major director has an article helping the local leaders keep on track to obtain Star Council.

The Texas State Council uses the Constant Contact email system which contains over 78,000 Brother Knights email addresses. If you are not receiving an email and think you should be, or if you want to receive the emails, email me. Constant Contact allows the Worthy State Deputy, the state officers, and the major directors to send an email to the roughly 2000 leaders across the state with the click of a few buttons.

Editor / Webmaster Texas Knights of Columbus Publications - Brother Mark Johnson
E-Mail: mjohnson@creatdev.com. Brother Mark is constantly seeking articles to share news and events with all Brother Knights across Texas. Articles are posted on the state website, and if they are submitted in time, the article could be published in the Quarterly Texas Knight Publication. Visit www.flickr.com/photos/texasstatecouncil if you would like to see archived pictures from the various state events for the past several years.

State Presentation Chairman - Brother Anson Geisel is our liaison between the Texas State Council and our audio-visual consultants. Their collaboration allows us to provide excellent in-person meetings and presentations.

State Social Media Chairman - Josh Jones
Email: texas.kofc@gmail.com We encourage all councils to promote their activities in the Knights of Columbus throughout the great State of Texas. Media includes the State Website, the Texas Knight Online publication, and the majors of social media.

- **Texas State Council Website – www.tkofc.org**
- **Texas State Council Facebook page – www.facebook.com/txkofc**
- **Texas State Council Twitter page – <https://twitter.com/txkofc>**
- **Texas State Council Instagram page – <https://instagram.com/txkofc>**
- **Texas State Council YouTube – www.youtube.com – search “Texas Knights of Columbus”**

Brother Josh is tasked to train the Diocesan Social Media Coordinators on Supreme and State Council policies for social media. Local councils and assemblies are encouraged to host their own sites also if they adhere to the same policies. Contact Josh with any questions.

Diocesan and District Deputy of the Year Scorecard – Greg Wilson

The Texas State Council's Diocesan Deputy & District Deputy of the Year is monitored and updated by Brother Greg Wilson. He compiles several different reports from Membership, Charities, New Council Development, and Star Council to rank the fifteen diocesan deputies and the Top 20 district deputies. The 1st place in each area will be announced soon after the Supreme

Convention in August when the official Star Council list becomes available. Thank you, Brother Greg, for your diligence in keeping the scorecard up to date.

Summary

In closing, I need to thank the members of the ETC Team – Mark, Anson, Greg, Josh, Victor, Jerry Michael, Pete, Steven, Mark, and David. Gentlemen, I appreciate all your hard work keeping the Knights of Texas informed and trained. Kathleen and Kari, you are all rock stars. I cannot thank you enough for your help, guidance, and patience this year. Mike McLaughlin, I pray for nothing but happiness and fun as you move into the next phase of your life. Thank you, Worthy State Deputy Terry for your leadership and guidance, and for the trust you placed in me.

I want to thank my two sons, Eddie and Liam. They have literally grown up in the Texas State Council. I am so proud watching them grow into Catholic gentlemen and watching them serve Mass at so many State Council meetings.

Saving the best for last, I need to thank my wonderful wife, Carmen. She has been my travelling companion, my sounding board, and my support. I could not do this without her. She makes sure there is always family time during our travels because that is what we as Knights are all about. I love you!!

Texas, we have two months left to make sure we meet and exceed our goals to keep Texas in the Circle of Honor. Our Worthy State Deputy's motto is "Christ be our Light". As St. John said, "Jesus spoke to the again saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but he will have the light of life'" (John 8:12). Let these words guide your lives as you carry forth Blessed Michael McGivney's vision in the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Report of the Charity Director, 2024 Reed A. Fontenot, III

The Charity Team would like to welcome the Brother Knights and their families to the 120th Texas State Council Convention. The Team and I are excited to be here with you in Houston celebrating the achievements of the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. We have a great deal to celebrate this year in Charity's Sweet Name!

The first principle of our Order is Charity. The Texas State Council is comprised of 116,157 members as of 3/19/24. Brother Knights who are sharing their talents, time, and treasures throughout this great state. Each finding programs to share themselves to help contribute toward expanding our charitable footprint within local communities and parishes. Charitable works are being completed to promote Special Olympics activities, the American Wheelchair Mission, volunteering as an Emergency Response Coordinator, conducting Clergy and Religious Appreciation Banquets, spearheading Blood Drives, and serving at special occasion Masses such as Blue, Red, White, and Green Masses. Brother Knights also participate in various fundraising activities to raise funds for the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund, which provides grants to our retired priests, the Cardinal Medeiros Fund, which ultimately provides Educational Grants to individual students and Catholic Schools within each diocese. This year our Worthy State Deputy's motto is "Christ Be Our Light." Brother Knights have embraced this motto and lived out Blessed Father McGivney's vision to aid those in need. The charitable works of the Knights of Columbus continues to be needed now more than ever. The Texas State Council is in a prime position to meet and exceed our State Charity Goal. To do so, it will take the full support of every Brother Knight to meet this challenge. To the councils which have achieved or exceeded their goal, my Team and I give you a hardy thank you! We also want to thank all councils which are charities active. None of the

good works completed, in charities sweet name, could be accomplished without all your support and contributions. There is no time to rest. This year, our state goal is \$801,135 and as of March 22, 2024, contributions of \$767,539.51 or 95.81% of our goal have been received. We still have some work to do in the next several weeks, and I have faith our Brother Knights across Texas, with the assistance of the Charities Team, will bring us in over our goal and beyond!

CONCLUSION

I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy for putting his trust in me and affording me the honor of being your Texas State Council Charity Director. I also want to thank all the State Officers for their dedication, assistance, and support. A huge thanks goes out to our State Office staff, Michael McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin for all their help and tireless support. I thank the members of the State Council Charity Board, as well as each of the Chairmen and all the Committee members of the Charities Team for their efforts keeping the vision of Blessed Michael J. McGivney alive and well. I offer a very big thank you to my wife Donna for her assistance and support. And, last but far from least, I must thank all my Brother Knights across Texas. It is your efforts and support, at the local council level, which makes all this possible. Your generosity and your commitment to charity makes a huge impact.

American Wheelchair Mission Report

Bill Weber, Chairman

The Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission, raise funds to support the purchase of wheelchairs for distribution worldwide. Many have been distributed in the USA. Our Worthy State Deputy continues to set a goal for each Council to donate at least \$150 to fund the purchase of one wheelchair. The council budget should include this as a line item. Grand Knights should include the Wheelchair Ministry as an agenda item on monthly

meetings. This is the First Lady's charity of choice this year so let's not let her down!

Checks should be made payable to the AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION and mailed to Dan Moberg, American Wheelchair Mission, 2600 E. Seltice Way, Suite A172, Post Falls, ID. 93854-7991. Please Let Bill Weber know about your donation via email or phone, yankeesweb@tx.rr.com, 214-405-8023.

Experience proves that a very good way to raise funds is to conduct a weekend, parish wide, Wheelchair Drive. This gives interested parishioners an opportunity to learn about this ministry and contribute to it. Some Parishes, with great results, have their drive over two weekends with pulpit talks at all the Masses and pulpit announcements at the second weekend.

Here is all that needs to be done:

- Obtain permission and support of the pastor.
- Coordinate with the appropriate parish staff person to select a date for the event. Do not compete with other ministries and plan early.
- Publicize the event at least six weeks before the event using all parish publications.
- Seek opportunities to speak to parish organizations.
- Obtain a sample pulpit announcement and materials needed for a successful drive from Bill.
- On the day(s) of the drive read the pulpit talk at all the Masses and have a table set up in the narthex where people can donate and get additional information.

Wheelchairs are shipped in either a small container of 110 or a large container of 280. A small one requires \$16,500 while a large container requires \$42,000. All arrangements for

procurement and shipment of wheelchairs are managed by the American Wheelchair Mission.

Having a Wheelchair Drive will not only help to raise funds but will also help present an opportunity to recruit new members. Emphasize that CHARITY is the first principle of our Order and is being demonstrated by actions of the ministry. If it is not possible to conduct a Parish wide Wheelchair Drive, Grand Knights should direct Council efforts that will assure that our Worthy State Deputy’s objective of raising \$150 for the purchase of one wheelchair will be met.

The State Charities Team wants to thank all those Councils and Parishes who supported the American Wheelchair Mission by raising funds in the amount of \$779,503.95 as of March 22, 2024. This amount makes Texas the #1 jurisdiction in the Order regarding fundraising for the American Wheelchair Mission. These funds will go towards the purchase of 5,196 wheelchairs and is the most raised in the state of Texas in a fraternal year which also sets a new top mark across the Order for a single fraternal year, with just three months to go. With our current trends, we have the potential to top \$1MM by the end of June!

For additional information, contact Brother Bill Weber, refer to the Star Guide or contact the State Council Office.

Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund – Grants for Retired Priests Report

Kirby Farek, Chairman

This fund is named in honor of the late Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan who served the Archdiocese of San Antonio as Auxiliary Bishop from 1998-2005 and the Texas State Council as State Chaplain from 2000-2002.

Ensuring the care and welfare of those who so faithfully served us is vitally important. There is no better way to do so than by contributing to the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund. This fund is primarily funded by the Texas K of C Specialty License plate opportunity available from the Texas DMV. There is also an additional funding option available to this fund; the means to make a direct contribution to the fund balance. At the end of each fraternal year, the fund balance is divided equally amongst the 15 dioceses across Texas providing Grants for our Retired Priests.

The K of C license plate opportunity remains the primary means of funding through the Texas DMV. “One Nation Under God” – That statement on the bottom of the Texas K of C vehicle license plate, along with displaying the Knights of Columbus emblem, proclaims your belief in and support of the Knights’ principles. Your proclamation has a purpose: \$22 of the \$30 fee for each plate is returned to Texas State Council Charities. The State Council Charity Board, in turn, allocates these funds to the Grants for Retired Priests within each diocese for every K of C license plate issued. How many members in your district or council have a K of C license plate? As a leader within the Order, you should consider having a K of C license plate on your vehicle. Visit the Texas DMV “specialty plates” website or Texas State Council Website. By increasing the number of participating Brother Knights, we

Diocese	# of councils	# of district deputies	2022-23 Contributions	2023-24 (3/22/24) Contributions	6/30/24 YOY Difference
TEXAS	838	222	\$966,644.20	\$779,503.95	-\$187,140.25
Dallas	64	16	\$470,358.75	\$411,806.56	-\$58,552.19
Galveston/Houston	138	39	\$139,749.11	\$74,055.03	-\$65,694.08
First Lady Initiative Collections			\$0.00	\$33,226.00	\$33,226.00
San Antonio	109	30	\$158,888.87	\$162,297.36	\$3,408.49
Fort Worth	68	19	\$75,450.74	\$15,940.00	-\$59,510.74
Brownsville	54	14	\$1,800.00	\$2,400.00	\$600.00
Austin	95	22	\$23,269.95	\$15,938.00	-\$7,331.95
Corpus Christi	61	15	\$14,714.00	\$10,501.00	-\$4,213.00
San Angelo	36	10	\$13,668.00	\$11,613.00	-\$2,055.00
Victoria	32	8	\$10,045.00	\$19,323.00	\$9,278.00
Beaumont	29	7	\$4,750.00	\$9,879.00	\$5,129.00
Lubbock	29	7	\$9,770.00	\$1,100.00	-\$8,670.00
Tyler	33	9	\$5,005.00	\$7,175.00	\$2,170.00
Amarillo	24	6	\$1,050.00	\$800.00	-\$250.00
Laredo	27	9	\$37,124.78	\$650.00	-\$36,474.78
El Paso	39	11	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$800.00

Thank you so much for your continued support of this vital program.

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ensure the comfort and support of our current and future infirmed priests, while proclaiming we are truly “One Nation Under God”.

For members who choose not to obtain a Texas K of C Specialty License plate, for whatever reason, an alternate way to support this fund is available. A member can donate to the fund by a direct contribution made through the State Council website, tkofc.org. The link to make such a contribution can be found under the Donate icon. Anyone contributing \$30, or more, to the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund, will be eligible to receive one of the custom license plate frames. These beautiful chrome frames include two emblems of the Orders book marking a banner which states, “Texas Knights of Columbus” at the top. There is also a banner on the bottom of the frame stating, “Supporting Retired Priests”.

For additional information, contact Brother Kirby Farek, refer to the Star Guide or contact the State Council Office.

Cardinal Medeiros Fellowship Report

Joe Rodriguez, Chairman

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund, named in honor of former Bishop Humberto Medeiros (State Chaplain 1969-1970), was established in 1981. In 1998, the Cardinal Medeiros Fellow Program was established to augment the fund’s principal. The interest earned funds the educational grants available from Texas State Council Charities. These educational grants benefit not only our Catholic students pursuing an education in secondary schools, but also the Catholic schools of each diocese. Refer to the “Educational Grant Report” in this supplement for further information as to determination and allocation. Your participation in becoming a Cardinal Medeiros Fellow or in bestowing this honor upon a Knight, spouse, deceased Knight, Bishop, or Priest will ensure the continued support of a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter in their pursuit of an advanced education. It is, in essence, the “gift that

keeps on giving”. Six (6) new Fellows have been added to the membership roll through March, bringing the total membership as of March 25, 2024, to 342. A “Fellow” designation is based upon the one-time payment of \$1,000. A “sustaining membership” is available, with an initial submission of \$100 and subsequent contributions until \$1,000 is reached. All Fellows are awarded a plaque and a lapel pin. The Fellow’s name is engraved on the honor roll at the State Office. This honor roll is displayed at the annual State Council Convention. To initiate a Fellow or Sustaining Member designation, go to the Texas State Council Web site, download, and complete the application.

2023-2024 Recipients through March 15, 2024:

Deacon Mr. Raymond F. Sis, OVM , Austin
In Memoriam District Marshall Joseph
Anthony Soto, Austin
“In Honor of” Thomas W. Oaks, Brownsville
“In Honor of” Michael E. Leary, Austin
“In Memory of” FSD, PSD Terry L Simonton,
Austin
“In Honor of” Estelle Simonton, Austin
“In Memory of” Marshal Joe A Martinez, San
Antonio

For additional information, contact Brother Joe Rodriguez, refer to the Star Guide or contact the State Council Office.

Educational Grants Program Report

Giacomo R. Leone, Chairman

Educational Grants Program

Under the Educational Grants Program, there are two programs. (1) The Catholic Schools Grants, and (2) The Individual Educational Grants.

The Catholic Schools Grants are administered directly by the Educational Grants Program Committee through the Bishops of the Dioceses and the Superintendents of Catholic Schools in the Dioceses.

The Individual Educational Grants are administered through the Council membership in the State of Texas.

Both the Catholic Schools Grants and the Student Grants are based on need.

The Educational Grant Program provides an allocated number of grants based on membership base per diocese, and for two at-large. All grants are \$1,000 paid to the applicant’s selected institution in applicant’s name. The applicant completes the Educational Grant Application and demonstrates through the application and personal essay his/her need for assistance. After the Texas State Council Convention, the monies are disbursed to the institution being attended by the approved winners for each Diocese. This fraternal year, the Educational Grant Program for Students provides One Grant per Diocese and an Additional Grant for each 7,500 active Knights of Columbus members within that Diocese. The Texas State Council Educational Grant Committee received 172 grant applications.

The Aid to Education Committee thanks everyone – the State Officers, Directors, State Charity Team, State College Council Chairman, Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Brother Knights - for all their support in promoting the Texas Knights of Columbus Aid to Education Grant.

The Chair of the Educational Grant Committee, Giacomo Leone along with incoming Chair, Leo Saenz wish to thank the members of the committee, Joe Grillo, Howard Hinojosa, and Joe Rodriguez for all their diligent work. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus State office and staff for their valuable assistance throughout this process, and to Reed Fontenot, Charities Director.

In summary, twenty (21) Diocese Recipients and two (2) at-large recipients from the top participants in the entire field of remaining applicants, (Each diocese is eligible for one “At-

Large.”) which results in a total of 23 recipients for a total state-wide total of \$23,000.

Grant applications were accepted via emailed pdf attachments and a few through regular postal mail. The use of email enabled quick communication with the applicants, if necessary.

The applications per diocese were a high of a diocese with 32 applicants to a low of 2 applicants. All Fifteen Dioceses were represented.

Individual Educational Grants

The Texas State Council awards at least one \$1,000 Educational Grant per diocese and two more \$1,000 Educational Grants awarded “At Large”. The total number of grants for each Diocese is determined using a formula based on the number of Knights in each Diocese. Applications for these grants were due by midnight on March 1, 2024. Winners will be announced at the State Convention. The applicants completed an Educational Grant Application including an essay that states the individual’s need. After the Texas State Council Convention, the monies are disbursed to the approved winners for each Diocese. This fraternal year, the Educational Grants Program is providing one grant per diocese and an additional \$1000 Grant for each additional 7,500 active Knights of Columbus Members within that Diocese. There was a new state record of 172 applications this year!

The Committee makes the following recommendations for the 23 Individual Educational Grants from 172 entries:

Diocese and At-Large Recipient’s	Council City
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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston		
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| 1. Pinal, Bianca | 6527 | Houston |
| 2. Kram, Blair | 3313 | Sealy |
| 3. Schroer, Lila | 4204 | Sugar Land |

Archdiocese of San Antonio

- 1. Gibson, Joseph 4786 San Antonio
- 2. Lewis, Natalie 6641 Floresville

Amarillo

- 1. Houlihan, Maggie 1450 Amarillo

Austin

- 1. Noe, Joshua 9930 Harker Heights
- 2. Ondreyka, Makena 13927 Austin

Beaumont

- 1. Granger, Maggie 13825 Orange

Brownsville

- 1. Riano, Rita 12337 Brownsville

Corpus Christi

- 1. Moreno III, Amado 18202 Corpus Christi

Dallas

- 1. Moreno, Paola 6065 Plano
- 2. Fleischer, Jackson 7850 Plano

El Paso

- 1. Danley, John 12697 El Paso

Fort Worth

- 1. Kopf, Kaitlin 9868 Fort Worth
- 2. Putera, Arianny 9884 Flower Mound

Laredo

- 1. Reyes Jr., Higinio 2304 Laredo

Lubbock

- 1. Okolo, Emmanuel 3008 Lubbock

San Angelo

- 1. Tijerina, Jaylynn 8572 Ozona

Tyler

- 1. Collard, Jonah 11093 Longview

Victoria

- 1. Kallus, Reed 9088 Victoria

At-Large

- 1. Chavez Munoz, Adrian 10413 Laredo
- 2. Ackermann, Shelby 4183 New Braunfels

Catholic School Grants

Texas State Council Charities will award \$2,000 or more per diocese to designated Catholic Schools within each diocese. Prior to March 1, the Educational Grant Committee asked the Bishop of each Diocese, in conjunction with the Diocesan Superintendent or Director of Catholic Education, to designate schools in the Diocese to receive the funds and the amount (of at least \$500) each school is to receive. Funds will be provided to the designated schools in the Diocese after the State Convention. The total amount available for each Diocese will be determined using the same formula used for the individual grants. That is based on the number of Knights in each Diocese. Each Diocese will receive at least one \$2,000 grant.

