

# TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**2024 - 2025 Annual Report**

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### 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE DEPUTY

#### RON J. ALONZO

**Y**our Eminence, Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Supreme Director, State Officers, Past State Deputies, Major Directors, State Committeemen, District Deputies, Diocesan and Assistant Diocesan Deputies, Delegates, Brother Knights, and lovely ladies. Margo and I welcome you to the 121st Annual Texas Knights of Columbus State Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. We are honored that you are here with us in Corpus Christi, and we hope that you have a great time.

The Convention is dedicated to the ASAP mission, which honors all pregnant women, babies, and mothers, and recommit to the support of all life from conception through natural death.

Your Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Michael Mulvey, Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, our State Chaplain, Reverend Father Tommy Chen of the Diocese of Victoria, our Associate State Chaplain, all our bishops, priests, council chaplains, and deacons many thanks to all of you for your continued support, spiritual guidance, and prayers offered for our councils and assemblies.

A special thanks to the Most Reverend Bishop Michael Mulvey, Bishop of Corpus Christi, for his welcome to the Knights across the state as we gather for the 121<sup>st</sup> Texas State Convention.

Along with all the Brother Knights throughout Texas, we thank Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly for selecting our own Supreme Director and PSD from Texas Alfredo Vela and his wife Rosa as the Supreme Council representative for the 121<sup>st</sup> Texas State Convention. Alfredo, we thank you for your guidance, continued support and attendance at this convention.

I want to thank the Convention Chair Victoriano and Teresa Garcia, and Ladies Events Chair Norma and Ramiro Ochoa and the entire Convention Committee. These Knights and their ladies have been working hard to put together a weekend of entertainment and hospitality we will not forget.

This Friday afternoon at our Awards Ceremony, we congratulated many Brother Knights and Councils for the outstanding accomplishments they have achieved this fraternal year. All our Brother Knights who helped grow the Order in one way or another and whether they won an award or not, all of you are winners. It is because of every Knight's involvement that Texas continues to grow the Order to better serve the Church, our community, and do more for Charity. Even though we have reached some of our goals, we still have almost 8 weeks to accomplish all our goals that we set at the beginning of this fraternal year.

**“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** Speaks to the principles of the Order set forth by our founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney. As we look back on this fraternal year, we have had a very good year promoting Membership Recruitment, Council Growth, Charity, Programs, Insurance and Star Councils. You, Texas, have stepped up to the challenge and recently we welcomed the 120,000<sup>th</sup> member into our Order. This earned Texas the bragging rights as one of the largest jurisdictions in the Americas. Our next goal is to achieve Circle of Honor with Pinnacle Status.

We have a great and talented group of men serving as your State Officers. Their hours of dedication and loyalty to our great Order are unending. Together, we've tried to attend and support as many of the Council activities as we can throughout the State.

State Secretary Bob Goss and Sheryl Bowles, I thank you for your timely and consistent response whenever your help is needed and for staying on top of the meeting correspondence, minutes and assisting me with the action items of the Texas State Council. Your dedication to the Order is appreciated and is witnessed by all our Brother Knights.

State Treasurer Derek and Veronica Rabey, I thank you for making sure our finances are in order thus ensuring that we are serving our Brothers to the best of our ability. You are an asset to the Texas State Council. We appreciate your dedication to keeping the Texas State Council and State Charities on track and within budget.

State Advocate David and Susan Pels, your dedication and expertise in interpreting the rules and laws of the Order is greatly appreciated. You have represented the Texas State Council with the expertise, thoroughness, and dedication expected of this office. We are very fortunate to have you serving as our State Advocate and on behalf of the members in this great state, our sincere thanks.

State Warden Reed and Donna Fontenot, thank you for staying on top of our Texas State Council per capita and coordinating the activities assigned to your State Warden duties during the fraternal year.

Immediate Past State Deputy Terry and Beth Frugé, thank you for your advice and support. You have always been there for us when we have questions.

State Insurance Liaison General Agent Juan Carlos and Erica Carlin, my thanks for representing the General Agents and Field Agents. Your contributions during the Organizational and Mid-Year meetings are greatly appreciated. Blessed Michael McGivney envisioned a fraternal benefit society that would take care of the widows and orphans. Today he would be extremely proud. Our thanks go out to all the General Agents and Field Agents for your commitment to serving our Order.

To all our Past State Deputies, I want to offer my appreciation for your support, guidance, and knowledge you have given me. Your experience has helped all of us to lead the Texas State Council. Thank you for your continued service to the Knights.

The visible arm of the Knights is the Fourth Degree. Thank you to Vice Supreme Master Pat Conway and his wife Debbie for their leadership of the Fourth Degree in the Guadalupe Province. Thank you, Edward and Sandra Cantu, for being the Master of the Sword. Many thanks to our District Masters in Texas. It is through their leadership and encouragement that our Fourth Degree continues to grow in Texas. Thank you, District One Master, James and Janis Hatcher; District Two Master, Javier Martinez; District Three Master, Kevin and Linda McGillis; District Four Master, Joe and Jessica Saavedra; District Five Master, Giovanni and Sandra Hyppolite; District Six Master, Blake and Shelly Krass.

Membership Director Bill and Christina Tillotson, my thanks to you and the membership team. They are doing an outstanding job in membership. This past year Texas made the Circle of Honor with Pinnacle Status and with all your help Texas will be there again this year. We are truly blessed to have them on our team. I would also like to recognize the great job his team is doing this year.