The Catholic School Grant Program is administered directly by the Aid to Education Committee through the Bishop of the Diocese and the Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese. The educational Grants Committee received a response indicating how they would like to have their grants awarded.

The Committee makes the following recommendations for listed Catholic School Grants:

Diocese/Archdiocese	Amount	City
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Archdiocese of Galveston Houston

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School	\$6,000	Richwood
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Archdiocese of San Antonio

Mount Sacred Heart Catholic School	\$2,000	San Antonio
Little Flower Catholic School	\$2,000	San Antonio

Diocese of Amarillo

Holy Cross Catholic Academy	\$1,000	Amarillo
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St Joseph Catholic School
\$1,000 Amarillo

Diocese of Austin

Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic School
\$1,000 Waco
Holy Family Catholic School
\$1,000 Austin
St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School
\$1,000 Austin
St. Theresa Catholic School
\$1,000 Austin

Diocese of Beaumont

St. Mary Catholic School
\$2,000 Orange

Diocese of Brownsville

San Martin De Porres Catholic School
\$1,000 Weslaco
Immaculate Conception Catholic School
\$1,000 Rio Grande City

Diocese of Corpus Christi

SS. Cyril and Methodius School
\$1,000 Corpus Christi
St. Anthony School
\$1,000 Robstown

Diocese of Dallas

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School
\$500 Dallas
St. Mary of Carmel Catholic School
\$500 Dallas
Bishop Dunne Catholic School
\$500 Dallas
Holy Family Catholic Academy
\$500 Irving
Immaculate Conception Catholic School
\$500 Grand Prairie
Santa Clara of Assisi Catholic Academy
\$500 Dallas
St. Cecilia Catholic School
\$500 Dallas
St Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School
\$500 Dallas

Diocese of El Paso

Most Holy Trinity School
\$1,000 El Paso
St. Pius X Catholic Grade School
\$1,000 El Paso

Diocese of Fort Worth

All Saints Catholic School
\$800 Fort Worth
St. George Catholic School
\$800 Fort Worth
St. Rita Catholic School
\$800 Fort Worth
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School
\$800 Fort Worth
St. John the Apostle Catholic School
\$800 North Richland Hills

Diocese of Laredo

Blessed Sacrament School
\$2,000 Laredo

Diocese of Lubbock

Christ the King Diocesan High School
\$1,000 Lubbock
Christ the King Diocesan Elementary School
\$1,000 Lubbock

Diocese of San Angelo

Angelo Catholic School
\$500 San Angelo
St. Ann's Catholic School
\$500 Midland
St Mary's Central Catholic School
\$500 Odessa
Holy Cross Catholic High School
\$500 Midland

Diocese of Tyler

St. Boniface Classical Catholic High School
\$2,000 Nacogdoches

Diocese of Victoria

Holy Cross Catholic School
\$1,000 Bay City
St Joseph Catholic School
\$1,000 Yoakum

Diocesan Schools Grants total \$42,000.00
Individual Student Grants total \$21,000.00
At-large Grants total \$2,000.00

Total Amount Awarded for FY 2023-2024
\$65,000.00

Emergency Response Report

Harry Storey, Chairman

The Texas Emergency Response Program provides guidance and assistance to our brother Knights and councils before and after disasters. Utilizing our state-wide network of Emergency Response Coordinator (ERC), we provide guidance to councils and Knights, thus allowing a concerted effort for all involved. Our relief assistance comes through charitable giving from members of the Knights of Columbus around the world.

The Emergency Response Committee continues to focus on training the Diocesan ERCs and assisting our Brother Knights when they suffer a loss from a disaster. During the past year, we were fortunate that there were no major disasters in Texas, but we need to be prepared for the next hurricane or storm. We therefore strongly recommend every council select a Council ERC to work with their Diocesan ERC.

For assistance or more information on the Texas Emergency Response Program, please stop by our table at the convention, e-mail EmergencyResponse@TKofC.org, or contact your Diocesan or Regional Emergency Response Coordinator listed below:

For disaster relief, training, guidance, and resources, contact:

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the State Council Office.

Special Olympics Report

Chris Hoefler, Chairman

We are celebrating the 55th year that the Knights of Columbus in Texas have supported Special Olympics. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-

type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Our Athletes Deserve...

- To receive appropriate instruction and encouragement.
- Consistent training and coaching performed at a professional level.
- Opportunities to compete with athletes of equal abilities.
- New opportunities for life-changing experiences.
- Benefits for Athletes
- Demonstrated increased performance at work, school, and home that corresponds directly with the length of time an athlete spends in a Special Olympics program. (Yale University Study -1995)
- Significantly improved attitudes toward school and physical education activities after participation in Special Olympics. (Texas Tech University Research Study)

What Roles Do Volunteers Fill?

- For the Athletes: Certified Coach, Chaperone, Head of Delegation, Unified Partners
- For the Competitions: Day-of-Event Volunteer, Competition Director, Local Coordinator, Games Director, Sports Director, Official or Referee
- For the Organization: Committee Member, Board Members, Fund Raising, Training Managers and Directors, SOTX Office Support
- For Your Profession: Public Relations, Accounting and Finance, Legal, Medical

Unified Sports

Special Olympics has pioneered the concept of Unified Sports, bringing together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities as teammates. The basic concept is that training together and playing together can create a path to friendship and understanding. Special Olympics Unified Sports is breaking down stereotypes about people with intellectual disabilities.

Partnership Profile with Special Olympics

The Knights of Columbus Partnership Profile with Special Olympics (Form 10784 – to be submitted by January 31) details our councils' involvement with the Special Olympics events. These details include events attended, man hours donated, and dollars contributed.

Financial support is essential to maintaining and enhancing the programs for the Special Olympics athletes.

Both Supreme and the Texas State Council will contribute to Special Olympics in Texas and checks will be presented at the Dallas State Convention in April 2024. This year Supreme will be sending a check for \$9,000! The Texas State Council contribution will be \$21,367.25!

Charles “Chic” O’Connor Award

Chic O’Connor was a proud and honored member of the Knights of Columbus supporting Special Olympics in Texas. Criteria includes leadership, volunteering, fundraising, and community involvement for 44 years. He was instrumental in starting Special Olympics in Gregg County (Longview). His involvement in Special Olympics began because of his daughter, Monica. The O’Connor family has been everything from timers, to huggers, to chaperones, pizza providers, and much, much more for the entire Gregg County

delegation and area events. The Charles “Chic” O’Connor Memorial Award recognizes a brother Knight for his exemplary contributions. This year, our award winner is:

Brother James F “Jim” O’Leary
Council 9706, St. Theresa of Lisieux,
Austin, Texas

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé for the opportunity to be the Texas State Council Chairman of Special Olympics. A special thank-you goes to our State Council office staff (Mike, Kari, and Kathleen) for their outstanding support. I also thank Mr. Tim Martin, President and CEO, Services Development Director, and all the Area Directors of Special Olympics Texas.

WINNERS ARE NOT PEOPLE
WHO NEVER FAIL,
BUT PEOPLE WHO NEVER QUIT!

WHAT BETTER WAY TO DESCRIBE WHO
SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES ARE!

For additional information, contact Brother Chris Hoefer, refer to the Star Guide or contact the State Council Office.

Fundraising Report

David Keating, Chairman

The Texas State charity goal for this fraternal year is \$801,135. As of March 22, 2024, we have received contributions totaling \$767,539.51 which represents 95.81% of the State goal. The Quick Start Award was achieved by 569 Councils, contributing 100% or more of their assigned charity goal and state per capita by December 31, 2023. This is a NEW STATE RECORD! History has shown us we will see this grow by the end of the fraternal year. Will your council be among those successfully meeting their goal? Quick Start Councils as of February 29, 2024:

Diocese	Councils	Quick Start Councils
Galveston/Houston	138	98
San Antonio	109	71
Austin	95	67
Ft. Worth	68	54
Dallas	64	46
Corpus Christi	61	20
Brownsville	54	24
El Paso	39	31
San Angelo	36	30
Victoria	32	30
Tyler	33	29
Lubbock	29	23
Beaumont	29	21
Laredo	27	11
Amarillo	24	14
TEXAS TOTAL	838	569

There are councils that go above and beyond when it comes to the first principle of our Order. They do not stop after achieving 100% of their goal. They understand that need never goes away. A few councils have contributed 200% and more. Congratulations to the following councils that have achieved at least 200% of their goal.

Three Councils above 300% of their goal (as of February 29, 2024):

Council 10224, Industry (G-H)	462.80%
Council 3287, Brenham (AUS)	392.40%
Council 6856, Selma (ASA)	389.77%

One Council above 200% of their goal (as of February 29, 2024):

Council 10390, Houston (G-H)	294.41%
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We also recognize the top three councils in dollars contributed (as of February 29, 2024):

Council 799 Dallas (DAL)	\$11,630
Council 6878 Humble (G-H)	\$7,300
Council 6856 Selma (ASA)	\$6,860

We had 113 Districts Deputies earn Quick Start with all their councils at 100% or more of their assigned goal by December 31, 2023 (See list on following pages). We also had 9 Diocesan Deputies earn the prestigious Hall of Fame Award being over 100% as of February 29, 2024! We thank all those Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies for their leadership in earning these prestigious achievements.

As the Charity Fundraising Chairman, I would like to thank Bill Kennedy, Joey Grillo, and Howard Hinojosa for their support as Fundraising Committeemen. But most of all, I want to thank my wife, Linda, for her support and understanding during the many hours this position requires.

AWARDS

There are several Awards which provide recognition and incentives to Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and members to promote Charity contributions. The awards include:

Quick Start Honor Roll Award - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal and pay their State Per Capita in full by December 31st of a fraternal year.

Honor Roll Award - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal by June 30th of a fraternal year and is in good standing with the State Council.

Joseph G. Murphy Award – Highest % or Highest \$ amount (Council can only qualify for one award).

Hall of Fame Award - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal for 5 consecutive years.

Emil Ogden Award - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal for 10 consecutive years.

Mike Brown Award (NEW) - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal for 15 consecutive years.

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Award - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal for 20 consecutive years.

Saint Pope John Paul II Award - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal for 25 consecutive years.

PSD Judge Ricardo H. Garcia – Councils meet or exceed 100 % of their Charity Goal for 30 consecutive years.

PSD Javier Martinez (NEW) - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal for 35 consecutive years.

Kevin Cardinal Farrell Award (NEW) – Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity Goal for 40 consecutive years.

200% Club - Councils meet or exceed 200% of their assigned Charity goal.

300% Club - Councils meet or exceed 300% of their assigned Charity goal.

District Deputy Quick Start – All Councils in the District meet 100% of charity goal by December 31.

District Deputy Honor Roll Award - District Deputies meet 100% of District Charity goal with each Council contributing a minimum of 25% of Council's charity goal.

Diocesan Deputy Quick Start – 25% of assigned DD's achieve DD Quick Start in the Diocese or 70% of active councils achieve Quick Start Honor Roll by December 31.

Diocesan Deputy Hall of Fame – Dioceses attains 100% of charity goal.

BISHOPS DESIGNATION FOR THEIR CHARITY FUNDS

Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, Amarillo
Secondary Catholic Education in the Amarillo Diocese

Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, Austin
Catholic Schools

Bishop David L. Toups, Beaumont
Seminarian Fund

Bishop Daniel E. Flores Brownsville
Deaf Ministry/Disabled Program

Bishop William Michael Mulvey, Corpus Christi
Catholic Charities

Bishop Edward J. Burns, Dallas
Persons with Disabilities and Deaf Ministries

Bishop Mark J. Seitz, El Paso
Vocations

Bishop Michael F. Olson, Fort Worth
Deaf Ministry and Seminarian Support

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Galveston/Houston
Archdiocesan Catholic Schools

Bishop James A. Tamayo, Laredo
Evangelization/Outreach Charity & Seminarian Support

Bishop Robert M. Coerver, Lubbock
Vocations/Seminarian Support

Bishop Michael J. Sis, San Angelo

Seminarian Education

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia Siller, San Antonio

Deaf Ministry

Tyler

Seminarian Education & Training

Bishop Brendan Cahill, Victoria

Continuing Education for Priests, Extension of Lay Ministry and Evangelization

CHARITY AWARDS

Diocesan Deputy and District Deputy Quick Start Awards – All Councils in the District meet 100% of charity goal by December 31 of the fraternal year:

District Deputy Quick Start Awards - All Councils in the District meet 100% of charity goal by December 31 of the fraternal year:

Diocese of Amarillo

District 200, Chris Johnson

Diocese of Austin

Diocesan Deputy Victor Medina
(Hall of Fame Winner)

District 144, Thomas Alejandro

District 145, Michael Gasper

District 148, Tony Zaccagnino

District 151, Kevin Brinkman

District 152, Michael D'Antonio

District 153, Alex Martinez

District 154, Phillip Rocha

District 155, Richard Sanchez

District 156, George Scott

District 158, Darrel Vinklarek

District 159, Antonio Garza

District 169, TBA

Diocese of Beaumont

Diocesan Deputy Jason Kelley
(Hall of Fame Winner)

District 122, Tony Tomplait

District 123, Bobby Wilson

District 124, Phillip Chauvin

District 125 Chad Sandwell

District 127 John Bartee, Sr.

Diocese of Corpus Christi

District 171, Ramiro Ochoa

District 180, Victor Garcia Jr.

Diocese of Dallas

Diocesan Deputy Mike Courtney

District 103, Bryan Finley

District 105, Dennis Stark

District 106, Dan Stoffel

District 107, Robert Repka Jr.

District 110, Richard Frasco

District 111, Jake Fleischer

District 113 Nick Flores

District 114, Ben Oani

District 118, John Casarez

Diocese of El Paso

Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre
(Hall of Fame Winner)

District 1, Frank Garcia

District 4, James Weber

District 5, Giovanni Hyppolite

District 6 Luis Ortiz, Jr.

District 7 Jesus Granado, Jr.

District 9, John Danley

District 10, Edward Lyon Jr.

District 11, Rudy Sustaita

Diocese of Fort Worth

Diocesan Deputy Craig
Modrzynski

District 16, Josh Gomez

District 17 Dan Degado

District 19, Richard Rumenapp

District 20 Nicholas Nix

District 21, Mike Becan Sr.

District 24, Ruben Cisneros

District 27, Mark Stack

District 29, James Halfmann

District 30, Dr. Dean Hansen

District 31, William Mechura

District 32, Leonard Gruca

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Diocesan Deputy Ron Frerich
(Hall of Fame winner)

District 65, Jesus Guerrero

District 66, John Evans

District 68, Michael Melancon

District 69, Dennis Hastings

District 70, Samuel Flores

District 71, Joseph Kramer, Jr.

District 73, Juan Hernandez

District 74, Richard Johnson

District 75, Charles Cantrell

District 79, Joe Gutierrez

District 80, Richard De La Garza

District 82, James DeGhelder

District 84, Patrick Forristal

District 85, Oscar Gendrop

District 86, Clarence Hattier

District 87, Robert Alcala

District 88, Michael Stolarski

District 90, Reggie Vasquez

District 91, Anton Nguyen
Van Vinh

District 92, Bob Schmidt

District 93, John Williams

District 96, Fernando Flores
 District 100, Rudy Ordaz
 District 101, Anthony Scarpa
 District 102, Samuel Gonzalez

Diocese of Laredo

Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna
 (Hall of Fame winner)
 District 232, Hector Chapa Jr.
 District 233, Antonio Gonzalez
 District 234, Joe Garcia
 District 235, Luciano Vagas
 District 236, Enrique Adriano
 District 237 Daniel Arevalo Jr.

Dioceses of Lubbock

Diocesan Deputy Arlie Markusen
 (Hall of Fame Winner)
 District 242, Alfred Moreno, Jr.
 District 243, Marc Antoniello
 District 244, Arlie Markusen
 District 246, Francisco Sotelo

Diocese of San Angelo

Diocesan Deputy Joe Jacobo
 (Hall of Fame Winner)
 District 222, Gregory Dutchover
 District 224, Rod Rodriguez
 District 225, Richard Guevara
 District 226, Dcn. Frankie Aguirre
 District 227, Michael Murray
 District 229, Gregory Huffman

Archdiocese of San Antonio

District 35, Hemilo Silva
 District 38, Edvardo Garcia
 District 41, Matthew Fisher
 District 43, Adam Rabel
 District 44, Denny Archibek
 District 45, Aurelio Medina
 District 46, Javier Espinales
 District 49, David Martin

Diocese of Tyler

Diocesan Deputy Larry Pfeifer

(Hall of Fame winner)
 District 131, Tom White
 District 132, Mark Freund
 District 133, Edward Juno, Jr.
 District 134, Christopher Oldmixon
 District 135, Joseph Guzzetta
 District 136, Ricky Solice
 District 137, Trenton Klaus

Diocese of Victoria

Diocesan Deputy Kenneth Trochta
 (Hall of Fame Winner)
 District 186, Robert Landry
 District 187, Kenneth Trochta
 District 188, James Kocurek
 District 189, Jeff Popp
 District 190, Jack Muggli
 District 192, Bill Morrow
 District 193, Manuel Gonzales, III

**Quick Start Councils
 2023—2024**

District	Council	City						
			6	15017	El Paso	15	17410	Fort Worth
			7	2592	El Paso	16	2123	Ranger
			7	3686	El Paso	16	7264	Weatherford
			7	8044	El Paso	16	8464	Mineral Wells
			7	17420	El Paso	16	10930	Fort Worth
			8	16041	El Paso	16	11638	Albany/ Breckenridge
			8	16778	El Paso	17	9748	Granbury
			9	12160	El Paso	17	10816	Stephenville
			9	12697	El Paso	17	15320	Glen Rose
			9	15799	Fabens	18	759	Keller
			10	5096	Alpine	18	7641	Bedford-Eules
			10	11613	El Paso	19	7736	Mansfield
			11	7720	Pecos	19	9299	Arlington
			11	10256	Monahans	19	13363	Arlington
			11	10509	Kermit			(The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter and SMV)
					Diocese of Fort Worth	20	2813	Fort Worth
			14	17902	Fort Worth			
			15	16663	Fort Worth			

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20	10375	Hillsboro	38	9682	San Antonio	50	11298	San Antonio
20	16042	Cleburne	39	8158	San Antonio	51	8065	San Antonio
21	1167	Gainesville	39	11599	San Antonio	51	10090	San Antonio
21	1459	Muenster	39	12521	San Antonio	51	17492	San Antonio
21	11905	Lindsay	40	7983	San Antonio	(UTSA)		
21	14339	Montague	40	10240	San Antonio	52	10593	La Coste
22	1473	Wichita Falls	40	16730	San Antonio	53	8436	San Antonio
22	7371	Burkburnett	40	17769	San Antonio	53	15343	San Antonio
22	10998	Wichita Falls	41	6409	Kerrville	54	8789	San Antonio
22	16522	Wichita Falls	41	9765	Fredericksburg	54	16854	San Antonio
23	1766	Rhineland	41	15240	San Antonio	54	17314	San Antonio
23	1824	Windthorst	41	16180	Comfort	55	8036	Elmendorf-
24	7099	Grapevine	42	10258	Bandera	Saspamco		
24	9884	Flower Mound	42	10940	Boerne	55	10270	San Antonio
24	15789	Colleyville	42	14690	Leon Springs	56	2618	Poth
24	18179	Roanoke	43	7613	San Antonio	56	6782	Karnes City
26	7175	Burleson	43	7965	San Antonio	56	8267	Kenedy
26	9868	Fort Worth	43	8521	Bulverde	57	8001	Pleasanton
27	4771	Denton	43	9967	San Antonio	57	10431	Poteet
27	9644	Decatur	43	17762	San Antonio	59	7323	San Antonio
27	12553	Denton	44	9463	San Antonio	59	7808	San Antonio
27	16393	Denton	44	13523	San Antonio	59	9902	San Antonio
28	6269	Arlington	(Seminarians)			60	8302	San Antonio
28	13470	Arlington	44	13704	San Antonio	Archdiocese of Galveston-		
28	14549	Arlington	45	3412	Seguin	Houston		
29	17196	Aledo	45	5090	Gonzales	65	11438	Houston
29	17404	Azle	45	10433	Stockdale	65	12818	Houston
29	17708	Fort Worth	45	12208	La Vernia	65	17629	Hempstead
30	2045	Pilot Point	45	16748	Seguin	66	3365	Freeport
30	8493	The Colony	46	4183	New Braunfels	66	6812	Lake Jackson
30	13408	Carrollton	46	6856	Selma	66	8548	Brazoria
30	17304	Prosper	46	7347	Canyon Lake	66	9686	Clute
31	4101	Fort Worth	46	9681	Converse	67	3700	Pasadena
31	7458	Fort Worth	47	7386	San Antonio	68	3217	Dickinson
31	17024	Fort Worth	47	9702	San Antonio	68	5236	La Marque
(military)			47	16760	San Antonio	68	9310	League City
32	14679	Fort Worth	48	6358	Schertz	68	10393	Hitchcock
32	15882	Fort Worth	48	8738	San Antonio	69	5155	Angleton
Archdiocese of San Antonio			48	10181	San Antonio	69	6403	Alvin-Manvel
35	9017	San Antonio	49	4298	San Antonio	69	9817	Danbury
36	2687	Del Rio	49	8067	San Antonio	70	12632	Richmond
37	5192	Devine	49	9291	San Antonio	70	13151	Rosenberg
37	8327	Pearsall	49	10191	San Antonio	70	17812	Rosenberg
38	4786	San Antonio	50	6833	San Antonio	71	5232	La Porte
38	5262	San Antonio	50	7016	San Antonio	71	6234	Nassau Bay

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71	9708	Houston	88	2917	Houston	107	11721	Kaufman
71	10959	Houston	88	8404	Houston	107	13133	Talty
73	5077	Houston	88	12748	Houston	107	13158	Mesquite
73	9041	Channelview	89	6826	Houston	108	13520	Dallas
73	10779	Houston	90	7136	Houston	109	8157	Duncanville
74	4577	Houston	90	8096	Houston	109	12484	Lancaster
74	8960	Pearland	90	8771	Houston	109	17111	Dallas
74	10390	Houston	90	10720	Houston	110	5052	Dallas-
74	12385	Houston	91	13629	Houston	Farmers Branch		
75	2801	Rosenberg	91	17779	Houston	110	5538	Dallas
75	7067	Needville	92	6878	Humble	110	5656	Dallas
75	7382	Houston	92	9794	Huffman	110	11716	Plano
75	7445	Richmond	92	12320	Kingwood	111	6065	Plano
76	15321	Houston	92	13166	New Caney	111	7850	Plano
78	7532	Houston	93	6557	Spring-Woodlands	111	12480	Frisco
79	4204	Sugar Land	93	10872	Spring	111	13044	Allen
79	7728	Missouri City	93	14512	Spring	112	799	Dallas
79	11343	Sugar Land	93	17653	The Woodlands	113	6402	Garland
79	14617	Missouri City	94	12327	The Woodlands	113	13068	Dallas
80	3910	Houston	95	4054	Anderson	113	14568	Dallas
80	5678	Houston	95	11866	Magnolia	113	16375	Dallas
80	7036	Houston	96	8482	Houston	113	16665	Dallas
80	10995	Houston	96	10861	Spring	113	17026	Dallas
81	7230	Houston	96	11472	Tomball	114	9903	McKinney
82	6527	Houston	96	17225	Houston	114	11293	Allen
82	8024	Houston	99	6456	Conroe	114	12021	Richardson
82	8293	Houston	100	2788	Baytown	114	12153	McKinney
82	16430	Houston	100	3229	Crosby	115	10523	Grand Prairie
83	803	Houston	100	7206	Baytown	115	17146	Irving
83	11023	Houston	101	8494	Friendswood	116	3593	Dallas
83	14700	Houston	101	9201	Houston	116	16820	Dallas
84	9268	Bellville	101	10574	Deer Park	117	830	Denison
84	10224	Industry	102	15105	Houston	117	10879	Bonham
85	6950	Katy	(Univ of Houston)			118	1353	Ennis
85	9759	Katy	Diocese of Dallas			118	5211	Corsicana
85	12955	Katy	103	9337	Rockwall	118	8417	Waxahachie
85	16103	Fulshear	103	11862	Garland	118	12964	Ferris
86	3313	Sealy	103	12300	Wylie	Diocese of Beaumont		
86	3793	Wallis	105	4370	Dallas	121	5789	Vidor
86	12558	Frydek	105	11414	Dallas	121	7058	Lumberton
86	12564	Pattison	106	7438	Greenville	121	11151	Sour Lake
87	4550	Houston	106	8954	Richardson	122	2461	Port Neches
87	7901	Houston	106	11169	Dallas	122	3491	Groves
87	13357	Houston	106	16202	Commerce	122	5145	Nederland
87	13615	Houston	107	6887	Terrell	122	16464	Beaumont (Lamar)

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123	3195	Port Arthur	Diocese of Austin	155	10776	Austin		
123	12809	Port Arthur	141	11502	Mexia	155	10836	Austin
124	1680	Orange	142	8135	Waco	155	12409	Austin
124	3406	Bridge City	142	11015	Waco	(Univ of Texas)		
124	13825	Orange	142	13005	Waco	155	14055	Austin
125	951	Beaumont	142	13577	Waco (Baylor)	156	5967	Austin
125	3452	Winnie	142	17224	China Spring	156	9796	Austin
125	5035	Beaumont S W	143	3444	Temple	156	10333	Austin
125	6763	Fannett	143	7196	Belton	156	14025	Lakeway
125	14473	China	143	7197	Temple	157	8141	Austin
126	3201	Liberty	144	7014	Rockdale	158	8156	Austin
126	8871	Dayton	144	10555	Hearne-Franklin	158	9151	Wimberley
126	9564	Livingston	144	12601	Cameron	158	10209	Austin
126	13498	Mont Belvieu	145	10186	Cyclone/Marak	158	11695	Dripping Springs
Diocese of Tyler			145	13902	Westphalia	159	3458	San Marcos
131	1323	Palestine	145	18056	Temple	159	7975	Kyle
131	8806	Gun Barrel City	146	1834	Bryan	159	9038	Buda
131	10524	Athens	146	3205	College Station	159	14741	Uhland
131	12253	Malakoff	146	11759	Bryan	159	18087	San Marcos
132	7696	Paris	147	9930	Harker Heights	(Texas State)		
132	8975	Sulphur Springs	148	3287	Brenham	160	8935	Burnet
132	11978	Canton	148	6366	Caldwell	160	13255	Marble Falls
132	16078	Emory	148	11277	Chappel Hill	160	15365	Horseshoe Bay
133	1422	Marshall	149	6453	Georgetown	161	6978	Lampasas
133	2771	Longview	149	12148	Round Rock	161	12522	Andice
133	11026	Carthage	149	17470	Jarrell	161	12574	San Saba
133	11093	Longview	150	9368	Round Rock	Diocese of Corpus Christi		
134	3404	Lufkin	150	10373	Pflugerville	166	1653	Beeville
134	7553	Nacogdoches	150	14674	Manor	167	6832	Odem
134	10875	San Augustine	151	7600	Cedar Park	167	7290	Corpus Christi
134	13136	Trinity	151	9997	Austin	167	9318	Robstown
135	11462	Henderson	151	10463	Lago Vista	169	13250	Corpus Christi
135	11530	Jacksonville	151	13927	Austin	170	5919	Corpus Christi
135	11865	Whitehouse	152	4868	Smithville	171	6413	Portland
135	14636	Flint	152	8225	Elgin	171	8028	Rockport
136	1003	Texarkana	152	12642	Rockne-	171	14739	Port Aransas
136	6699	Daingerfield, Mt Pleasant, Pittsburg	String Prairie	172	16275	Bishop		
			152	14943	Bastrop	175	11570	Ingleside
136	10660	Atlanta	153	1017	Austin	175	15326	Taft
137	1502	Tyler	153	8131	Lockhart	175	15512	Taft
137	3952	Kilgore	153	8190	Luling	177	8170	Corpus Christi
137	11933	Mineola	154	2574	La Grange	177	10677	Corpus Christi
137	12711	Lindale	154	3168	Fayetteville	179	8335	Orange Grove
138	15174	Holly Lake Ranch	154	8085	Giddings	179	11663	Mathis
138	17758	Grand Saline	155	10131	Austin	180	1202	Corpus Christi

180	2710	Corpus Christi	200	2767	Pampa	225	11282	Eldorado
180	11107	Corpus Christi	201	12563	Amarillo	226	2636	Rowena
Diocese of Victoria			201	16205	Amarillo	226	2772	Olfen
186	3204	Ganado	Dicoese of Brownsville			226	6811	Miles
186	3253	Port Lavaca	207	8298	McAllen	226	10985	Ballinger
186	3421	Edna	207	12040	McAllen	227	3867	Brownwood
186	11351	Inez	207	13287	McAllen	227	13824	Brady
187	3070	Bay City	208	11070	Harlingen	228	8788	Abilene
187	4307	Blessing	208	15301	Harlingen	228	14050	Abilene
187	6889	Palacios	209	5598	Edinburg	228	18101	Abilene
188	2490	El Campo	209	15262	Edinburg	229	2136	San Angelo
188	3371	Nada	209	15661	Edinburg	229	4316	Wall
188	9393	El Campo	210	1553	Brownsville	229	9641	Garden City
188	9394	Louise-Hillje	211	9698	Elsa	230	9674	Fort Stockton
189	2500	East Bernard	211	15776	La Villa	Diocese of Laredo		
189	3262	Wharton	212	3919	San Isidro	231	10711	Eagle Pass
189	4843	Eagle Lake	213	12869	Mercedes	232	9626	Laredo
189	10249	Mentz	213	13232	Weslaco	233	2304	Laredo
190	2153	Weimar	213	16917	Weslaco	233	13838	Laredo
190	2902	Schulenburg	214	3098	Weslaco	234	10939	Laredo
190	2971	Columbus	214	10380	Alamo	234	17991	Laredo
190	5157	Frelsburg	214	12091	Donna	235	8142	Carrizo Springs
191	2433	Hallettsville	215	10887	Mission	235	8368	Crystal City
191	3081	Shiner	215	12661	La Joya	236	10413	Laredo
191	3295	Flatonia	215	14261	Mission	237	11620	Laredo
192	1582	Yoakum	216	2785	Harlingen	238	15783	Laredo
192	1682	Cuero	217	11980	Hidalgo	Diocese of Lubbock		
192	2480	Yorktown	217	16796	Pharr	242	8875	Snyder
192	13010	Meyersville	Diocese of San Angelo			242	10480	Stamford
193	1329	Victoria	221	9130	Big Spring	242	15876	Lubbock
193	7512	Goliad	221	9215	Midland	242	16394	Woodrow
193	8388	Victoria	221	12066	Colorado City	243	10310	Plainview
193	9088	Victoria	221	16391	Midland	243	11807	Lubbock
Diocese of Amarillo			222	3203	Odessa	243	13447	Lubbock
196	2654	Nazareth	222	8773	Odessa	243	16451	Lubbock
196	2778	Hereford	222	10404	Odessa	243	16775	Olton
196	7840	Canyon	222	17679	Odessa	244	7882	Littlefield
196	8938	Hereford	223	3071	Midland	244	8097	Lubbock
196	12534	Tulia	223	12657	Midland	244	16210	Idalou
197	3558	Borger	224	12008	San Angelo	244	16358	Shallowater
197	15782	Childress	224	12798	San Angelo	244	17583	Abernathy
198	5061	Dumas	224	13514	San Angelo	245	7953	Lamesa
198	5552	Spearman	224	17204	San Angelo	245	11365	O'Donnell
199	1450	Amarillo	225	8572	Ozona	246	2571	Slaton
199	4621	Amarillo	225	10609	Sonora	246	3008	Lubbock

246 7590 Lubbock
246 12803 Lubbock

246 14426 Lubbock
(Texas Tech) (Texas Tech)

247 11012 Seminole
247 12292 Brownfield

Report of the Evangelization & Faith Formation Director, 2024

Gregory Brown

Welcome Brother Knights to the 120th Annual Convention of the Texas State Council in Houston, Texas.

One hundred and forty-two years ago, Fr. Michael McGivney along with the founding members of Council 1, San Salvador, began what today is the largest Catholic men’s fraternal organization comprised of nearly two million men who are apart of 16,000 councils worldwide. Blessed McGivney had a number of reasons why he began the Knights of Columbus but chief among them was “to form its members in Catholic faith and virtue,” and “to unite members in their Catholic identity and the practice of their Catholic faith” (Section 2, Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus). Allowing men to come together to pray, be formed in their Catholic faith and share in fraternity were of the utmost importance to our founder; whose zeal for the salvation of souls was a driving force to his life and ministry. Today, we as Catholic men, more than ever, are called to renew the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney. To make Jesus Christ the source and summit of all that we do; and ensure our Catholic faith, missionary zeal, and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God permeates all aspects of council life and membership engagement.

As such, we want to reiterate 4 promises the Knights of Columbus make to all our Brother Knights and prospective Brothers:

1. To help all men grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

2. To provide opportunities for men to serve Christ in His Church including being a missionary disciple.
3. To provide opportunities for men to serve those most in need in their communities and around the world IN THE NAME OF CHRIST JESUS.
4. A promise to provide protection and aid to widows and orphans through our insurance arm.

Often when a new Brother Knight joins the Order and our Council, the first thing we do is get them involved leading a program or fundraiser. What if instead, we first give to them the opportunity to grow in their Baptismal call to holiness, understanding of our Catholic faith to better guide their family and to better know and share Jesus Christ with those in their daily lives.

Men today are hungry for faith centered content and fraternity that help them grow in faith and become better Catholic men, husbands, and fathers. We know that our Catholic parishes and families need men who are faith-filled leaders who strive to grow in holiness, knowledge and to disciple others toward the Kingdom of Heaven. We are firm in our understanding that this goal is accomplished through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Our Worthy Supreme Knight has proclaimed that as Knights, we strive to be “first in faith and first in charity.”

So how do we ensure that we are first in faith?

At the heart of every Knight of Columbus is our Catholic faith which invites us to seek holiness through our Baptism. At the heart of every Knight of Columbus is a desire to build the Kingdom of God by being a disciple of Jesus Christ; therefore, having the courage to share with others the Good

News of Jesus Christ and His Church. At the heart of every Knight of Columbus council we aim to establish COR, a gathering for men to grow through prayer, formation, and fraternity. COR is Latin for heart and the root word for courage.

COR exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each COR gathering is to provide the opportunity for men, all men of the Parish to encounter Jesus Christ, to strive to be more Christ like, to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood, and to prepare for the courageous mission of evangelization.