Star Council Director David and Laura Zeigler and his team are there to assist every Council in our great state achieve the prestigious “Star Council” Award. David and his team are doing an outstanding job in tracking each council in the areas of membership, insurance, safe environment, and service program activities. Last year Texas achieved over 200 Star Council Awards, and I know that we will be able to achieve even more this fraternal year. A Big Thank you to David and his Star Council Team.

Charity Director Joe and Nicole Jacobo, special thanks to you and your committee for all you do to promote Charity throughout the State. Being the first principle of our Order we are on track for another outstanding year. Hopefully, this will be the year we break all records. A very special thanks to the entire team. I would also like to thank all the councils for their hard work promoting fund raising programs and making their contributions to State Charities.

The Texas State Council Charities Board of Directors includes elected state officers and five appointed

board members. Their responsibility is to review and approve charity requests submitted by individuals and the community. These members oversee the funding of the contributions from councils and manage the distribution of funds to those in need. To the board members, we appreciate your dedicated time and service.

Program Director Rick and Telsa Guzman and the Program team have done an excellent job promoting the many programs of the Texas State Council. To be successful in our membership recruitment we must have programs that appeal to the families in our parishes. Texas is having a successful fraternal year with Faith in Action programs. Programming is an integral part of any Council. Thank you to the entire team for your outstanding commitment and dedication to our great Order. Membership efforts give us our members; but through great programs, we keep our members active.

Education and Training Director Chad and Stephanie Sandwell and his team have been very busy with the launching of our new website and all that goes along with that transition. It is vital for all of us to be informed with current information. The team has done an excellent job in providing financial training, Finish Line and Constant Contact notifications, social media, photos and articles, slide presentations, and special assignments. Thanks to the entire team for providing Texas with all the tools necessary for the Councils to achieve its goals.

Evangelization and Faith Formation Director Gregory and Hollie Brown and the EFF team, thank you for continuing the vision and mission of Blessed Michael McGivney by introducing COR to our membership which will only help 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.

Audit Chairman Dan and Monique Stoffel, CPA and the Audit Committee oversee the financials of the Texas State Council and State Council Charities. Working with an Independent Audit Firm and an annual audit review is conducted to ensure the TSC/SCC financials are in order. Thanks for the job well done.

Thank you to our Education Committee Chairman Leo and Peggy Saenz. Leo and his committee have the responsibility to review the educational grant requests submitted to the Texas State Council. Many thanks to all of you for your commitment and efforts.

Administrative Assignment Appointees report directly to the State Deputy. They serve as a very essential role in the overall operation of the Texas State Council. Without this group of volunteers, it would be difficult for the State Deputy to manage these area assignments effectively. My thanks to Assistant to the State Deputy - Michael and Dawnn McLaughlin and Bruce and Cathy Mallory, Liturgy Family - Ed and Carmen Tydings, Assistant to the State Chaplain - Deacon Phuc and Theresa Le Phan, Master of the Sword - Edward and Sandra Cantu, State Historian - Douglas and Jo-Dee Benson Oldmixon, Hospitality Couple - Kirby and Nancy Farek, Fr. McGivney Guild - Michael and Karol Jean Rademacher. Thank you for all your hard work.

The Birthday and Anniversary card that you receive with a note of congratulations or wishing you a great day just does not happen. It is my pleasure to introduce Karen Trochta, Celebrations Correspondent “Sunshine Lady” from the Diocese of Victoria. Thanks for the great job.

Some may wonder who publishes online prayer requests for Brother Knights and their families. It is my pleasure to introduce Texas State Council’s “Prayer Group Coordinator” Angela J. Oaks. Your time, talent and dedication are greatly appreciated.

To the Football Sweepstakes Chairman Willie & Delma Balerio, a huge THANK YOU for coordinating this program. The timeline from start to finish in the fraternal year is short but requires a committee of Brother Knight’s across the state assigned to specific dioceses to manage this program. The annual net income we have received since the program was implemented has offset an increase of council per capita assessment by the State Council. If you have not participated in this program, stop by their table; I’m sure they will have tickets available.

Diocesan Leadership includes many Brother Knights that make a difference everyday somewhere in Texas and I would be remiss not to recognize the council Chaplains, Grand Knights, District Deputies, Diocesan Deputies, Assistant Diocesan Deputies, and Diocesan Team Leaders. These men are responsible for assisting the councils with leadership, meeting our goals in Charity, Membership, Council Growth, Programs and achieving Star Council. On behalf of the State Officers and Directors, thank you for the time you give to our church, community, and the Order.

Our State Office, which is in Austin, is run by three dedicated and hardworking individuals. Executive Secretary Carlos González makes sure that all our meetings run smoothly, and anything else that is tasked to him. Kari Jordan, our accountant, and Kathleen McLoughlin, Council Records, are always there to help with questions on finance, reports, or any other matter. I really do appreciate your help, guidance, support, reminders, your understanding, and I must say it has been a pleasure. I also want to thank Michael McLaughlin for his contribution in the first half of our fraternal year before his retirement.

My thanks to the council leadership and membership throughout the state that are productive year after year. Your positive attitude pertaining to the Order's principles is an asset to Texas. If our jurisdiction is going to be successful, it's because of you. During these last few weeks, we must continue as a unified team with Recruitment, Star Councils, Charity, and Programs. Texas has a history of new member growth and for the state to succeed the councils must succeed. Every Grand Knight is asked to pledge that he will set a recruitment plan in motion. To those councils that have not recruited one member this fraternal year, it is time to join the ranks of recruiting councils. Together we can ensure that TEXAS will return to the Circle of Honor with Pinnacle status. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL MY BROTHER KNIGHTS!

During this fraternal year, many of our Brother Knights have gone to their eternal rest. We are indeed thankful for their leadership and involvement in the council's activities through the years. They will be remembered at our annual Memorial Mass on Sunday.

To our wonderful wives: your dedication, encouragement, and willingness to help whenever needed has been a great asset to the Order. These ladies include our wives, wives of our deceased brothers and ladies of our extended families. Thank you, ladies, for all you have done and for what you will continue to do in support of your husbands and the Knights of Columbus.

Thanks to my wife Margo who has been my rock day in and day out for a fraternal year that has gone by so quickly. We have shared many long trips, arriving late in the day, leaving early in the morning to be on time for each function. She was by my side helping me with getting reports ready for meetings, reminding me of all the deadlines and making sure we had everything ready for all our trips. She finds time to keep our house in order, be MIMI to our grandchildren and work on her First Lady project as a fundraiser benefiting ASAP. Without her I would not be able to do what I do for the Knights. Thank you for your support, encouragement, and Love.

Thank you, my Brother Knights, for allowing me to be your State Deputy this fraternal year. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with you. Thank you for your great hospitality and your friendship when we visited your councils. We have had a very good year in promoting Membership Recruitment, Star Councils, Charity Programs, and Insurance. Remember, you can make a difference in another Man's Life, but it all begins with you setting the example of a Christian Leader that he would want to FOLLOW and by asking him to join the Order.

We still have work to do to meet our goals and together we will be successful.

May God Bless You and May God Bless Texas.

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY

### Robert B. “Bob” Goss

**Y**OU 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 Corpus Christi for the 121<sup>st</sup> annual Texas State Council Convention. My deepest gratitude and heartfelt thank you to our hosts, the Corpus Christi Convention Committee and Diocese of Corpus Christi, for their hard work to enable us to have this convention.

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 Secretary. Texas can only help others because of you and your family sacrifices, love of our church, and the individual things you do at home. This cumulative effort by you is what allows Texas State Council to serve Texas and our 15 Diocese. Thank you!

Of course, my deepest gratitude goes to our PSDs: Terry Frugé, Alfredo Vela, Mark Evans, Doug Oldmixon, Jim Collins, Tony Herreth, Larry Zapalac, Leo Hanus, Ken Otte, Ron Gay, Jacob Gaona, Lou Barbour, Ray Neumann, and Tim Von Dohlen for their continued leadership and assistance.

Thank you to our Texas State Council leadership team—State Deputy Ron Alonzo, State Treasurer Derek Rabey, State Advocate David Pels, State Warden Reed Fontenot, State Chaplain Most Reverend Michael Mulvey, Associate State Chaplain Reverend Tommy Chen, 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 Carlos González, 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 new Executive Secretary Carlos Gonzales and his wife Rebecca.

Thank you to all that have given me rides to Knights events, especially Ron Frerich, Sheryl Bowles, Kirby and Nancy Farek, Peter Tan, and many more - -

Thank you for your kindness. I am incredibly grateful - - a true example of living unity and fraternity.

I particularly want to thank our current State Directors, Bill Tillotson, David H. Zeigler Sr., Rick Guzman, Chad Sandwell, Joe Jacobo, and Gregory Brown, and their teams for all the heavy lifting they do. Thank you for all your leadership and work - - you enable Texas to help our priests, parishes, community, members, and families.

Most importantly, I want to thank you from all the Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council officers, and council members I have been honored to meet and assist 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 and not responding to every negative comment will win many situations. People like to be around good people. Living our faith with kindness with 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. Your wives are the best recruiters of all - - Parishioners - Catholic men, encouraged by their wives, will join by observing your good work 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 fiduciary duty over the HA.
- Financial Secretary cannot write checks. Or be on bank account.
- Council's 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 and your families - - God Bless You, Your Family and Thank You for allowing me to serve you. God bless you.**

God bless you and your families. I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to serve you as your State Secretary. 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!

## **2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER**

### **Derek W. Rabey**

**V**IVAT JESUS!

Welcome to the 121<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Texas State Council. I want to welcome each of you to this year's convention at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Thank you!!!

It has been an honor serving as your State Treasurer for this past fraternal year. I want to thank every member of every council across the great state of Texas. Your dedication to our honored Order has been the foundation for all the success we achieve as the Texas State Council.

I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy, Ron Alonzo and First Lady Margo for their hard work and dedication to the Texas State Council and our Order.

Their dedication has been evidenced by the time spent and miles travelling across the state, visiting councils, attending CUFs, and other events showing their support for the good works the councils are completing. State Secretary, Robert "Bob" Goss, has also done an excellent job documenting the minutes for all our TSC and SCC meetings, attending functions and CUFs supporting members at the local level. State Advocate David Pels continues to exercise his legal experience to provide appropriate fraternal legal assistance and guidance to our members, councils, and State Council. Our State Warden, Reed Fontenot, has done an outstanding job making sure our meetings stay on time and are managed effectively as well as taking on the challenge of council per capita payment accountability. Thank you to our Immediate Past State Deputy, Terry Frugé, for the continued dedication of his time and talents to the State Council. To our Supreme Director, Alfredo Vela, a special word of thanks goes to you for your dedication, guidance, and selfless giving to our Order. To all our Past State Deputies, thank you for everything you do on behalf of our Order, for your mentorship and your unwavering support.