COR is not a program to be completed by your council but a ministry within the council. COR is led by a brother Knight, the council EFF director, and is open to ALL men to join in prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Our team would love to assist your council in establishing COR within your council, to help men of your parish grow in their Catholic faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. COR is the first stage of a multiyear roll out of the Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative here in Texas in conjunction with Supreme. Our role is to assist councils as they strive to form Catholic men in virtue and identity, building up the Kingdom of God and strengthening them to better serve their families, Church, and communities.

I wish to convey my sincere gratitude and humble thanks to our State Deputy Terry Frugé for entrusting myself and the EFF Team of David Carr, Henry Rangel, and Jose Ramos; with the charge to renew Blessed Fr. McGivney's vision of forming men in their Catholic faith and helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ at the council level here in Texas. Thank you to our Worthy State Chaplain Bishop Sis and our Associate State Chaplain Fr. Mel for their guidance and prayers for our state leadership and for all Knights of Columbus

here in Texas. Thank you to both Terry and our First Lady Beth for their leadership and to all the other State Officers, Directors, and their spouses as they strive to carry on the numerous other works of Unity and Charity that Blessed McGivney had in vision when establishing his Knights. I would like to thank my wife Hollie for her prayers; and for affording me the time amidst our first year of marriage and preparation to welcome our first child, to serve you my Brother Knights. Lastly thank you to you, my brother Knights of Texas, for all the prayer and work "ora et labora" that you put in at the council level, carrying on the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney for the zeal of souls.

With gratitude,
Ave Crux, Spes Unica!

Report of the Insurance Liaison, 2024 General Agent Tony Rangel

I am honored to report to you that once again, Texas led the way in Total Insurance in Force for the Order in 2023. Overall, the Knights of Columbus has over \$128.2 billion dollars in life insurance in force. For production year 2023, Texas remains the Jurisdiction with the most Life Insurance in force on its members – over \$10.3 billion dollars in protection on Catholic families!

Your Texas Field Force had another record-breaking year with notable standouts among the Agencies – The Tony Rangel Agency finished #10 in the Order out of 77 Agencies across the U.S.A and Canada. Field Agent Joseph Carlin from the Juan Carlos Carlin Agency finished the year as the #3 Field Agent in the entire Order. For production year 2023, Texas had numerous agents qualify for Million Dollar Round Table status. The MDRT is a global, independent association of the world's leading financial services professionals and membership in the MDRT is recognized immediately as the standard of excellence in the financial services

industry.

I am pleased to report to you that the Knights of Columbus remain a *Fortune 1000* company and we continue to rank amongst the highest rated insurers in North America. S&P Global Ratings issued a report that ranked all its rated North American Life Insurance Companies from strongest to weakest. You should be proud to know that your Knights of Columbus is tied for first! The Knights is one of six companies that has an A+ rating for financial strength and a stable outlook. S&P also lists the Knights as having a "very strong" business risk profile and an "excellent" financial risk profile. Financial strength and stability are very important to most people and it's reassuring to know that the Knights stand firm where it counts the most!

The Knights of Columbus adhere to the highest ethical investing guidelines. Money from insurance premiums and annuity deposits are managed by our investment department colleagues, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. They manage that money, using sound investment strategies in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' socially responsible investment guidelines. Our Asset Advisors prove that a business can operate on these principles and still produce a healthy profit. The Knights of Columbus is committed to being one of the most Catholic, ethical, and charitable companies in business. We owe it to our founder. We owe it to the faith. And we owe it to our members.

At this time, I would like to introduce your Texas General Agents:

- **John Regan: Dallas, Texas**
- **Chris Stark: Ft. Worth, Texas**
- **Mickey Dougherty: San Antonio, Texas**
- **Jim McCabe: El Paso, Texas**
- **Will Britten: Austin, Texas**
- **Juan Carlos Carlin: Mission, Texas**

- **And of course, myself Tony Rangel of Houston, Texas.**

In conclusion, I want to take a moment and encourage each of you to take advantage of working with your local General Agent and his Field Agents. And if you don't have a Field Agent covering your Council, help your General Agent find a man. Start out by praying that you find the right man for the job! And then once you find him, make him want to stay by welcoming him to your Council! Encourage your Council members to meet with him each year so that they are aware of all the benefits that they are entitled to as members of the Order. Each week I have family members contact my office who are surprised to learn that we offer different types of coverage because they never gave the Field Agent the opportunity to come out and visit with them and share information about our new products with them. We have had extraordinary changes to our portfolio in the last 10 years and many members are not aware of the various types of coverage that are now available through the Knights! Let your professional, fully trained salesforce assist you and the members of your Councils with Recruiting Drives, Membership Workshops, Ministry Fairs, and Information Nights to help you grow your Councils and further the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney in Texas.

Vivat Jesus!

Report of the Executive Secretary, 2024 Michael L. McLaughlin

Dear Brother Knights:
I bid you greetings from the State Office Staff in Austin, Texas. Kathleen, Kari, and I welcome you to the 120th Annual State Convention of the Texas State Council. Welcome to Houston, Texas and to the Hilton Americas Houston Hotel.

The State Office plans, organizes, and conducts many meetings during the year but nothing compares to our annual State Convention. It is an exciting time for us as it affords us the opportunity of seeing and meeting the many Brother Knights and Ladies that we only communicate with on the phone or by email during the year. Thanks to our extremely capable Office Staff of Kathleen McLoughlin and Kari Jordan along with Mark Johnson our Texas Knight Editor and State Web-Master and all of you who have been of assistance, we do assure you, all of us have done our absolute best.

Kathleen and Kari are dedicated ladies who take a lot of pride in their work. Any successes credited to me during this last year as Executive Secretary, I share equally with Kathleen and Kari. They have been loyal and dedicated employees who continue to manage the variety of duties in an efficient, professional, and friendly manner. Thank you, Kathleen, and Kari.

Kathleen, Kari, and I want to thank the members of our State Office Convention Registration Committee. Each year they arrive at the convention a few days ahead of everyone to help get everything ready for you. They work long hours along with Kathleen, Kari, and me on banquet seating, preparing and stuffing ticket envelopes, preparing delegate packets, setting up the registration area and the computer systems. During the convention they assist with delegate registration, assist people with last minute banquet ticket changes and numerous other behind-the-scenes details that assure a smooth-running convention. I'd like to thank Kathleen McLoughlin, Kari Jordan, Mark Johnson, Leonard Gruca, Kenny and Karen Trochta, Dennis and Debbie Stark, Boyd and Patricia Burris and Craig and Barbara Modrzynski.

During each fraternal year, we have many meetings throughout the State. The success of these meetings would not be possible without the assistance and hospitality extended to us by our Brother Knights and Ladies from across the State.

To them I convey my sincere appreciation. I especially want to thank each Brother Knight and Lady who served on the Houston Convention Committee. Each has devoted long hours, tireless work, effort, and friendship to make this convention happen. I especially want to thank the Houston Host Convention Committee Chairman Ron and Debbie Frerich and Co-Chairmen Tony Scarpa, for bringing together this wonderful group of people who did an outstanding job.

In closing I want to thank State Deputy Terry Fruge and First Lady Beth, and all the State Officers and Ladies for their support and confidence. It continues to be a privilege for me to serve as your Executive Secretary. Lastly, I would like to thank my wife Dawnn for her unending support during this past year!

MINUTES OF THE 120TH ANNUAL MEETING
TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé officially opened the 120th meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus State Convention on Saturday April 26th, 2024, with a prayer from our Worthy State Chaplain His Excellency Bishop Sis from the Diocese of San Angelo and the Pledge of Allegiance by the Vice Supreme Master Pat Conway. The first order of the convention business was a motion made by Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé to approve the minutes from the 119th Annual Texas State Convention as printed in the 2023-2024 Annual report; that motion was approved. Another motion was made to accept the standing rules of the convention as printed in the Supplement on page 2 and was approved by the members. The roll call was taken, and all the Bishops, Supreme Representatives, Past State Deputies, and General Agents were introduced. WSD Terry Frugé asked State Secretary Ron Alonzo if there was any communication, hearing none he again called State Secretary Ron Alonzo for the purpose of making a motion. State Secretary Ron Alonzo then made a motion to approve the State Deputy's report; the motion was approved by the members. WSD Terry Frugé then requested a report from our Worthy State Chaplain His Excellency Bishop Sis from the Diocese of San Angelo. Bishop Sis proceeded to give a resounding, spiritual and uplifting report. A motion was made and approved for His Excellency's report. WSD Terry Frugé then introduced His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo from the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston for his report. WSD Terry Frugé then introduced Most Reverend Archbishop Gustavo Garcia Siller from the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Most Reverend Bishop Brendan Cahill from the Diocese of Victoria, Most Reverend Bishop Michael Mulvey from the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Most Reverend Bishop David Touns from the Diocese of Beaumont, Most Reverend Auxiliary Bishop Gary

Janak from the Archdiocese of San Antonio, and Most Reverend Bishop Michael Pfeifer Bishop Emeritus of San Angelo. WSD Terry Frugé reported that the State's Secretary, Treasurer, Advocate and Warden reports were on pages 17-20. He entertained a motion for approval of these reports, and they were approved by the members.

Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé introduced State Treasurer Bob Goss for the purpose of reporting on the 2023-2024 Audits on page 22 and the 2024-2025 TSC budget. A motion was made and approved to accept the Audits. State Treasurer Bob then presented the 2024-2025 TSC Budget, a motion was made to approve that budget that is located on pages 22-26 of the Convention Supplement. The motion was approved. The next report was made by the Chairman of the PSDs, Immediate Past State Deputy and Supreme Director Alfredo Vela. WSD Alfredo Vela thanked everyone for their support and asked everyone to support WSD Terry Frugé. His report was approved. WSD Terry Frugé introduced Worthy Supreme Advocate John Marrella and asked him for his remarks. WSD Terry Frugé introduced Past State Deputies, asked them for their remarks, and thanked them for their presence and their messages to the membership. A Credentials Committee report was presented by State Secretary Ron Alonzo; 423 Delegate plus 6 state Officer Delegates for total 429 Delegates, the report was approved.

Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé then called upon our Worthy State Advocate David Pels for the report of the Resolutions Committee. State Advocate David Pels presented the following resolutions, and action was taken as indicated:

1. Dedication of the Convention Adopted
2. Prayers for all the Persecuted Christians Adopted

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3. Appreciation for our Bishops and Clergy Adopted
4. Memoriam Adopted
5. Honoring Vice Supreme Master Pat Conway Adopted
6. Appreciation of Host Committee Adopted
7. Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney Adopted
8. In Support of a Culture of Life Adopted
9. Calling for Continued Support and Participation in Pro-Life Marches for Life Adopted
10. Support for the Institution of Traditional Marriage Adopted
11. In Defense of Religious Liberty Adopted
12. Prayer for all Governmental Leaders Adopted
13. Support for our Armed Forces Adopted
14. Support for our First Responders Adopted
15. Support for the Flag of the United States Adopted
16. To Support the Annual Commemoration of Columbus Day in the Americas Adopted
17. The Order's Insurance Benefit Programs Adopted
18. Prayers for Conversion on Pro-Life Issues of all Elected Officials Adopted
19. Prayers for our Country Adopted
20. Solicitation at State Council Activities Adopted

Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé then introduced our TSC Worthy Insurance Liaison Tony Rangel to give his remarks. WSD Terry Frugé then called for a motion to close this section of the Texas State Council meeting for purposes of opening the State Council Charities Meeting. He then adjourned the 120th State Convention meeting of the TSC for the opening of the State Council Charities meeting.

Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé reconvened the 120th meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus. He introduced Past State Deputies, asked them for their remarks, and thanked them for their presence and their messages to the membership. He then mentioned that there were 2 items of business left after the Benediction and lunch. These being the continued Education Seminars followed by the Caucus meetings to determine the Delegates for the Supreme Convention August 6-8, 2024, in Quebec City, Canada. He then invited the Caucus Chairman to the front of the stage, introduced them, and stated where they were located.

The Convention was reconvened on Sunday April 28th with a prayer from Fr. Mark Salas from the Diocese of El Paso and the Pledge of Allegiance by the Master of the Sword Joe Rodriguez. WSD Terry Frugé then called upon His Excellency Bishop David Toups from the Diocese of Beaumont. Bishop Toups proceeded to give a resounding, spiritual and uplifting report. A motion was made and approved for his report. WSD Terry Frugé then called upon WST Bob Goss for the report of the "Good of the Order". WST Bob Goss thanked and introduced Committee Chairman Tom Clark Culture of Life Chairman and Committee members consisting of Tomas Rubio GK Council 8521, Dale Charpentier GK Council 14512, Elijah Zuniga GK Council 8141,

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Kevin Pantoja GK Council 18101, James Marks GK Council 13408, Juan Torres GK Council 10420, Roy Franco GK Council 7347, and Oscar Sanchez GK Council 6065. Tom presented a brief synopsis of the report and stated that the full report was in the Supplement. There was a motion made and approved for his report. WSD Terry Frugé introduced Worthy Past State Deputies Mark Evans, Ron Gay, Larry Zapalac, Ray Neumann, Tim Von Dohlen (recorded message), and Doug Oldmixon for their remarks. He then introduced our Worthy Football Sweepstakes Chairman Willie Balerio for a status report.

WSD Terry Frugé called on WSS Ron Alonzo for the updated Credentials report. WSS Ron Alonzo stated that we had 262 Councils with 2 Delegates, 63 Councils with 1 Delegate, 6 State Officer delegates, for a total 593 voting delegates; the report was approved. The next order of business is Unfinished Business, hearing none, they moved onto New Business, hearing none the next order of business is the election of State Officers.

WSD Terry Frugé appointed PSD Doug Oldmixon as the election Chairman. PSD Doug Oldmixon explained the election rules. Nomination speeches were made and seconded for State Deputy Ron Alonzo. A motion was made and approved to elect Ron Alonzo as Texas State Deputy for the fraternal year 2024-2025. The other 4 State Officer positions were voted on and elected. The State Officer's term is July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Election of State Officers for 2024-2025

Ron Alonzo was elected State Deputy

Bob Goss was elected State Secretary

Derek Rabey was elected State Treasurer

David Pels was elected State Advocate

Reed Fontenot was elected State Warden

The Condolences and Sympathy Committee Chairman Ray Medrano, Grand Knight Council 6978, was called on by WSD Terry Frugé for the committee's report. GK Ray thanked the committee members for their efforts on this report: Albert Schoenenberger Grand Knight Council 2778, and Marcus Vigil Grand Knight Council 9967. A motion was made and approved for this report.

Election of Supreme Council Delegates

Immediate Past State Deputy and Supreme Director Alfredo Vela read the election of the Supreme Delegates and alternates for the August 6-8, 2024, Supreme Convention.

First Delegate Terry Frugé
First Alternate Bob Goss

Second Delegate Ron Alonzo
Second Alternate David Pels

Caucus Area 1 Delegate Marc Antonello
Caucus Area 1 Alternate Samuel Rodriguez

Caucus Area 2 Delegate Leonel Saenz Jr.
Caucus Area 2 Alternate Vincent Miller

Caucus Area 3 Delegate Thomas Krueger
Caucus Area 3 Alternate Michael Rademacher

Caucus Area 4 Delegate Michael A. Villarreal
Caucus Area 4 Alternate Victoriano Garcia Jr.

Caucus Area 5 Delegate Dan Stoffel
Caucus Area 5 Alternate Donald Vinson

Caucus Area 6 Delegate James DeGhelder
Caucus Area 6 Alternate Robert H. Schmidt

Caucus Area 7 Delegate Lawrence Pfeifer
Caucus Area 7 Alternate David Zeigler

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Caucus Area 8 Delegate Joe Lafuente
Caucus Area 8 Alternate Miguel Nevarez

A motion was made and approved for the election of these delegates for the 2024 Supreme Convention in Quebec City, Canada.

WSD Terry Frugé thanked everyone from Houston who participated in the preparation of this successful convention and asked for comments from Chairman Ron Frerich. Ron thanked Co-Chair Tony Scarpa and the rest of the Committee.

Corpus Christi Diocesan Deputy and Convention Chairman Victoriano Garcia gave a brief presentation on next year's 121st Texas State Convention in Corpus Christi.

A report from the Executive Secretary Michael McLaughlin was given, thanking the Houston Convention Committee for hosting the convention. He then introduced and thanked Kari Jordan, Kathleen McLoughlin, and the registration team; and especially thanked his wife, Dawnn.

WSD Terry Frugé reminded that the State Convention was dedicated to Past State Deputy and Former Supreme Director Terry Simonton and his widow Estelle. He thanked all attendees, Bishops, Supreme Advocate John Marrella, Supreme Director Alfredo Vela, his fellow Officers, Past State Deputies, Directors and all others that he might have forgotten for this past year's efforts, and for a great 2024-2025 coming up.

State Advocate David Pels introduced a motion that stated, "Be it resolved that any and all actions taken by the Officers and Directors of the Texas State Council since the previous annual meeting up through and including today, be and they are adopted, approved, ratified and confirmed in all respects." Motion was seconded and adopted. The closing Benediction prayer was given by our

Worthy State Chaplain His Excellency Bishop Sis from San Angelo.

WSD Terry Frugé then adjourned the 120th State Convention meeting of the Texas State Council.

Minutes of the Texas State Council Charities Meeting April 26, 2024

President Terry Frugé opened the meeting of the Texas State Council Charities, Saturday April 26, 2024.

Vice President Ron Alonzo read the roll call of Officers; all State Officers and Board members were present. The SCC minutes of the 119th Annual meeting of the State Council Charities was adopted as published in the 2023-2024 Annual Report. SCC Treasurer Bob Goss presented the audit report, and the 2024-2025 State Council Charities proposed annual budget. The budget is in the Convention Supplement and was adopted as presented. President Terry Frugé then accepted a motion to approve the Charities Director Report found in the Convention Supplement; motion passed.

There was no Unfinished Business and no New Business.

Vice President of Legal David Pels presented the following resolution and action was taken as indicated:

1. Transfer of Funds from Supreme Christopher Fund to KC Asset Advisors Adopted

Vice President of Legal David Pels then stated the following motion: "I move that any and all action of every kind taken by the Officers and the Board of Directors for Texas State Council

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Charities since the previous Annual Meeting, through and including today, be as they are adopted, approved, ratified and confirmed in all aspects.” Motion was seconded and adopted.