With two months still to go until the end of this fraternal year, we have Membership, Charity, and Star Council goals to achieve. We are all in this together and every State Officer is here to aid you in achieving success at the individual council levels as well as keeping Texas in the Circle of Honor.

I would like to especially thank our State Chaplain, Most Reverend Michael Mulvey, of Corpus Christi, and Associate State Chaplain, Reverend Tommy Chen, of Port Lavaca, for their dedication and spiritual support. May we continue to pray for all our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious.

To our Major Directors, Chairmen, and Committeemen, thank you for your dedication to your respective duties and responsibilities. Your efforts are what ensures Texas stays the course and achieves our goals in membership, charity, star councils, programs, education, training, and communications, as well as faith formation and evangelization.

To our General Agents and our Field Agents, thank you for the unwavering dedication you offer to our members and their families. You are championing the vision of Father McGivney every day ensuring the insurance products offered by our Order's Insurance Program are available and easily understood. Not only that, but you are always available to assess our members' needs and provide the guidance needed to ensure their families are taken care of.

I want to thank Michael McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin for all their hard work and dedication. I also want to thank and welcome our new Executive Secretary, Carlos González, to the State Office Team. Please take time this weekend to offer your personal word of thanks for all the work they do behind the scenes.

To our Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Council Officers, Council Members, District Deputies, and Diocesan Deputies, Thank you! The work you do is what strengthens our Order across Texas. Your work and dedication make Texas the jurisdiction all others want to emulate.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our ladies, children, and family members for all they do to assist and support us. It is your love, support, and encouragement which keeps us inspired to do the great work we are doing. I especially want to thank my wife Veronica for all the love, dedication, and support. I also thank our daughter Micah for always supporting us both.

We have two months left to make this the best year Texas has ever seen.

FOLLOW ME!

Viva Cristo Rey!

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE ADVOCATE

### David Pels

A special thank you to the Corpus Christi 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 Ron Alonzo and First Lady Margo for your leadership. Thanks to our Immediate Past State Deputy Terry Frugé and former First Lady Beth 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 Mulvey; Assistant State Chaplain Reverend Tommy Chen; State Secretary Bob Goss; State Treasurer Derek Raby; and State Warden Reed Fontenot—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: Bill Tillotson, Membership; David Zeigler, Star Council; Joe Jacobo, Charity; Rick Guzman,

Programs; Chad Sandwell, Education & Training. Gregg 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 Carlos González, 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. 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 issues we frequently encounter.

### References for Legal Support

An abundance of training is provided by Supreme and TSC. 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.

### Safe Environment Training

The Grand Knight, Program Director (usually the Deputy Grand Knight), Family Director and Community Director are each required to take the Knights of Columbus safe environment training. Completing the safe environment training helps to protect you, your Council, and the Order in the event there is a reported incident of sexual abuse. This is not the same safe environment training that a liturgical minister receives from the Diocese. One training course will not be substituted for the other, as they are put forth by different entities. Always follow your Bishop’s guidance regarding safe environment training.

### Liability Insurance

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 (\$2.64 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](mailto:CouncilInsurance@locktonaffinity.com), or on the web at [locktonaffinity.com](http://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 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. This is to ensure uniformity among Councils throughout the Order. 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., to resolve the dispute at the lowest possible level, learn from it, and move on. Someone aggrieved at 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!

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE WARDEN

### Reed A. Fontenot III

**B**rothers All,  
The Texas State Council serves an important function in guiding, training, executing the many important meetings throughout the year as well as serving the many councils and Knights in Texas. To be able to fund the Texas State Council, a mandatory state per capita of \$10 per member is levied annually for every member in Texas who are on council rosters as of July 1 every year. I am proud to report that as of February 28, 2025, 87.36% of all councils have paid their share! We have 97 dormant councils this year that are also assessed. Looking at just active councils we are down to only 39 that still need to pay State per Capita for a total of \$22,599.75. Great job Texas!

To participate in the upcoming State Convention in Corpus Christi, earn state awards, participate in state events such as the free throw contest, etc., councils need to complete their state per capita payments. Paper statements were mailed to all Financial Secretaries July 2024. To pay there are two options. Access the state website (tkofc.org) and pay online or a check can be mailed to the State Office at their new address:

Knights of Columbus, Texas State Council 1033 La

Posada Dr., Suite 100, Austin TX 78754.

A report has been sent to all Diocesan Deputies if you have any questions. Also, you can call the state office to speak with Kari Jordan, our accountant. Her contact information is (512) 442-1492, kjordan@tkofc.org. You can also contact myself if you have any questions, (501) 920-0102, reed.fontenot@outlook.com.

It is truly a privilege to serve you on the Texas State Council! I would not be able to do without the support of my bride of 36 years, Donna Fontenot.

God Bless every one of my brother Knights!

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

### Bill Tillotson

### Mission Statement

We believe the Knights of Columbus provides Catholic men the best opportunity in today's world of following in the footsteps of Christ. We thus want to do all within our power to grow the Order and foster healthy, vibrant councils in every parish.