President Terry Frugé then adjourned the 120th State Convention meeting of the State Council Charities.

Audited Financial Statements

Texas State Council

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023
With Independent Auditor's Report*

Texas State Council

Audited Financial Statements

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Texas State Council
Austin, Texas

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Texas State Council (the "Council") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Texas State Council as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the fiscal years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Texas State Council does not combine a related nonprofit organization in which it has a direct controlling financial interest. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require such combination. If the financial statements of State Council Charities had been combined with those of Texas State Council, total net assets would have been increased by \$1,285,486 and \$1,297,092 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the change in net assets would decrease by \$11,606 and increase by \$10,796 for the fiscal years then ended, all respectively.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Council and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.



Austin, Texas
November 26, 2024

Audited Financial Statements

Texas State Council

Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 120,292	\$ 226,087
Per capita receivables, net of allowance of \$35,282 and \$42,996 for 2024 and 2023, respectively	29,115	37,189
Other receivables	-	157
Related party receivable	-	27,920
Prepaid expenses	<u>39,246</u>	<u>27,545</u>
Total current assets	188,653	318,898
Investments	1,987,594	1,861,482
Deposits	2,789	2,789
Operating right-of-use assets	<u>58,003</u>	<u>126,594</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,237,039</u>	<u>\$ 2,309,763</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 66,241	\$ 28,355
Accrued liabilities	162	162
Deferred revenue	40,865	39,823
Operating lease liability - current	<u>44,722</u>	<u>68,591</u>
Total current liabilities	151,990	136,931
Operating lease liability - noncurrent	<u>13,281</u>	<u>58,003</u>
Total liabilities	165,271	194,934
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>2,071,768</u>	<u>2,114,829</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 2,237,039</u>	<u>\$ 2,309,763</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Texas State Council

Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Services	Fundraising	General and Administrative	Total
Personnel and benefits	\$ 162,453	\$ -	\$ 108,302	\$ 270,755
State convention	315,132	-	-	315,132
Other meetings:				
Organizational meeting	177,744	-	-	177,744
Mid-year meeting	162,773	-	-	162,773
Change of leadership meeting	37,773	-	-	37,773
Diocesan deputies meeting	37,075	-	-	37,075
Supreme convention	17,621	-	-	17,621
Diocesan/regional meeting	6,038	-	-	6,038
Program expenses:				
Membership	83,960	6,249	85,447	175,656
State athletics	39,189	-	-	39,189
Football sweepstakes	25,640	-	-	25,640
Operating lease expense	41,155	-	27,436	68,591
State officers	20,016	-	13,346	33,362
State office	18,506	-	12,337	30,843
Public relations and publications	29,677	-	-	29,677
Miscellaneous expenses	8,111	-	5,410	13,521
Diocesan and district deputies	9,779	-	-	9,779
Occupancy	3,585	-	2,390	5,975
Interest expense	541	-	360	901
Total expenses	\$ 1,196,768	\$ 6,249	\$ 255,028	\$ 1,458,045
Percentage of total expenses	82%	1%	17%	100%

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Statements of Activities

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets without donor restrictions:		
Support and Revenues:		
Per capita dues	\$ 621,264	\$ 508,632
Meeting and convention income	258,996	264,978
State convention income	113,069	107,536
Reimbursements from State Council Charities	108,278	106,802
Investment earnings, net	192,957	141,320
Program revenues:		
Football sweepstakes	68,320	70,330
State athletics	26,782	41,263
Miscellaneous income	25,318	3,781
Total support and revenues	<u>1,414,984</u>	<u>1,244,642</u>
Expenses:		
Program services	1,196,768	1,171,358
Fundraising	6,249	-
General and administrative	255,028	232,209
Total expenses	<u>1,458,045</u>	<u>1,403,567</u>
Total change in net assets	(43,061)	(158,925)
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>2,114,829</u>	<u>2,273,754</u>
Net assets, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 2,071,768</u>	<u>\$ 2,114,829</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Texas State Council

Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services	General and Administrative	Total
Personnel and benefits	\$ 159,993	\$ 106,663	\$ 266,656
State convention	297,756	-	297,756
Other meetings:			
Mid-year meeting	179,477	-	179,477
Organizational meeting	170,903	-	170,903
Diocesan deputies meeting	35,090	-	35,090
Change of leadership meeting	26,676	-	26,676
Supreme convention	18,921	-	18,921
Diocesan/regional meeting	6,960	-	6,960
Program expenses:			
Membership	81,087	65,981	147,068
State athletics	41,153	276	41,429
Football sweepstakes	27,071	-	27,071
Operating lease expense	40,676	27,117	67,793
State officers	20,241	13,494	33,735
Public relations and publications	29,567	-	29,567
State office	17,492	11,661	29,153
Occupancy	5,390	3,593	8,983
Diocesan and district deputies	7,769	-	7,769
Miscellaneous expenses	4,313	2,876	7,189
Interest expense	823	548	1,371
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Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,171,358</u>	<u>\$ 232,209</u>	<u>\$ 1,403,567</u>
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Percentage of total expenses	<u>83%</u>	<u>17%</u>	<u>100%</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (43,061)	\$ (158,925)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Unrealized gains on investments	(154,115)	(119,033)
Amortization of operating right-of-use assets	68,591	67,793
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Per capita receivables	8,074	23,422
Other receivables	157	35,884
Related party receivable	27,920	(27,800)
Prepaid expenses	(11,701)	(11,369)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	37,886	(109,436)
Accrued liabilities	-	(4,115)
Deferred revenue	1,042	5,213
Operating lease liability	(68,591)	(67,793)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(133,798)</u>	<u>(366,159)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Sales of investments	72,600	102,818
Purchases of investments	(44,597)	(22,288)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>28,003</u>	<u>80,530</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(105,795)	(285,629)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>226,087</u>	<u>511,716</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 120,292</u>	<u>\$ 226,087</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the fiscal year for:		
Interest	<u>\$ 901</u>	<u>\$ 1,371</u>
Non-cash investing activities:		
Initial adoption of lease standard to record operating right-of-use assets under operating lease obligations	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 194,387</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Purpose of Organization

Texas State Council (the “Council”) is a nonprofit organization created under the laws of the state of Texas. The Council governs subordinate councils in the Texas jurisdiction in accordance with the Supreme Constitution and Laws of the Order. Additionally, the Council organizes, establishes, and maintains fraternal, charitable, educational, religious, community, and civic projects in conjunction with the subordinate councils and members in the state of Texas.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period incurred, if measurable.

Basis of Presentation

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Financial statements presentation follows the recommendations of the *Not-for-Profit Entities* Topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC 958). Accordingly, net assets of the Council and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – These types of net assets are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. This also includes net assets with Board designations for specific purposes, since these Board designations may be reversed by the Board of Directors at any time in the future.

Net assets with donor restrictions – These types of net assets are subject to donor-imposed stipulations, which limit their use by the Council, either permanently or temporarily, to a specific purpose and/or the passage of time. When a donor restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from donor restrictions. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Council had no net assets with donor restrictions.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Federal Income Taxes

The Council is a nonprofit organization exempt from Federal income taxes on its operating income under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, except to the extent of unrelated business income, if any.

The most significant tax positions of the Council are its assertion that it is exempt from income taxes and its determination of whether any revenue amounts are subject to unrelated business income tax (UBIT). Management has determined that the Council had no activities subject to UBIT during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. All significant tax positions have been considered by management and it has determined that it is more likely than not that all tax positions would be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities.

The Council is required to file Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax), which is subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), generally up to three years from the later of the original due date or the date the tax return was filed. The Forms 990 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 are open to examination by the IRS as of June 30, 2024.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and all highly liquid investments with maturities of 90 days or less from the date of purchase.

Per Capita Receivables

Per capita receivables represent amounts of prior fiscal year unpaid per capita membership dues from the local councils. The Council provides for expected credit losses through a charge to bad debt expense and a credit to a valuation allowance based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. Changes in the valuation have not been material to the financial statements.

Investments

Under FASB ASC 958, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values are reported at their fair market values in the statements of financial position. Net investment return is reported in the statements of activities as an increase or decrease in net assets without donor restrictions and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, less investment expenses.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Donated Services

The Council receives substantial amounts of services donated by Texas Knights of Columbus members. Because of the difficulty in assigning values of such services, these items are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue streams have various performance obligations and are recognized as described below:

Per Capita Dues

Per Capita dues to the Council are recognized as revenue over time, as the performance obligations to deliver services to members occur ratably throughout the fiscal year.

State Convention Income

State Convention income is recognized at a point in time when the State convention is held.

Meeting and Convention Income

Meeting and Convention income is recognized at a point in time when the meeting or convention is held.

Football Sweepstakes Income

Football Sweepstakes income is recognized at a point in time when the funds are received.

Reimbursements from State Council Charities

Reimbursements from State Council Charities (the “Organization”) are recognized as revenue over time, as the Council incurs expenses from the Organization.

State Athletics Income

State Athletics income is recognized at a point in time when the athletic tournaments are held.

Allocation of Expenses

The expense information contained in the statements of activities is presented on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain expenses are allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Expenses which cannot be specifically identified have been allocated based on management’s best estimate of usage. Personnel and benefits are allocated based on estimated time spent by the employees for each function. Occupancy and operating lease expenses are allocated based on the estimated space usage.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Change in Accounting Principle

On July 1, 2023, the Council adopted FASB ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses* (Topic 326), which requires the Council to measure all expected credit losses for financial instruments held at the reporting date based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. There was no material impact on the Council's results of operations or financial condition upon adoption of the new standard.

Leases and Change in Accounting Principle

Effective July 1, 2022, the Council adopted FASB ASC 842, *Leases*. The Council determines if an arrangement contains a lease at inception based on whether the Council has the right to control the asset during the contract period and other facts and circumstances. The Council elected the package of practical expedients permitted under the transition guidance within the new standard, which among other things allowed it to carry forward the historical lease classification.

Management reviews contracts to identify leases and properly classify leases as either operating or financing. Operating right-of-use (ROU) liabilities are recognized based on the net present value of lease payments over the lease term at the commencement date of the lease, and are reduced by payments made on each lease on the straight-line basis. Since most of the leases do not provide an implicit rate of return, the Council uses its incremental borrowing rate based on information available at the commencement date of the lease in determining the present value of lease payments. Therefore, the Council generally uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for the lease. The Council's incremental borrowing rate for a lease is the rate of interest it would have to pay on a collateralized basis to borrow an amount equal to the lease payments using similar terms.

If a lease contains a renewal option at the commencement date and management considers it reasonably certain that the option will be exercised to renew the lease, the renewal option payments are included in the determination of the ROU assets and lease liabilities. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the statements of financial position; rather, rent expense for these short-term leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term, or when incurred if a month-to-month lease.

All lease agreements generally require the Council to pay maintenance, repairs, property taxes, and insurance costs, which are variable amounts based on actual costs incurred during each applicable period. Such costs are not included in the determination of the ROU lease liability or ROU lease asset.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Leases and Change in Accounting Principle (continued)

Variable lease payments associated with the Council's leases are recognized when the event, activity, or circumstance in the lease agreement on which those payments are assessed occurs. Variable lease payments are presented in expenses in the statements of activities.

The adoption of FASB ASC 842 resulted in the recognition of operating right-of-use assets, net of prepaid lease payments and lease incentives, of \$194,387 and operating lease liabilities of \$194,387 as of July 1, 2022. Results for periods beginning prior to July 1, 2022, continue to be reported in accordance with their historical accounting treatment. The adoption of FASB ASC 842 did not have a material impact on the Council's statements of activities or cash flows. See Note 7 for additional information.

Date of Management's Review

In preparing the financial statements, the Council has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through November 26, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 – Concentrations and Credit Risk

The Council employs cash management techniques that attempt to maximize interest income and minimize uninsured balances in their financial institutions and investment firms, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the Security Investment Protection Corporation (SIPC). Effective January 1, 2013, deposit insurance coverage by the FDIC was changed to \$250,000 per bank per entity for all interest bearing and non-interest bearing accounts. Securities are protected by the SIPC which currently protects brokerage accounts up to \$500,000 in securities, including up to \$250,000 for cash. Additional coverage is frequently offered for brokerage accounts for amounts in excess of the \$500,000 SIPC limit. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Council had uninsured balances of \$1,987,594 and \$1,861,486, respectively. It is the Council's policy to maintain these accounts at high quality investment firms and financial institutions. The Council has not experienced any losses in these accounts in the past.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 3 – Investments

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, investments consisted of the following:

Investments:	2024	2023
Bond funds	\$ 647,711	\$ 618,008
Real estate funds	100,471	95,742
Stock funds	1,239,412	1,147,732
Total	\$ 1,987,594	\$ 1,861,482

Note 4 – Fair Value Disclosures

The Council follows the provisions of FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, whose provisions relate to the Council’s financial assets and liabilities be carried at fair value and the Council’s fair value disclosures related to financial assets and liabilities. FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, expands related disclosure requirements, and specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on the nature of the inputs used to develop the fair value measures.

Guidance provided by the FASB defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When measuring fair value, a fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Council has the ability to access at the measurement date. The type of investments included in Level 1 includes listed equities and listed derivatives.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability.

The asset’s or liability’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 4 – Fair Value Disclosures (continued)

Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The valuation methods used may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of the net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Council believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Council's investments at fair value as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

Description	2024 Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:				
Bond funds	\$ 647,711	\$ 647,711	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	100,471	100,471	-	-
Stock funds	1,239,412	1,239,412	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,987,594</u>	<u>\$ 1,987,594</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Description	2023 Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:				
Bond funds	\$ 618,008	\$ 618,008	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	95,742	95,742	-	-
Stock funds	1,147,732	1,147,732	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,861,482</u>	<u>\$ 1,861,482</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The Council's other financial instruments consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, per capita receivables, other receivables, related party receivables, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, and operating lease liability. The Council believes all of the other financial instruments' recorded values approximate current market values, primarily because of the relatively short-term maturity of those instruments. The carrying amount of operating lease liability approximates fair value because the interest rate approximates the current market interest rate.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 5 – Related Party

State Council Charities (the “Organization”) is a related nonprofit organization and the Council has a direct controlling financial interest in the Organization. The Council records all shared personnel expenses in the Council’s accounting records and then allocates the cost to the Organization based on the personnel’s allocation of time. The Organization reimburses the Council for all costs associated with the use of employees incurred by the Council on behalf of the Organization. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Council incurred and was subsequently reimbursed for \$108,278 and \$106,802, respectively, in personnel costs on behalf of the Organization. Total receivables from the Organization at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$0 and \$27,920, respectively.

Note 6 – Contract Liabilities

The Council’s contract liabilities consisted of the following at June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022:

	2024	2023	2022
Deferred revenue			
Organizational meeting	\$ 40,865	\$ 39,823	\$ 34,610
Total	\$ 40,865	\$ 39,823	\$ 34,610

Note 7 – Operating Lease Commitments

The Council entered into various operating lease agreements set to expire at various dates through February 2028.

The following summarizes the line items in the statements of financial position for the operating leases as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Operating leases:		
Operating right-of-use assets	\$ 58,003	\$ 126,594
Operating lease liability – current	\$ 44,722	\$ 68,591
Operating lease liability – noncurrent	13,281	58,003
Total operating lease liabilities	\$ 58,003	\$ 126,594

The following summarizes the weighted-average remaining operating lease term and discount rate as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Weighted-average remaining lease term:		
Operating leases	1.32 years	2.05 years
Weighted-average discount rate:		
Operating leases	1.12%	0.98%

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 7 – Operating Lease Commitments (continued)

Future minimum lease payments to be paid on these operating leases are due as follows:

<i>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</i>	Undiscounted Cash Flows	Interest	Discounted Cash Flows
2025	\$ 45,088	\$ (366)	\$ 44,722
2026	10,923	(169)	10,754
2027	1,647	(71)	1,576
2028	961	(10)	951
Total	<u>\$ 58,619</u>	<u>\$ (616)</u>	<u>\$ 58,003</u>

The following summarizes the line items in the statements of functional expenses which include the components of operating lease costs for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Operating lease expenses	\$ 68,591	\$ 67,793
Interest expense	901	1,371
Total operating lease costs	<u>\$ 69,492</u>	<u>\$ 69,164</u>

The following summarizes cash flow information related to operating leases for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	<u>\$ 69,492</u>	<u>\$ 69,164</u>

Note 8 – Retirement Plans

The Council maintains a 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan (the “Plan”) that covers staff employees who meet certain eligibility requirements. The Plan requires the Council to make contributions of 6% of eligible salaries. The Council’s contributions to the Plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$7,010 and \$6,873, respectively. The Council also maintains a defined contribution retirement plan (the “Contribution Plan”) that covers the Executive Secretary. The Contribution Plan requires the Council to make contributions of 6% of eligible salary. The Council’s contributions to the Contribution Plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$5,547 and \$5,409, respectively.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 9 – Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The Council’s working capital and cash flows are related to the timing of receipts for payments of per capita dues, meeting and conference registrations, and investment returns.

The following reflects the Council’s financial assets as of the statements of financial position date, reduced by amounts not available for general use within one year of the statements of financial position date because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions or internal designations. Amounts available include donor-restricted amounts that are available for expenditure in the following fiscal year. Amounts not available include amounts set aside for operating and other reserves that could be drawn upon if the Council’s Board of Directors approves that action.

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 120,292	\$ 226,087
Receivables collectible in less than one year	29,115	65,266
Investments	1,987,594	1,861,482
Total financial assets	2,137,001	2,152,835
With donor restrictions	-	-
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs For Expenditures Within One Year	\$ 2,137,001	\$ 2,152,835

Audited Financial Statements

State Council Charities

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023
With Independent Auditor's Report*

State Council Charities

Audited Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
State Council Charities
Austin, Texas

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of State Council Charities (the "Organization") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of State Council Charities as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the fiscal years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

State Council Charities does not combine a related nonprofit organization which has a direct controlling financial interest in State Council Charities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require such a combination. If the financial statements of the Texas State Council had been combined with those of State Council Charities, total net assets would have been increased by \$2,071,768 and \$2,114,829 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 and the change in net assets would decrease by \$43,061 and \$158,925 for the fiscal years then ended, all respectively.

As explained in Note 5, State Council Charities reports certain investments at cost rather than at fair value and, therefore, does not recognize unrealized gains or losses in the statements of activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require investments to be reported at fair value. The effects of this departure are not readily determinable.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Organization and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

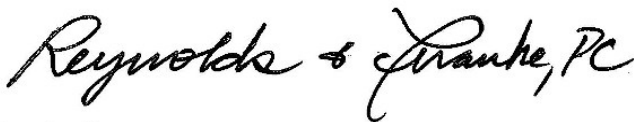
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.



Austin, Texas
November 26, 2024

Audited Financial Statements

State Council Charities

Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,855	\$ 31,406
Other receivables	24,507	23,036
Prepaid expenses	16,964	17,678
Total current assets	<u>77,326</u>	<u>72,120</u>
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	38,278	44,650
Investments, at cost	1,167,911	1,152,646
Operating investments, at fair value	716,618	647,692
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,000,133</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,108</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 714,647	\$ 592,096
Accounts payable - related party	-	27,920
Total current liabilities	<u>714,647</u>	<u>620,016</u>
Total liabilities	<u>714,647</u>	<u>620,016</u>
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	79,297	99,796
With Board designations	765,563	758,098
Total without donor restrictions	<u>844,860</u>	<u>857,894</u>
With donor restrictions	440,626	439,198
Total net assets	<u>1,285,486</u>	<u>1,297,092</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 2,000,133</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,108</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

State Council Charities

Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenues:			
Contributions	\$ 914,457	\$ 36,234	\$ 950,691
Investment earnings	93,021	-	93,021
Total support and revenues	<u>1,007,478</u>	<u>36,234</u>	<u>1,043,712</u>
Net assets released from donor restrictions	<u>34,806</u>	<u>(34,806)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support, revenues, and reclassifications	<u>1,042,284</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>1,043,712</u>
Expenses:			
Program services	931,346	-	931,346
Fundraising	82,037	-	82,037
General and administrative	41,935	-	41,935
Total expenses	<u>1,055,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,055,318</u>
Total change in net assets	(13,034)	1,428	(11,606)
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>857,894</u>	<u>439,198</u>	<u>1,297,092</u>
Net assets, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 844,860</u>	<u>\$ 440,626</u>	<u>\$ 1,285,486</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

State Council Charities

Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenues:			
Contributions	\$ 1,033,964	\$ 20,792	\$ 1,054,756
Investment earnings	81,967	-	81,967
Total support and revenues	<u>1,115,931</u>	<u>20,792</u>	<u>1,136,723</u>
Net assets released from donor restrictions	<u>7,925</u>	<u>(7,925)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support, revenues, and reclassifications	<u>1,123,856</u>	<u>12,867</u>	<u>1,136,723</u>
Expenses:			
Program services	1,040,728	-	1,040,728
Fundraising	66,825	-	66,825
General and administrative	39,966	-	39,966
Total expenses	<u>1,147,519</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,147,519</u>
Total change in net assets	(23,663)	12,867	(10,796)
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>881,557</u>	<u>426,331</u>	<u>1,307,888</u>
Net assets, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 857,894</u>	<u>\$ 439,198</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,092</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

State Council Charities

Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Services	Fundraising	General and Administrative	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ 86,623	\$ 5,413	\$ 16,242	\$ 108,278
Contributions	608,880	-	-	608,880
Grants and support	116,680	-	-	116,680
Financial grants	102,560	-	-	102,560
Fundraising	-	70,149	3,945	74,094
Contract services	-	-	14,740	14,740
Miscellaneous	-	6,000	5,582	11,582
Other operations	7,603	475	1,426	9,504
Publication	9,000	-	-	9,000
Total expenses	<u>\$ 931,346</u>	<u>\$ 82,037</u>	<u>\$ 41,935</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,318</u>
Percentage of total expenses	<u>88%</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>100%</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

State Council Charities

Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services	Fundraising	General and Administrative	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ 85,442	\$ 5,340	\$ 16,020	\$ 106,802
Contributions	739,471	-	-	739,471
Financial grants	99,033	-	-	99,033
Grants and support	94,542	-	-	94,542
Fundraising	-	60,657	3,229	63,886
Other operations	13,240	828	2,482	16,550
Contract services			14,935	14,935
Publication	9,000	-	-	9,000
Miscellaneous	-	-	3,300	3,300
	<u>\$ 1,040,728</u>	<u>\$ 66,825</u>	<u>\$ 39,966</u>	<u>\$ 1,147,519</u>
Total expenses				
Percentage of total expenses	<u>91%</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>100%</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

State Council Charities

Statements of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (11,606)	\$ (10,796)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Unrealized gains on investments	(55,159)	(51,497)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Other receivables	(1,471)	(23,036)
Prepaid expenses	714	(2,898)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	122,551	(26,510)
Accounts payable - related party	(27,920)	27,800
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>27,109</u>	<u>(86,937)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Sales of investments	-	76,335
Purchases of investments	(13,767)	(7,694)
Contributions to Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	(7,800)	(21,082)
Contributions to Christopher Fund	(7,465)	(22,380)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(29,032)</u>	<u>25,179</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(1,923)	(61,758)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>76,056</u>	<u>137,814</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 74,133</u>	<u>\$ 76,056</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,855	\$ 31,406
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	38,278	44,650
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 74,133</u>	<u>\$ 76,056</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

State Council Charities

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Purpose of Organization

State Council Charities (the “Organization”) is a nonprofit organization created under the laws of the state of Texas. The Organization’s principal function is to provide support directly to the various Catholic Dioceses in Texas and to help fund diocesan programs. It is also affiliated with the Supreme Council Knights of Columbus (Supreme Council).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period incurred, if measurable.

Basis of Presentation

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Financial statements presentation follows the recommendations of the *Not-for-Profit Entities* Topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC 958). Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – These types of net assets are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. This also includes net assets with Board designations for specific purposes, since these Board designations may be reversed by the Board of Directors at any time in the future.

Net assets with donor restrictions – These types of net assets are subject to donor-imposed stipulations, which limit their use by the Organization, either permanently or temporarily, to a specific purpose and/or the passage of time. When a donor restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from donor restrictions.

State Council Charities

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Federal Income Taxes

The Organization is a nonprofit organization exempt from Federal income taxes on its operating income under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except to the extent of unrelated business income, if any.

The most significant tax positions of the Organization are its assertion that it is exempt from income taxes and its determination of whether any revenue amounts are subject to unrelated business income tax (UBIT). Management has determined that the Organization had no activities subject to UBIT during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. All significant tax positions have been considered by management and it has determined that it is more likely than not that all tax positions would be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities.

The Organization is required to file Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax), which is subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), generally up to three years from the later of the original due date or the date the tax return was filed. The Forms 990 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 are open to examination by the IRS as of June 30, 2024.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and all highly liquid investments with maturities of 90 days or less from the date of purchase.

Investments

As discussed in Note 5, certain investments are reported at cost in the statements of financial position. U.S. GAAP requires investments to be reported at fair value. Because Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc. (a related party) manages these investments and is unable to provide fair value information related to these investments, the Organization records these investments at cost and no unrealized gains or losses are recognized on these financial statements. Net investment return is reported in the statements of activities as an increase or decrease in net assets without donor restrictions and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized gains and losses related to operating investments reported at fair value, less external and direct internal investment expenses.

Donated Services

The Organization receives substantial amounts of services donated by the Texas Knights of Columbus members. Because of the difficulty in assigning values for such services, these items are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenues

Contributions, including promises to give, are recorded when made. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenues are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the donor restrictions. When a donor restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from donor restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

Allocation of Expenses

The expense information contained in the statements of activities is presented on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain expenses are allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Expenses which cannot be specifically identified have been allocated based on management's best estimate of usage. Salaries and wages are allocated based on estimated time spent by the employees for each function.

Date of Management's Review

In preparing the financial statements, the Organization has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through November 26, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 – Concentrations and Credit Risk

The Organization employs cash management techniques that attempt to maximize interest income and minimize uninsured balances in their financial institutions and investment firms, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the Security Investment Protection Corporation (SIPC). Effective January 1, 2013, deposit insurance coverage by the FDIC was changed to \$250,000 per bank per entity for all interest bearing and non-interest bearing accounts. Securities are protected by the SIPC which currently protects brokerage accounts up to \$500,000 in securities, including up to \$250,000 for cash. Additional coverage is frequently offered for brokerage accounts for amounts in excess of the \$500,000 SIPC limit. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Organization had uninsured balances of \$1,869,213 and \$1,800,287 respectively. It is the Organization's policy to maintain these accounts at high quality investment firms and financial institutions. The Organization has not experienced any losses in these accounts in the past.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 2 – Concentrations and Credit Risk (continued)

During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, 80% and 84%, respectively, of total support and revenues comes either directly from the Knights of Columbus members or indirectly from the members through the various Knights of Columbus subordinate councils throughout Texas Catholic dioceses. Management believes the Organization is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to contributions from local councils.

Note 3 – Fair Value Disclosures

The Organization follows the provisions of FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, whose provisions relate to the Organization's financial assets and liabilities be carried at fair value and the Organization's fair value disclosures related to financial assets and liabilities. FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, expands related disclosure requirements, and specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on the nature of the inputs used to develop the fair value measures.

Guidance provided by the FASB defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When measuring fair value, a fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access at the measurement date. The type of investments included in Level 1 includes listed equities and listed derivatives.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The valuation methods used may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of the net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Organization believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 3 – Fair Value Disclosures (continued)

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization’s operating investments at fair value as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

Description	2024 Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Operating investments:				
Bond funds	\$ 233,522	\$ 233,522	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	36,231	36,231	-	-
Stock funds	446,865	446,865	-	-
Total	\$ 716,618	\$ 716,618	\$ -	\$ -

Description	2023 Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Operating investments:				
Bond funds	\$ 215,883	\$ 215,883	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	32,949	32,949	-	-
Stock funds	398,860	398,860	-	-
Total	\$ 647,692	\$ 647,692	\$ -	\$ -

The Organization’s other financial instruments consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, other receivables, cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions, accounts payable, and accounts payable – related party. The Organization believes all of the other financial instruments’ recorded values approximate current market values, primarily because of the relatively short-term maturity of those instruments.

Note 4 – Operating Investments

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, operating investments consisted of the following:

Operating investments:	2024	2023
Bond funds	\$ 233,522	\$ 215,883
Real estate funds	36,231	32,949
Stock funds	446,865	398,860
Total	\$ 716,618	\$ 647,692

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Note 5 – Investments Managed by Related Party

The Christopher Fund is a matching fund contribution program established by the Supreme Council in 1992. Each year, the Organization may contribute to the fund up to \$5 per new Texas member to the Christopher Fund. The Christopher Fund is managed by the Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc., a related party. If the Organization were to discontinue participation in the program and request distribution of its funds, the distribution would be at the market value or book value, whichever is less. In accordance with the terms of the Christopher Fund, the market value is determined as of the Supreme Council Charities' last semi-annual audit prior to a withdrawal request. Because the market value is not determinable at June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Organization's investments in the Christopher Fund are carried at original cost. No unrealized gains or losses related to the investments in the Christopher Fund are recognized in these financial statements.

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund is also managed by the Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc., a related party. Contributions are made to the Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund based on the amounts received by the Organization from donors. Because market value is not determinable at June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Organization's investments in the Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund are carried at original cost and no unrealized gains or losses are recognized in these financial statements. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, contributions totaling \$3,700 and \$0, respectively, remained in cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions to be transferred into the investment account.

The cost basis of the investments are as follows at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Christopher Fund		
Supreme Council match per capita	\$ 576,805	\$ 569,340
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund		
Income (without restriction – Board-designated)	188,758	188,758
Contributions (with donor restrictions)	402,348	394,548
Total Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	<u>591,106</u>	<u>583,306</u>
Total investments, at cost	<u>\$ 1,167,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,152,646</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 6 – Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

The Organization had the following net assets with donor restrictions activity during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

	Beginning Balance	Support Received	Released from Donor Restrictions	Ending Balance
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:				
Disaster relief	\$ 17,000	\$ 8,734	\$ (8,331)	\$ 17,403
Ultrasound machine	27,650	16,000	(26,475)	17,175
Held in perpetuity:				
Cardinal Medeiros Trust				
Fund Corpus	394,548	11,500	-	406,048
Total	<u>\$ 439,198</u>	<u>\$ 36,234</u>	<u>\$ (34,806)</u>	<u>\$ 440,626</u>

The Organization had the following net assets with donor restrictions activity during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Support Received	Released from Donor Restrictions	Ending Balance
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:				
Disaster relief	\$ 17,821	\$ 1,679	\$ (2,500)	\$ 17,000
Ultrasound machine	23,075	10,000	(5,425)	27,650
Held in perpetuity:				
Cardinal Medeiros Trust				
Fund Corpus	385,435	9,113	-	394,548
Total	<u>\$ 426,331</u>	<u>\$ 20,792</u>	<u>\$ (7,925)</u>	<u>\$ 439,198</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 7 – Net Assets With Board Designations

The Organization had the following net assets with Board designations activity during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Board Designations</u>	<u>Released from Board Designations</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Christopher Fund Supreme Council match per capita	\$ 569,340	\$ 7,465	\$ -	\$ 576,805
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund Income	<u>188,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,758</u>
Total	<u>\$ 758,098</u>	<u>\$ 7,465</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 765,563</u>

The Organization had the following net assets with Board designations activity during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Board Designations</u>	<u>Released from Board Designations</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Christopher Fund Supreme Council match per capita	\$ 546,960	\$ 22,380	\$ -	\$ 569,340
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund Income	<u>188,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,758</u>
Total	<u>\$ 735,718</u>	<u>\$ 22,380</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 758,098</u>

Note 8 – Related Party

Texas State Council (the “Council”) is a related nonprofit organization and has a direct controlling financial interest in the Organization. The Council records all shared personnel expenses in the Council’s accounting records and then allocates the cost to the Organization based on the personnel’s allocation of time. The Organization reimburses the Council for all costs associated with the use of employees incurred by the Council on behalf of the Organization. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Council paid \$108,278 and \$106,802, respectively, in personnel costs, which were reimbursed by the Organization. Total payables due to the Council at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$0 and \$27,920, respectively.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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Note 9 – Commitments and Contingencies

During the spring of each calendar year, the Organization commits scholarships to Texas students. However, these scholarships are contingent upon students providing proof of enrollment and therefore are not actually awarded until that happens in the fall. Accordingly, the liability and corresponding expense are not recorded until the scholarships are awarded. The scholarships committed totaled approximately \$23,000 each year.

Note 10 – Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The Organization’s working capital and cash flow are related to the timing of receipts for contributions.

The following reflects the Organization’s financial assets as of the statements of financial position date, reduced by amounts not available for general use within one year of the statements of financial position date because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions or internal designations. Amounts available include donor-restricted amounts that are available for expenditure in the following fiscal year. Amounts not available include amounts set aside for operating and other reserves that could be drawn upon if the Organization’s Board of Directors approves that action.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,855	\$ 31,406
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	38,278	44,650
Other receivables collectible in less than one year	24,507	23,036
Investments, at cost	1,167,911	1,152,646
Operating investments, at fair value	<u>716,618</u>	<u>647,692</u>
 Total financial assets	 1,983,169	 1,899,430
With Board designations	(765,563)	(758,098)
With donor restrictions	<u>(440,626)</u>	<u>(439,198)</u>
 Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs For Expenditures Within One Year	 <u>\$ 776,980</u>	 <u>\$ 702,134</u>

By-Laws of The Texas State Council

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

A. "Affiliated Organization" means an organization which is closely associated with the Texas State Council and in which the officers of the Texas State Council may serve as officers or members of its board. Affiliated Organizations include, but are not limited to, the Texas State Council Charities, Inc.

B. "By-Laws" means the By-Laws of the Texas State Council, Knights of Columbus.

C. "Constitution" means the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus.

D. "Convention" means the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus Convention.

E. "Diocesan Deputies" means an individual appointed by the State Deputy to coordinate the activities of District Deputies and Subordinate Councils within the boundaries of a Diocese of the Church in Texas.

F. "District Deputy" means an individual nominated and appointed by the State Deputy and approved by the Supreme Knight to serve as a District Deputy.

G. "Fraternal Year" means the period of time from July 1 through June 30.

H. "Immediate Past State Deputy" means the Past State Deputy who most recently served as State Deputy in Texas and who actually resides in the State of Texas.

I. "P.S.D. Advisory Committee" means Past State Deputies Advisory Committee.

J. "Robert's Rules of Order" means the edition and the version of Robert's Rules of Order, also known as Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Order, selected and designated by the State Advocate.

K. "State Council" means the Texas State Council, Knights of Columbus.

L. "State Officers" means the officers of the Texas State Council as set forth in Article III, Section 1 of these By-Laws.

M. "Subordinate Council" or "Subordinate Councils" means a Knights of Columbus Council or Councils in the State of Texas.

ARTICLE II - STRUCTURE

SECTION 1. NAME AND JURISDICTION:

This organization shall be known as the Texas State Council, Knights of Columbus, hereinafter referred to as "State Council". Its jurisdiction shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of the State of Texas and it shall be subject to and governed by these By-Laws and the Constitution.

SECTION 2. LEGAL STRUCTURE:

The State Council is an unincorporated association of its members and is governed by the actions of its officers under the leadership of the State Deputy.

SECTION 3. PURPOSES:

The purposes of the State Council include, but are not limited to, (A) govern the Subordinate Councils in accordance with the Constitution and these By-Laws, (B) to organize, establish and maintain fraternal, charitable, educational, religious, public, community or civic projects to be supported, in whole or in part, by the State Council and/or the Subordinate Councils, and (C) assemble once each year in convention to elect certain officers and delegates, to consider resolutions, and conduct such other business as may properly come before the convention.