As Knights, we should all believe this. Viewed in this light, it makes sense that we want to give all Catholic men the opportunity to join the Knights.

### Goals

The membership intake goal for Texas for this fraternal year was set at **5300 members**. The monthly goals, broken down to the diocesan level, were as follows.

Diocese	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Amarillo	4	6	7	8	8	7	4	7	7	7	7	8	80
Austin	32	47	50	55	58	50	29	50	52	52	52	54	581
Beaumont	12	17	18	20	21	18	11	18	19	19	19	20	212
Brownsville	9	13	14	15	16	14	8	14	14	14	14	15	160
Corpus Christi	9	13	14	15	16	14	8	14	14	14	14	15	160
Dallas	38	55	59	65	69	59	34	59	62	62	62	64	688
El Paso	12	17	18	20	21	18	11	18	19	19	19	20	212
Fort Worth	29	42	45	50	53	45	27	45	48	48	48	49	529
Gal-Houston	58	85	90	101	106	90	53	90	95	95	95	100	1058
Laredo	10	15	16	18	19	16	9	16	17	17	17	18	188
Lubbock	4	6	7	8	8	7	4	7	7	7	7	8	80
San Angelo	12	17	18	20	21	18	11	18	19	19	19	20	212
San Antonio	47	68	72	81	85	72	42	72	76	76	76	80	847
Tyler	7	11	11	13	13	11	7	11	12	12	12	13	133
Victoria	9	13	14	15	16	14	8	14	14	14	14	15	160
MTD Total	292	425	453	504	530	453	266	453	475	475	475	499	5300

### Original State and Diocesan Goals

The goals for new councils and council reactivations for this year were as follows.

- 15 new councils (1 per diocese)
- 13 reactivated council (1 per diocese except for Tyler and Victoria, which had no suspended councils)

Supreme had two incentives that allowed the State Council to reduce our membership goal for the year. They were:

- For every ten online members converted to council membership, the State membership goal was reduced by one.
- If the State Council hit the following annual percentages of membership growth by the following dates, 2.5% of the original membership goal was subtracted from the state goal. Those dates and percentage were: September 30, 2024 – 20%; December 3, 2024 – 50%; March 31, 2025 – 75%.

### Year End Results

As of July 1, 2025, the Texas State Council recruited **5524 new members** into the Order.

The following goal reductions were achieved. Online Membership Conversion Reductions:

- July – 10
- August – 10
- September – 17
- October – 43
- November – 20
- December – 21
- January – 30
- February – 32
- March – 33
- April – 27
- May – 37
- June – 45

In addition, the following annual progress goals were met:

- September 30, 2024 – 20% met – Reduction of 132
- December 3, 2024 – 50% met – Reduction of 132
- March 1, 2025 – 75% met – Reduction of 132

With these reductions, the membership goal as of July 1, 2025, was **4579 members**. So, growth as of this date was **120.64%** of modified goal, which qualified Texas for the **Circle of Honor with Pinnacle Status**.

The membership intake per month and percentage against original goals were as follows. Months in which records were set for the jurisdiction are highlighted.

	Texas		
	Goal	Actual	%
<b>Jul</b>	292	309	106%
<b>Aug</b>	425	396	93%
<b>Sept</b>	453	599	132%
<b>Q1</b>	1170	1304	111%
<b>Oct</b>	504	556	110%
<b>Nov</b>	530	319	60%
<b>Dec</b>	453	386	85%
<b>Q2</b>	1487	1261	85%
<b>Jan</b>	266	467	176%
<b>Feb</b>	453	438	97%
<b>Mar</b>	475	579	122%
<b>Q3</b>	1194	1484	124%
<b>Apr</b>	475	486	102%
<b>May</b>	475	517	109%
<b>Jun</b>	499	472	95%
<b>Total</b>	5300	5524	104.2%

### State Actuals vs. Original Goals

Membership intake was also tracked on a Diocese basis. Performance for full year against original goals was as follows:

Division 1	Annual Goal	Intake	% of Goal
San Antonio	847	875	103%
Austin	581	563	96.9%
Gal-Houston	1058	1021	96.5%
Dallas	688	651	95%
Fort Worth	529	483	91%

#### Division 2

Corpus Christi	160	212	133%
Brownsville	160	207	129%
San Angelo	212	201	95%
Victoria	160	143	89%
Beaumont	212	162	76%

#### Division 3

Lubbock	80	115	144%
El Paso	212	220	104%
Tyler	133	116	87%
Amarillo	80	58	73%
Laredo	188	99	53%

Online Only 398

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### Diocesan Actuals vs. Original Goals

### Council Status

As of July 1, 2025, there were 867 councils assigned to Texas. Of these, 142 were designated inactive and 19 were suspended, resulting in 706 active councils in Texas.

### All Councils Active

As of July 1, 2025, of the 706 active councils, 115 (16.3%) were recruitment inactive.

### Online Membership

As of July 1, 2025, Texas had recruited 4424 online members into the Order. This was 137% of our annual online membership goal, which led Division 1.

Of those, 3223 were converted to council membership. This was a 73% conversion rate, which exceeded our historical rate of 68%.

### New Council Development/Reactivation

New councils in Texas this year were:

- Sheppard AFB Council 18612 – District 22, Fort Worth Diocese
- Angelo State University Council 18665 – District 224, San Angelo Diocese

Reactivations this year are:

- San Francisco Javier Council 13460 - District 153, Austin Diocese
- La Pryor Council 13675 – District 231, Laredo Diocese

### Exemplification Coordination

The state continued to encourage all District Deputies to host one Exemplification per month. This was tracked via an online submission utility that provides all Knights with access to a statewide Exemplification.

### College Councils

There were 23 college councils in Texas as of July 1, 2025. Of these, 17 were active councils. The following councils were recruitment active. Shown is progress towards annual goal.

UTSA Council 17492 - 240%  
St. Mary's Council 18327 - 620%  
Assumption Council 13523 - 120%  
University of Houston Council 15105 - 700%  
SMU Council 15852 - 380%  
Lamar Council 16464 - 100%  
Baylor Council 13577 - 260%  
Texas A&M Council 10624 - 107.14%  
Texas State Council 18087 - 160%  
TAMU – Corpus Christi Council 18173 - 40%  
TAMU - Kingsville Council 18202 - 100%  
Texas Tech Council 14426 - 440%  
University of Dallas Council 14872 - 460%

The following college councils are dormant. Their designation as Active or Inactive is shown.

TCU Council 17039 (Active)  
TAMU Galveston Council 16146 (Active)  
Rice Council 16195 (Active)  
University of Texas Council 12409 (Active)  
Sam Houston Council 8374 (Inactive)  
UT Rio Grand Valley Council 10600 (Inactive)  
Stephen F. Austin Council 10790 (Inactive)  
St. Thomas University Council 13940 (Inactive)  
UTEP Council 15727 (Inactive)  
UT Dallas Council 16677 (Inactive)

The following councils sent members to the Supreme College Council conference October 4-6, 2024, in New Haven: Assumption Seminary, St. Mary's, UTSA and A&M – Kingsville. St. Mary's University Council 18327 in San Antonio also receives the award for Outstanding College Council of the Year.

The college council conference for Texas was in Corpus Christi in March 2025.

### Military Councils

There were 4 military councils in Texas. Of these, all 4 are designated as active yet one was dormant. Progress towards their annual membership goals are shown below:

Fort Hood Council 13534 - Dormant  
Fort Bliss Council 14584 - 160%  
Nas Fort Worth JRB Council 17024 - 80%  
Sheppard AFB Council 18612 – Newly Chartered

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STAR COUNCIL AWARDS DIRECTOR

### David Zeigler

The Star Council Award is the highest Award that the Supreme Council has available to any council. Councils can earn this award for making their assigned goals for membership, insurance, and service program activities in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. This award is a health check each year for the council. Councils earning the Star Council Award exhibit behaviors most seen in successful councils. Every Council can be a Star Council – planning, execution, and plan modifications is the key to achieving this high honor.

### Star Council Award Requirements:

1. Earn the **Father McGivney Award** for membership growth by June 30 each fraternal year.
2. Earn the **Founders' Award** for insurance growth by June 30 each fraternal year.

3. Earn the **Columbian Award** for Faith in Action programs by June 30 each fraternal year.
4. Submit the **Service Program Personnel Report** (Form 365) due by July 1 each fraternal year.
5. Submit the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity** (Form 1728) due by January 31 each fraternal year.
6. **Safe Environment.** Be compliant by May 1 each fraternal year for the following positions:
  - Grand Knight
  - Program Director
  - Family Director (background check required)
  - Community Director (background check required)
  - Columbian Squires Counselors (if applicable) (background check required)

All inquiries about the program should be directed to the Office of Youth Protection via email to [oyp@kofc.org](mailto:oyp@kofc.org) or by phone to 203-800-4940.

7. Councils must be current with **Supreme Per Capita** twice during the year; prior to October 10 each fraternal year & April 10 each fraternal year.

#### **Lone Star Awards Requirements:**

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. Earn the Star Council Award.
2. Submit Form 185 by July 1 each fraternal year.
3. Pay State Per Capita by March 1 each fraternal year.
4. Meet State Charity Goal by June 30 each fraternal year.
5. Seat at least one delegate at the State Convention each fraternal year.
6. Submit Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit by August 15 each fraternal year & February 15 each fraternal year.

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

1. Earn the Lone Star Award for Excellence.

2. Submit Form 185 by July 1 each fraternal year.
3. Pay State Per Capita by December 31 each fraternal year.
4. Meet State Charity Goal by December 31 each fraternal year.
5. Be Safe Environment Compliant by December 31 each fraternal year.
6. Participate in (1) Fraternal Benefit Event by December 31.
7. Seat one or two delegates at the State Convention each fraternal year.
  - a. Councils with 99 members or less – (1) delegate.
  - b. Councils with 100 members or more (2) delegates.
8. Submit Form 10784 for Special Olympics by January 31 each fraternal year.
9. 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 each fraternal year.

#### **Star District Award Requirements:**

District Deputies are recognized for excellence by Supreme when meeting the following requirements:

1. Meet membership goal (70% of combined council quotas).
2. Meet 50% of the Councils in his District earn the Founder's Award.
3. Submit Form 944 for each council due by September 15 each fraternal year. For this fraternal year 98% of the DD's submitted all 944 forms covering 98% of all Councils. Great Job DD's. You can have 100% next fraternal year!
4. Have at least one council in the district earn Star Council.

#### **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, District Deputies, Grand Knights, & Financial Secretaries via our Constant Contact email platform.