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP:

(A) The voting membership of the State Council shall consist of: (1) the Grand Knight, and a Past Grand Knight or the Deputy Grand Knight, or their duly elected representatives, actually residing in the State of Texas from each Subordinate Council in good standing, and (2) State Officers.

(B) Except as otherwise provided herein, the non-voting membership of the State Council, who shall be permitted all other privileges of membership, shall consist of: (1) Past State Deputies, (2) District Deputies, and (3) ex-officio State Officers.

(C) An ex-officio State Officer is defined as (1) a former State Deputy who fails to qualify as a Past State Deputy pursuant to the Laws of the Order, and (2) a former State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate or State Warden who had not served as a State Deputy. An ex officio State Officer has no voting privileges as a State Officer.

(D) Chairmen of the Standing Committees of the State Council, not to exceed twelve, who are not otherwise members of the State Council, shall be permitted the privilege of the floor for the limited purpose of speaking on questions pertaining to the functions of their particular committee, but without the vote therein.

(E) No member of the State Council shall be admitted to participate in the Convention sessions unless such member is in good standing. The Credentials Committee must certify and authenticate all credential holders as being authorized to be seated at the Convention.

SECTION 5. STANDING COMMITTEES:

(A) The State Deputy shall annually establish and appoint the members to the permanent Standing Committees which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The Fraternal Benefits Committee shall consist of the General Agents of Texas and shall be chaired by a General Agent appointed as the Insurance Liaison.

2. The Audit Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members, not less than three (3) of whom shall be certified or chartered public accountants. The State Treasurer and the Executive Secretary shall not be members of the Committee.

3. The Budget Committee shall consist of the State Officers.

4. The By-Laws Committee shall consist of at least five (5) and not more than seven (7) members, including the State Advocate who shall be the Chair.

5. The P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall consist of all Past State Deputies who meet the requirements of Article III, Section 12(A).

6. The Legal Affairs Committee shall consist of the State Advocate, who shall be the Chair, and at least two (2) additional attorneys who are Third Degree members and admitted to the State Bar of Texas.

(B) The State Deputy may establish and appoint the members of the special Standing Committees.

(C) The membership of all Standing Committees shall consist of individuals who are in good standing from Subordinate Councils.

(D) All Committee appointments shall be for a period not to exceed the Fraternal Year, with no restrictions regarding previous service on a Committee.

(E) All Committees are advisory in nature and make recommendations for action on topics within their jurisdictions as indicated in the By-Laws or as assigned by the State Deputy. All authority for action is reserved to the State Council assembled in Convention or to the State Officers as appropriate.

SECTION 6. APPENDIXES:

The Convention may establish procedural guidelines which may be attached as appendixes to the By-Laws. Summaries of procedural resolutions concerning organizational and financial matters may also be attached as appendices to the By-Laws.

SECTION 7. INTERPRETATION OF BY-LAWS AND ROBERT'S RULES:

(A) All questions, relating to the interpretation of these By-Laws and any appendixes, shall first be submitted to the State Advocate for a legal opinion and ruling. Appeals from the ruling of the State Advocate may be taken to the Supreme Advocate and, thereafter, to the Supreme Board.

(B) To the extent that Robert's Rules of Order are consistent with these By-Laws and any appendixes hereto, Robert's Rules of Order, shall govern; however, Robert's Rules of Order shall be subject to the same rules of interpretation as stated in Section 7(A).

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. STATE OFFICERS:

(A) The officers of the State Council are: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Immediate Past State Deputy, and State Chaplain.

(B) Each year, the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden shall be elected to serve a one-year term by a majority of the voting membership of the Texas State Council present at the convention.

SECTION 2. DUTIES:

The duties of the respective State Officers shall be those specifically mentioned in the Constitution, these By-Laws, and such other duties as the State Council may direct.

SECTION 3. STATE DEPUTY:

(A) The State Deputy shall designate and appoint all committees and the chairman thereof unless the By-Laws provide otherwise. The State Deputy shall appoint members of the Standing Committees from the Texas Knights of Columbus membership at large. All Convention Committees, other than Standing Committees, shall be appointed from the membership of the State Council, unless otherwise directed by the State Council. The State Deputy may also appoint special committees between annual sessions when the exigency of circumstances demands such appointments. All committee appointments shall be for a period not to exceed the Fraternal Year, with no restrictions regarding previous service on a committee. Subject to these By-Laws, members of all committees serve at the pleasure of the State Deputy until the end of the Fraternal Year.

(B) In addition to allowances granted by Supreme Council for his necessary and incidental expenses, the State Deputy shall be reimbursed by the State Council for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties. The State Officers shall be entitled to hire and determine the salary of a clerk at State Council expense to assist in performing the duties of the State Deputy.

(C) The State Deputy may call meetings of the State Officers, State Committees, Diocesan Deputies, or District Deputies and the expense incident thereto, when not chargeable to the Supreme Council, shall be paid out of the State Council funds.

(D) The State Deputy shall countersign all vouchers and all checks for the expenditure of State Council funds, except the checks on the Executive Secretary's revolving check account.

(E) The honorarium paid to the State Deputy shall be \$5.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council. In addition, all reasonable and customary expenses of the State Deputy incurred while attending the Supreme Convention shall be paid by the State Council.

(F) A member who has served four terms in the office of State Deputy shall be ineligible for subsequent election or appointment to that office. Further, a member may serve no more than two full terms consecutively as State Deputy. The member must be out of office at least two years prior to being re-elected for a third term as State Deputy.

SECTION 4. STATE SECRETARY:

(A) The State Secretary or his designee shall act as recorder at the meetings of the State Council, the Convention, State Officers, the District Deputies, Diocesan Deputies, or State Committees.

(B) The State Secretary or his designee shall prepare and furnish the Convention credential blanks to the Grand

Knight of all Subordinate Councils on or before forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention.

(C) The honorarium paid to the State Secretary shall be \$2.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.

(D) The State Secretary shall be reimbursed by the State Council for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties. The State Officers shall be entitled to hire and determine the salary of a clerk at the expense of the State Council to assist in performing the duties of the State Secretary.

(E) The State Secretary shall have oversight responsibility for all fund raising programs of the State Council.

(F) In the event of an incapacity or absence from the State of the State Deputy or State Treasurer, the State Secretary may approve vouchers and countersign checks for the State Deputy or the State Treasurer.

SECTION 5. STATE TREASURER:

(A) The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of the State Council. He shall keep sufficient, true and accurate records of all funds of the State Council and obtain similar information on Affiliated Organizations to allow the preparation of an annual report in accordance with Section 56(b) of the Constitution. Under the direction of the State Treasurer, all funds shall be immediately deposited in the name of the State Council in depositories selected, as provided in Section 5 of Article V. He shall review all vouchers and checks signed by the State Deputy. If the voucher and the checks are correct, the State Treasurer shall sign the voucher and countersign the check. He shall be a voting ex-officio member of all State Council Committees handling any money of the State Council.

(B) He shall give to the State Council a bond in an amount and with a surety approved by the State Officers. The premium shall be paid by the State Council.

(C) The honorarium paid to the State Treasurer shall be \$2.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.

(D) The State Treasurer shall be reimbursed by the State Council for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties. The State Officers shall be entitled to hire and determine the salary of a clerk at the expense of the State Council to assist in performing the duties of the State Treasurer.

SECTION 6. STATE ADVOCATE:

(A) The State Advocate shall be an attorney admitted to the bar of the State of Texas. He shall be the legal advisor of the State Council and the State Officers in all matters pertaining to the State Council. He may be paid such fees as the State Officers approve for the legal work performed.

(B) The State Advocate shall be the parliamentarian for the Convention. When the State Advocate is not present on the Convention floor, he shall appoint one or more alternate parliamentarians to act in his absence.

(C) When forwarding the Resolutions to the Executive Secretary, the State Advocate shall designate the applicable edition of Robert's Rules of Order and the appointed alternate parliamentarians. Such information shall be distributed by the Executive Secretary along with the Resolutions.

(D) The honorarium paid to the State Advocate shall be \$1.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.

SECTION 7. STATE WARDEN:

(A) The State Warden or his designees shall be present at all meetings of the State Council, shall check membership cards, and shall admit non-members at the discretion of the State Council. He shall act as Sergeant-of-Arms at all meetings of the State Council.

(B) The honorarium paid to the State Warden shall be \$0.75 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.

SECTION 8. STATE CHAPLAIN:

The State Chaplain shall be appointed by the State Deputy and shall be a voting member of the State Council. He shall advise the State Council on all phases of its religious work and activities. The State Chaplain shall be in charge of and conduct all religious exercises of the State Council. The State Deputy, with the consent of the State Chaplain, shall appoint an Associate Chaplain who, in the absence of the Chaplain, shall act in his behalf and shall vote at State Officer's meetings on behalf of the Chaplain.

SECTION 9. ELECTRONIC VOTING AND NOTICE:

Motions on the business of the Texas State Council may be made by email, sent simultaneously to the last known email address of the voting State Officers. Any motion made shall be deemed to have not passed until a majority of eligible voting State Officers has voted in the affirmative. A copy of the email motion and votes cast by email shall be recorded in the official minutes of Texas State Council meetings at the next regular State Officers meeting.

SECTION 10. MEETING CALLED BY STATE OFFICERS:

A majority of the State Officers may call a meeting of the State Officers upon giving five (5) days written notice to the State Officers of the time and place of the meeting. The written notice shall include an agenda of the topics to be discussed. Such written notice may be sent by email.

SECTION 11. ORDER OF SUCCESSION:

In the event that the State Deputy is no longer able to function in his capacity as State Deputy as determined by two thirds of the other State Officers, is removed from office, dies or resigns, then the State Secretary shall act as State Deputy for the remainder of the fraternal year until succeeded by the newly elected State Deputy.

In the event that any other State Officer is unable to function in his capacity as a State Officer as determined by two thirds of the other State Officers, is removed from office, dies or resigns, then the State Deputy shall

delegate that State Officer's duties to one or more of the other State Officers for the remainder of the fraternal year.

**SECTION 12. PAST STATE DEPUTIES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

(A) Membership in the P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall consist of all Past State Deputies who have served in the State of Texas and who are members in good standing. They shall serve as long as they retain their eligibility. The Immediate Past State Deputy shall be chairman of the P.S.D. Advisory Committee. At the beginning of each Fraternal Year, the P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairman Pro Tem who shall serve if the Immediate Past State Deputy is incapacitated or absent. There shall be no limit on the number of members on the P.S.D. Advisory Committee. Meetings of the P.S.D. Advisory Committee may be called by either the State Deputy or the Immediate Past State Deputy.

(B) When the position of the Executive Secretary becomes vacant, the P.S.D. Advisory Committee may provide advice to the State Officers on a replacement Executive Secretary.

(C) The P.S.D. Advisory Committee may provide advice to the State Officers as to the employment or approval of an individual to fill the position of Editor of the Texas Knight or any other newsletter, bulletin or broadcast for circulation to the general membership authorized by the State Officers.

(D) If the position of the Executive Secretary or Editor of the Texas Knight becomes vacant during a Fraternal Year, it may be temporarily filled by a person selected by the State Officers to fill said position for a period not to exceed six months until the position can be filled in the normal course of business.

(E) The P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall vote upon the annual budget and such resolutions or amendments as are submitted under Article VI Section 7 (B) to indicate to the State Officers the Committee's advice regarding the adoption of the budget and each resolution or amendment. The vote may be conducted electronically.

**SECTION 13. STATE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS
ANNUAL REPORTS:**

All State Officers, except the State Warden and the Immediate Past State Deputy, shall annually submit a written report to the Convention. The annual report of the State Council shall include (1) a copy of the By-Laws and appendixes, (2) the minutes of the preceding Convention, (3) most recent audits and summaries of the financial condition of the State Council and Affiliated Organizations prepared by the State Treasurer for the current Fraternal Year, (4) the State Officer's written report and (5) summaries of the major program Committee Directors' report on Council activities for the same period. The annual report will be distributed to each State Officer, Past State Deputy, District Deputy, Diocesan Deputy, Financial Secretary and Grand Knight in Texas.

ARTICLE IV – Executive Secretary:

(A) The Executive Secretary is not a State Officer but shall work with and assist all State Officers. The Executive Secretary shall be at least a third degree member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus. The Executive Secretary is an employee of the Texas State Council and is hired by the State Officers. The duties of this office shall be primarily assigned by the State Deputy, however, the State Officers may also assign other duties to the Executive Secretary from time to time. The office of the Executive Secretary shall be maintained in Austin, Texas; however, the site of this office may be changed upon the recommendation of the State Officers and approval by the Convention.

(B) The Convention shall approve the budget for the Executive Secretary's office, which shall include the salary and benefits for the Executive Secretary and any clerks hired by the State Officers under Article III.

(C) The Executive Secretary shall manage the clerks and be accountable to the State Deputy. The Executive Secretary shall make an annual written report to the State Council at the Convention and shall furnish a copy of said report to the State Officers prior to the Convention.

(D) He shall give to the State Council a bond in an amount and with a surety approved by the State Officers. The premium shall be paid by the State Council.

(E) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the State Council in the city in which the Executive Secretary's office is located. Said account shall maintain a Two Thousand Dollar revolving fund upon which checks may be drawn by the Executive Secretary. He shall make a monthly written report to the State Deputy and the State Treasurer on all checks written on this account. Also, the monthly reconciled bank statement shall be furnished to the State Treasurer along with any other information concerning said account requested by the State Treasurer and/or the State Deputy.

(F) A State Officer may delegate a portion of his administrative duties to the Executive Secretary or to a clerk hired to assist the State Officer. However, any State Officer doing so shall remain responsible and accountable for such duties.

ARTICLE V - FINANCE

SECTION 1. BUDGET AND ASSESSMENTS:

At each Convention the State Officers, acting as the Budget Committee, shall present a budget to the Convention showing the estimated income and expenditures for the ensuing Fraternal Year. A budget which exceeds the current income, including any prior budget surplus of the State Council, shall not be approved unless the Per Capita Tax is increased by the Convention in an amount sufficient that the estimated income shall exceed the estimated expenditures. The Budget Committee shall recommend to the Convention the amount of any increase or decrease in the Per Capita Tax to be assessed each Subordinate Council to insure that the State Council will not have a deficit.

The Per Capita Tax to each Subordinate Council shall be based on the Subordinate Council's membership as reflected on the Supreme Council's records as of the

following July 1. If no increase or decrease in the Per Capita Tax is recommended by the Budget Committee, then the Per Capita Tax shall remain at the same rate that it was in the preceding Fraternal Year.

SECTION 2. NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT:

The State Secretary shall, on or before September 1 of each year, send a notice to each Subordinate Council showing the amount of Per Capita Tax Assessment levied against it by the State Council. At least one-half of the Assessment shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of the notice. The remaining amount shall be paid on or before March 1 of the Fraternal Year.

SECTION 3. DEFAULTING COUNCILS:

Any Subordinate Council failing to timely pay an assessment duly levied by the State Council shall not be permitted representation at the Convention. It also may be suspended or dissolved, and its charter forfeited.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY FOR DISBURSEMENT:

(A) Except the Revolving Fund of the Executive Secretary, each expenditure of the State Council funds shall be made only after the State Treasurer and the State Deputy have countersigned a voucher and a check. When countersigning each voucher and check, the State Deputy and the State Treasurer shall ascertain that the voucher and the check are drawn in payment for an obligation specifically authorized by the State Officers or the State Council. In the event an expenditure becomes immediately necessary and there has been no authorization by the State Council or the State Officers for such an expenditure, it shall be the duty of the State Deputy, before countersigning such a voucher and check, to notify all State Officers and to obtain the concurrence of at least three other State Officers. The State Deputy shall provide each State Officer with a written summary of the need for the action and final agreement of the State Officers within forty-eight (48) hours of the approval.

(B) Unless the funds are contained in the budget proposed under Section 1, no resolution or amendment requiring an appropriation of money from the State Council shall be acted upon by the Convention unless said resolution or amendment contains the source from which funds shall be obtained to meet the commitment and until said resolution or amendment has been submitted to and voted on by the P.S.D. Advisory Committee and the State Officers. The outcome of both votes will be disclosed as recommendations to the Convention before it votes.

SECTION 5. DEPOSIT OF MONEY:

(A) All monies of the State Council shall be deposited in depositories which have government deposit insurance, either FDIC insured or managed by an investment firm registered with FINRA, such as the Knights of Columbus Assets Advisors. Such depositories shall be selected by a majority vote of the State Officers.

(B) Any standard business depository procedure approved by a majority of the State Officers may be utilized by the State Treasurer or his designee to improve the efficiency and operation of the State Council.

SECTION 6. RECORD OF FUNDS:

A separate record of the money of each of the different funds of the State Council shall be kept in the Treasurer's books.

SECTION 7. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:

The cost of badges and Convention printed matter, postage and other incidental expenses of the State Officers, Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies and Committee members shall be paid by the State Council when such expenses are not payable by the Supreme Council.

SECTION 8. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM:

(A) Members, State Officers, Chairman of Standing Committees, Members of Convention Committees, State Program Directors, State Membership Director, Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies and all Past State Deputies of the State Council shall receive, in lieu of all expenses, mileage reimbursement one way at the rate of fifteen cents per mile from the location of the individual's council to the site of the Convention. However, an individual shall only be paid in one such capacity. The per diem to the Convention may be reduced or not paid, at the discretion of the State Officers, if the per diem payment, in whole or in part, would cause the State Council to have a deficit at the end of the Fraternal Year. Any such reduction shall be applied equally to all those persons entitled to receive per diem.

(B) The State Council shall be responsible for the State Banquet. All members, per Article II, Section 4, shall be furnished a banquet ticket as part of their registration packet.

(C) Mileage and/or per diem to be paid to any qualified member of the Knights of Columbus for any organizational, committee or special meetings shall be paid at an equal rate and at the discretion of the State Deputy.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL AUDIT:

The P.S.D. Advisory Committee or the State Officers may require a special audit of the State Council books to be made when, in their judgment, one is necessary and shall hire the necessary personnel to carry out the audit. Expenses of the audit shall be paid by the State Council.