**Year to Date Progress:**

On June 30, 2025, there were 725 active councils in Texas. Of these, the following Star Council forms have been submitted:

Report of Officers Chosen Forms 185 – 725 submitted (100%)

Service Program Personnel Report Form 365 – 725 submitted (100%)

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 – 477 submitted (66%)

As of this date, 339 (46.8%) are at 100%+ of their membership goal for the year. 325 councils (448.8%) have met their Fraternal Benefit Event goal for the year. Also as of this date, 407 councils (56.1%) in Texas were fully Safe Environment Compliant.

As of June 30, 2025, 259 Councils achieved Star Council Status. A new record for the Order.

Of the 259 Star Councils, 146 councils earned the Lone Star Award for Excellence (LSAFE) and 55 councils earned the Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction (LSAFED).

As of June 30, 2025, 93 District Deputies earned Star District status. 14 of these Star Districts were All Star Districts, meaning all councils in the district earned Star Council.

**Star Council Team Members:**

Brad Meyer – Star Tracker Chairman  
Dan Rangel (Sylvia) – Committeeman  
Robert Landry (Missie) – Committeeman  
Dr. Dean Hansen (Edee) – Committeeman  
Oscar Gendrop (Maria) – Committeeman  
David Keating (Linda) – Committeeman

These Brother Knights have done an outstanding job in keeping the Dioceses informed of where they are and where they need to be. 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.

I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Ron Alonzo and our First Lady Margo 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.

Thank you & prayers for our outstanding State Office Family, Executive Secretary Carlos J. González, Accounting Kari Jordan, and Council Records Kathleen McLoughlin, without their support and guidance, we would be lost. Thank you for keeping us straight and making us look good!

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

Vivat Jesus! Keep Texas Number #1.

<b>2024-2025 Lone Star Award with Excellence with Distinction</b>					
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DIOCESE</b>	<b>GRAND KNIGHT</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b>
3205	146	College Station	Austin	Darrell L Perkins	Arthur L Bajet
7600	151	Cedar Park	Austin	Brian D Van De Walle	David E Tull
9997	151	Austin	Austin	Michael L Yarberry	Erik D Anderson
10333	156	Austin	Austin	Patrick J Medina	Jared D Beavers
10373	150	Pflugerville	Austin	Don E Adair	Curtis Linder
13927	151	Austin	Austin	William T Griffith	Brian D McMeans
14943	152	Bastrop	Austin	Jim Sheeran	Karl J Arunski
3491	123	Groves	Beaumont	Curtis R Humphrey Jr	Philip J Chauvin
5145	123	Nederland	Beaumont	Jason Kemp	Tony L Tomplait
2785	216	Harlingen	Brownsville	Edgar R Martinez	Roberto G Martinez
8298	207	McAllen	Brownsville	Gilbert Aldaz	Jeffery Narbaez
12040	207	McAllen	Brownsville	Tommy R Villarreal	Mark Chesson
6413	171	Portland	Corpus Christi	Benjamin H Walker IV	Alvin M Saathoff
5052	110	Dallas	Dallas	Omar N Mediano	David E Ruml
6065	111	Plano	Dallas	Oscar Sanchez	Luis Bautista
11716	110	Plano	Dallas	Thomas Ordermann	Jack C Lyon
12153	114	McKinney	Dallas	Paul A Scrivano	Troy A Scheffman
7099	024	Grapevine	Fort Worth	Herman J Barringhaus Jr	Joseph A Rougraff
7736	019	Mansfield	Fort Worth	Charles R Estep	Thomas G Scott
10930	016	Ft Worth	Fort Worth	Douglas C Simmons	Ramon A Carrasquillo
13408	030	Carrollton	Fort Worth	Bob Moses	Shawn E Anderson
16393	027	Denton	Fort Worth	Rene Saldivar	Mark E Eiserman
17404	029	Azle	Fort Worth	Don J Kotzer	Daniel Swanson
18179	024	Roanoke	Fort Worth	Chad A Degner	James F Johnson