ARTICLE VI - CONVENTION

SECTION 1. DATE AND PLACE:

(A) Each year during April or May, the convention shall be convened within the state. The locations of future Convention sites and dates shall be decided by a majority of the State Officers

(B) Each Council or Chapter desiring the annual Convention to be held in a specific city shall submit an application to the State Officers by January 1 five years preceding the year in which the Convention is to be held and shall provide such additional information and plans as may be requested by the State Officers. The State Officers shall determine which cities are qualified and shall follow the selection process for determining the Convention site five years hence.

(C) If a conflict should occur on the date or site selected for the Convention, the State Officers, by

majority vote, may change the convening of the Convention as to date or site to any other date or site between April 1 and June 1 of the year in question.

SECTION 2. PRESIDING OFFICER:

The State Deputy shall be the presiding officer at the Convention. If the State Deputy is incapacitated for any reason, absent or unable to preside at the Convention, the State Secretary shall preside.

SECTION 3. CREDENTIALS:

The Financial Secretary of each Subordinate Council shall prepare and certify credentials of delegates on the form furnished by the State Secretary or his designee and shall submit the form in accordance with the established procedure.

SECTION 4. TEMPORARY ROLL CALL:

The State Secretary or his designee shall prepare a roll of the names of all delegates and alternates based on the credentials presented to him prior to the calling to order of the Convention. The initial roll shall be the roll of the Convention until the Credentials Committee submits its report and the permanent roll is accepted by the Convention.

SECTION 5. DELEGATE SEATING CONTESTS:

In a delegate seating contest, each contestant may appear and present arguments and evidence to the Credentials Committee. Except by special consent of the Committee, each contestant shall be allowed no more than a five minute presentation. The Credentials Committee shall determine which delegate shall be seated. The Committee's decision may be appealed to the Convention.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS CONDUCTED:

All portions of the Convention meetings pertaining to the ceremonials and elections of the State Council shall be conducted in the third section. Any duly qualified First Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and wives may be admitted to the other portions of the Convention.

SECTION 7. RESOLUTIONS:

(A) All resolutions or petitions must be submitted in writing by either an officer of the State Council or by a Subordinate Council. The resolution or petition of a Subordinate Council shall be signed by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary with the seal of such council affixed thereto.

(B) All resolutions and petitions, other than amendments to the By-laws, shall be submitted to the State Advocate at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention. The State Advocate shall return any resolution or petition, the adoption of which would be contrary to the Constitution or to the By-laws. Copies of all other resolutions and petitions shall be sent by the State Advocate to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the Subordinate Councils and all State Officers. The Executive Secretary shall distribute the resolutions not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention. However, any duly submitted resolution or petition received in due time by the State Advocate, as provided herein, dealing with assessments, expenditures, or disposition of money or the assets of the State Council

shall be submitted by the State Advocate to the State Officers for its consideration. Each resolution and petition dealing with the expenditures of the State Council's funds shall designate the source from which any such funds shall be obtained and the manner in which the funds shall be raised, if necessary. A copy of each such document shall be sent to the Executive Secretary for distribution with the other resolutions or petitions. Prior to distribution, the Executive Secretary shall certify that each resolution or petition submitted to the State Officers has been duly submitted by the State Advocate to the State Officers as referenced in this paragraph.

(C) Unless a resolution or petition has been timely filed with the State Advocate, no resolution or petition shall be considered by the State Council except under the following conditions:

(1) the out of time resolution or petition must be:

(a) presented in writing for deliberation and recommendation at the meeting of the Resolutions Committee held in conjunction with the Convention; and

(b) once all timely Resolutions have been voted on, the State Advocate will announce the existence of the out of time resolution(s) or petition(s) to the Resolution Committee, and

(c) the presenter of the out of time Resolution will be allowed ten (10) minutes to present why the out of time resolution should be considered;

(d) the Resolution Committee will vote on whether to allow the Resolution to go forward for a vote on the merits – a 2/3rd vote of the Resolution Committee members is required to proceed to the merits of the Resolution;

(i) if the out of time Resolution does not receive a 2/3rd vote, no further action is required, the motion is defeated;

(ii) if the out of time Resolution receives a 2/3rd vote, the presenter will have fifteen (15) minutes to present the merits of the out of time Resolution;

(iii) the Resolution committee members will vote on allowing the out of time Resolution to be allowed to be presented from the floor – a 2/3rd vote is required to pass;

(iv) if the out of time Resolution does not get 2/3rd vote of the Resolution Committee the Resolution fails;

(v) if the Resolution Committee approves the out of time Resolution by a 2/3rd vote, the out of time Resolution will be allowed to be presented to the State Delegates by a motion from the floor, after the votes on the on-time Resolution.

(vi) the out of time Resolution will require a 2/3rd vote by the State Delegates to be heard;

(vii) if the out of time Resolution receives a least 2/3rd votes of the State Convention Delegates, the out of time Resolution will be considered to be approved for consideration by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at the Convention;

(2) all Resolutions approved for consideration by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at the Convention.

(D) Resolutions of appreciation and memorial resolutions shall not be required to meet the provisions of Section 7 (B) and (C).

SECTION 8. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Order of Business of the Convention shall be:

- (1) Call to Order.
- (2) Prayer and Pledge of allegiance.
- (3) Reading of Minutes of Last Convention.
- (4) Reading of Communications and recognition of special guests.
- (5) Report of State Deputy.
- (6) Report of State Secretary.
- (7) Report of State Treasurer.
- (8) Report of State Advocate.
- (9) Report of State Chaplain (optional at Chaplain's discretion).
- (10) Report of Immediate Past State Deputy.
- (11) Report of Credentials Committee.
- (12) Reports of Resolutions Committee.
- (13) Reports to the Convention.
- (14) Unfinished Business.
- (15) New Business.
- (16) Election of State Officers, and election of Delegates and Alternates to Supreme Convention (Mandatory on Second Day).
- (17) Prayer Closing Convention.
- (18) Adjournment.

The Order of Business may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

SECTION 9. CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

(A) The State Deputy shall establish and appoint the members to the Convention Committees which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The Credentials Committee which shall consist of up to five (5) members, including the State Secretary who shall be the Chair.
2. The Resolutions Committee which shall consist of not less than five (5) and not more than nine (9) members, including the State Advocate, who shall be the Chair, a member of the Legal Affairs Committee, a Past State Deputy, a District Deputy, and Grand Knights.
3. The Good of the Order Committee, which shall consist of not less than seven (7) and not more than eleven (11) members, shall make a written report to the Convention. The State Treasurer or his designee shall be the Chair.

4. The Standing Audit Committee shall be the Convention Audit Committee and shall make a written report to the Convention of the finances of the State Council and its Affiliated Organization as of April 1. It shall also review and report on the finances of State Council and its Affiliated Organizations to the date of the Convention.

5. The Standing Budget Committee, which shall consist of the State Officers, shall make a written report to the Convention.

(B) The membership of all Convention Committees, except the Standing Committees, shall consist of voting members of the State Council. All Convention Committees, except the Resolutions, the Good of the Order and the Credentials Committee, may be Standing Committees.

SECTION 10. CONVENTION REPORTS:

The Convention may by vote accept any Convention report, including Officer and Committee reports. However, any recommendations contained therein shall only be approved by a motion separate and apart from any acceptance of the report itself. Said motion shall specifically identify each recommendation presented to the Convention for approval.

SECTION 11. LEAVING MEETING:

Members of the State Council shall not leave the business meeting portion of the Convention without permission of the presiding officer. Violators of this section shall be subject to forfeiture of all mileage and per diem. The State Deputy or the presiding officer may require a roll call at any time to determine that all delegates are present.

SECTION 12. MEETINGS AND ROBERT'S RULES:

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Convention and all other meetings of the State Council and its Committees insofar as they are applicable and not inconsistent with the Constitution and these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII- ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. FORM OF BALLOT:

All State Officers, except the Chaplain, the Associate Chaplain, and any ex-officio State Officer, shall be elected by the Convention. All delegates to the Supreme Convention, except the State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy, shall be elected by the Convention.

Nominating speeches for each State Officer shall be limited to one five minute speech and one two minute seconding speech. Nominating speeches for delegates to the Supreme Convention shall be limited to one two minute speech and a one minute seconding speech. By a majority vote, the Convention may further limit the nominating and seconding speeches.

SECTION 2. TELLERS:

Sufficient tellers shall be appointed by the presiding officer to work under the supervision of the State Warden or his designee.

SECTION 3. INDIVIDUAL BALLOTS:

The elections shall be by written ballot. If, however, when the nominations are closed, only one candidate is nominated for an office or when the number of candidates nominated equals the number of delegates to be elected, the Convention may, by voice, vote to elect the candidate or candidates by acclamation.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. PROCEDURE:

(A) The By-laws may be amended at a Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting, provided such amendment first has been submitted in writing to the State Advocate, in accordance with Article VI, Section 7, at least ninety (90) days prior to the convening of the Convention. However, the Convention may consider an amendment to the By-Laws which had not been submitted to the State Advocate in accordance with this section if two-thirds of the delegates present and voting vote to consider the amendment. The Convention may adopt said amendment upon an affirmative vote by four-fifths of the delegates present and voting.

(B) Each proposed amendment to the By-laws properly submitted to the State Advocate shall be processed by the State Advocate and distributed by the Executive Secretary in the same manner that petitions and resolutions are distributed.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

These By-Laws and each amendment thereto shall take effect only upon approval by the Supreme Board of Directors. All other By-Laws, rules and regulations heretofore adopted are hereby repealed.

This version contains amendments as approved by the Supreme Board of Directors per John Marrella, the Supreme Advocate's notification dated August 24, 2015.

This version contains amendments as approved by the Supreme Board of Directors per John Marrella, the Supreme Advocate's notification dated August 28, 2019.

This version contains amendments as approved by the Supreme Board of Directors per John Marrella, the Supreme Advocate's notification dated August 11, 2021.

This version contains amendments as approved by the Supreme Board of Directors per John Marrella, the Supreme Advocate's notification dated August 10, 2022.

THE BYLAWS OF STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

SECTION 1. PURPOSE:

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes. In furtherance of those purposes, the corporation may establish centers for the dissemination of the truths of Christianity; maintain facilities for the proper physical, intellectual, and moral development of youth, and administer scholarship funds, and other grants for the benefit of deserving persons or entities.

ARTICLE II - OFFICE

SECTION 1. OFFICE:

The principal office of State Council Charities (the "Corporation") shall be in the City of Austin, Texas.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the Corporation shall consist of two classes of members: 1) Sustaining – These are voting members who shall be the certified delegates to the Annual State Convention of the Texas State Council for the year that they are delegates only; and 2) Associate – These are non-voting members who shall be every other member of any Knights of Columbus council in the state of Texas who is not a voting member (sustaining) as set forth above.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETINGS:

The annual meeting of the members shall be held each year at the time, at the place, and on a day during the weekend of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus annual convention.

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. MANAGEMENT:

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors who may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not (by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws) directed or required to be exercised or done by the members.

SECTION 2. NUMBER, QUALIFICATION, ELECTION AND TERM:

The authorized number of directors of this Corporation shall be not less than ten (10), but not more than thirteen (13) (as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors). Each director shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified or until his death, resignation, or removal.

(A) Seven of the directors shall be the officers of the Texas State Council. They shall include: President, Vice President-Secretary, Vice President-Spiritual, Vice President-Legal, Vice President-Arrangements, Treasurer and Immediate Past State Deputy.

(B) Any Supreme Director who is a member of a Subordinate Council and an ex-officio state officer shall also

be a Director of the Corporation. Each officer and any ex-officio state officer has the right to vote as a State Council Charities Director. The term of office for each director, who is also an officer of the Texas State Council, shall be concurrent with his term of office as a state officer in the Texas State Council.

(C) The remaining directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term by the Board of Directors at the first called meeting of the Board for each fraternal year. In the case of death, resignation, or dismissal, a replacement director will be elected by the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term. If the Supreme Director is the Immediate Past State Deputy, he is not an ex-officio member of the Board, but serves on the Board as the Immediate Past State Deputy. In this case the number of two year directors shall be elected accordingly.

(D) An individual must be a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus to serve as a director.

SECTION 3. CHANGE IN NUMBER:

The number of directors may be increased or decreased, within said limits, from time to time, but no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in number of directors shall be filled by election at a meeting of the Directors.

SECTION 4. PLACE OF MEETINGS:

Meetings of the Board of Directors, regular or special, may be held within the State of Texas, at such place or places as shall be designated (from time to time) by the President.

SECTION 5. REGULAR MEETINGS:

The Board of Directors shall meet at least two (2) times a year at such times and places as may be designated by the President. Other regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as shall, from time to time, be determined by the President.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on ten (10) day's notice to each director, either personally, by mail, by email, by facsimile, or by telephone. Special meetings shall be called by any other officer in like manner, and on like notice on the written request of two (2) directors, or the written request of one (1) director, if he should be the only director. Except as otherwise expressly provided by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any special meeting need be specified in a notice or waiver of notice.

SECTION 7. QUORUM AND MAJORITY VOTE:

At meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the number of directors fixed by these Bylaws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a majority of the quorum of the directors present at a meeting shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws. If a quorum is not present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the directors present may adjourn the meeting, from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum is present. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

SECTION 8. REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR:

Any director, who is not an officer of the Texas State Council, may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the all the other directors, whether present at the meeting or not. Good Cause shall mean the failure to attend two consecutive meetings or failure to fulfill the director's duties, or for other intentional or reckless misconduct. The meeting to remove the director must be announced in accordance with the bylaws, may not be waived and must set forth that removal of the director is on the agenda.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NUMBER, QUALIFICATION, ELECTION AND TERM:

The corporation shall have a President, Vice President-Secretary, Vice President-Spiritual, Vice President-Legal, Vice President-Arrangements, Treasurer, Immediate Past State Deputy and such other officers, assistant officers, and agents as the Board of Directors may think necessary. The term of office for each officer, who is also an officer of the Texas State Council, shall be concurrent with his term of office as a state officer in the Texas Sate Council.

SECTION 2. PRESIDENT:

The President shall be the State Deputy of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors, shall exercise general and active management of the affairs of the Corporation, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. He shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

SECTION 3. VICE PRESIDENT-SECRETARY:

The Vice President-Secretary shall be the State Secretary of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The Vice President-Secretary shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and have the authority and exercise the powers of the President. The Vice President-Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the members and record all votes, actions and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and special meetings of the Board of Directors. The Vice President-Secretary shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may, from time to time delegate.

SECTION 4. VICE PRESIDENT-SPIRITUAL:

The Vice President-Spiritual shall be the State Chaplain for the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus. If the Chaplain is absent, the Associate State Chaplain for the Texas State Council shall take the Chaplain's place and shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION 5. VICE PRESIDENT-LEGAL:

The Vice President-Legal shall be the State Advocate of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

SECTION 6. VICE PRESIDENT-ARRANGEMENTS:

The Vice President-Arrangements shall be the State

Warden of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

SECTION 7. TREASURER:

(A) The Treasurer shall be the State Treasurer of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

(B) The Treasurer shall have the custody of the Corporation's funds and securities, shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Corporation, and shall deposit all funds and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in depositories designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer may delegate all or a part of said duties to the Executive Secretary of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus except for the custody and control of the Corporation funds and securities.

(C) If required by the Board of Directors, he shall give the Corporation a bond (in such form, in such sum, and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board) for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, monies, and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the Corporation.

(D) He shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe, or as the President may from time to time delegate.

(E) Each year prior to the annual members' meeting, the Treasurer shall submit to the Board of Directors for approval a budget for the next year. No money shall be spent on any unbudgeted item or purpose unless prior approval of a majority of the directors has been obtained.

SECTION 8. IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY:

The Immediate Past State Deputy shall be the Immediate Past State Deputy of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

ARTICLE VI – GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. BOOKS AND RECORDS:

The Corporation shall keep complete books and records of accounts and minutes of the proceedings of its Annual Membership and Board of Directors meetings at its registered office or principal place of business.

SECTION 2. SEAL:

The Corporation elects to have no seal.

SECTION 3. NOTICES:

(A) Whenever by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or otherwise, notice is required to be given to a director or member, and no provision is made as to how the notice shall be given, it shall not be construed to require only personal notice, but any such notice must also be given either: (1) in writing by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the director or member at the address appearing on the books of the Corporation; or (2) by any other method permitted by law or specified in Article IV, Section 6 (Special Meetings). Any notice required or permitted to be given by mail shall be

deemed given at the time when the same is deposited in the United States mail.

(B) Whenever, by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to members or directors, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated in such notice, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transactions of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

SECTION 4. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING – TELEPHONE AND SIMILAR MEETINGS:

(A) Any action required by statute to be taken at a meeting of the members or the directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members or the directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors, as the case may be, entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the directors, as the case may be. The signed consent or a signed copy shall be placed in the minutes book.

(B) Members and directors may participate in and hold a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment so that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

SECTION 5. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

The Corporation shall, in accordance with Article 1396-2.22A of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act defend, hold harmless and indemnify the officers and directors of the Corporation from any claim to the maximum extent provided for under the law as now exist or may hereinafter be amended. The Corporation shall purchase and maintain Officer and Director liability insurance for the benefit of its officers and directors.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS:

(A) These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present at such meeting, provided notice of the proposed alteration, amendment, or appeal is contained in the notice of the meeting.

(B) These Bylaws may also be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the members at which a quorum is present, provided notice of the proposed alteration, amendment, or repeal is contained in the notice of the meeting.

SECTION 7. CONSTRUCTION:

(A) Whenever the context so requires, the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall include the plural, and conversely.

(B) If any portion of these Bylaws shall be invalid or inoperative, then, so far as is reasonable an possible, the remainder of these Bylaws shall be considered valid and operative, and effect shall be given to the intent manifested by the portion held invalid or inoperative.

(C) The headings are for organization, convenience, and clarity. In the interpreting these Bylaws, they shall be subordinated in importance to the other written material.

SECTION 8. RELATION TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

These Bylaws are subject to, and governed by, the Articles of Incorporation.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

These Bylaws will take effect July 1, 2003.