<b>2024-2025 Lone Star Award with Excellence with Distinction</b>					
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DIOCESE</b>	<b>GRAND KNIGHT</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b>
4204	079	Sugar Land	Galv/Hous	Donald E Hensley	Daniel E Rega
7382	075	Houston	Galv/Hous	Robert L Malek Jr	Dennis M Trainor
7445	075	Richmond	Galv/Hous	Benedict G Anders	Arthur G Hausler
8482	096	Houston	Galv/Hous	Clayton G Evans	Lawrence P Hogan
8960	074	Pearland	Galv/Hous	Manuel Vielma	Michael A Melancon
10861	096	Spring	Galv/Hous	Mark A Haubert	Norbert R Grijalva
11343	079	Sugar Land	Galv/Hous	Richard J Kleczynski Jr	Gregory E Schockling
12320	092	Kingwood	Galv/Hous	Kerry J Manning	Jeffery S Gaspard
14617	079	Missouri City	Galv/Hous	Gregory J Garvin	John R Ganguzza
15105	102	Houston	Galv/Hous	David Bartlett	Christian E Garza
17653	093	The Woodlands	Galv/Hous	David L McManus	William J Moeller II
9626	232	Laredo	Laredo	Martin Herrera	Carlos Vallarta
15783	238	Laredo	Laredo	Mario A Molina Jr	Mario A Medellin
18277	233	Laredo	Laredo	Mario Pena	Aaron Canales
3203	222	Odessa	San Angelo	Victor L Fierro	Trinidad F Jacobo
4183	046	New Braunfels	San Antonio	Robert L Stewart	Daniel J Bumbernick
6358	048	Schertz	San Antonio	Thomas A Stamp	John D Hoeft
7386	047	San Antonio	San Antonio	Rick Briseno	Roland Rodriguez Jr
7613	043	San Antonio	San Antonio	Robert F Eldridge	Alan B Nelson
7983	048	San Antonio	San Antonio	Carlos Hernandez	Marcus A Villegas
8065	061	San Antonio	San Antonio	Edward G Altamirano	Robert J Garza
9967	043	San Antonio	San Antonio	Marcus Vigil	Joseph M Vigil
10240	040	San Antonio	San Antonio	Felipe Jimenez	Louis J Marin
11599	039	San Antonio	San Antonio	Jason W Houy	Alonso Zuniga
17769	040	San Antonio	San Antonio	John Reyes Jr	Norberto J Esparza
10524	131	Athens	Tyler	Dr David B Barrett	Christopher J Mix
14636	135	Flint	Tyler	Jonathan R Hocker	Terry W Slayton
2490	188	El Campo	Victoria	Robert Easter	James A Kocurek
9088	193	Victoria	Victoria	John K Bednarczyk	Tim J Michalski

<b>2024-2025 Lone Star Award with Excellence</b>					
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DIOCESE</b>	<b>GRAND KNIGHT</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b>
1450	199	Amarillo	Amarillo	Jason C Yarbrough	Robert D Frigo
2778	196	Hereford	Amarillo	Mack A Neilsen	Matthew J Wilhelm
7840	196	Canyon	Amarillo	Rudy Fuentes Jr	Nolan Self
2574	154	La Grange	Austin	Hector Cervantez	Marcus J Recek
5967	156	Austin	Austin	Keith R Wanta	William G Boiko
6978	161	Lampasas	Austin	Reynaldo T Medrano	Philip R Pridmore
7196	143	Belton	Austin	Sergio A Gamino	John F Pollack
8085	154	Giddings	Austin	Dennis Nunes	Marcus A Del Toro
8135	142	Waco	Austin	Mark J Keeley	Timothy L McCarthy
8156	158	Austin	Austin	Arnold Auzenne	John A Langan
9368	150	Round Rock	Austin	Richard W Mara	Michael B Goertz
10131	155	Austin	Austin	Eric Stavely	George Rosales
10209	158	Austin	Austin	Eustolio A Trevino Jr	Cruz A Villegas
10463	151	Lago Vista	Austin	Lucas A Manley	Jimmy D Thorton
12148	149	Round Rock	Austin	Edward D Reilly III	Joe R Zamora
13005	142	Waco	Austin	John F Mayer	Michael A Scheer
951	125	Beaumont	Beaumont	John M Bartee Sr	Regius C Guillory
2461	123	Port Neches	Beaumont	Joseph A Graffagnino	Douglas G Thomas
3201	126	Liberty	Beaumont	Mychal P English	Leon W Blackwelder
7058	122	Lumberton	Beaumont	Thomas Ehrensberger Jr	Joshua Tran
9564	126	Livingston	Beaumont	Grant R Cutts	Michael R Wolanski
11151	122	Sour Lake	Beaumont	Joseph A Volpitta	Casey L Tucker
13825	124	Orange	Beaumont	Joe K Dougharty	John J Scarchilli
5598	209	Edinburg	Brownsville	Jacob R Trevino	Andrew W Wetegrove
11070	208	Harlingen	Brownsville	Genovevo Martinez III	Mario E Moreno
11980	217	Hidalgo	Brownsville	Julio C Manzanares	Jesus Lopez
12337	208	Harlingen	Brownsville	Rosendo Munoz III	Danial X Riano
12661	215	La Joya	Brownsville	Noe G Guerra	Edelmiro Gandaria
13876	215	Mission	Brownsville	Norberto Gonzalez	Rogelio De Leon-Arizpe
15262	209	Edinburg	Brownsville	Ricardo M Torres	Juan Negrete Jr
15448	210	Brownsville	Brownsville	Jose D Avila Guel	Jose D Avila Guel
1202	178	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	Richard K Foegelle	Ignacio Perez
1653	166	Beeville	Corpus Christi	Darrell Hesseltine	Tyler Oubre
3169	173	Alice	Corpus Christi	Dr Rafael F Cuellar Jr	Agapito Alaniz Jr
7290	167	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	John E Tierney	John E Porche III
10677	176	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	Ramon O Presas	Ron H Limbaugh
11107	178	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	Richard A Rodriguez	Jeffrey A Tomlin
11238	169	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	Yuma O Martinez	Ignacio P Donez
11570	174	Ingleside	Corpus Christi	Raymond A Wright	Edward L Polasek
16275	172	Bishop	Corpus Christi	Nolan H Smith	Francisco Garcia Jr

<b>2024-2025 Lone Star Award with Excellence</b>					
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DIOCESE</b>	<b>GRAND KNIGHT</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b>
799	112	Dallas	Dallas	Patrick R Dillon	James A Hale
830	117	Denison	Dallas	John H Akers	Robert E Steele
6402	113	Garland	Dallas	Juan N Colunga	Jose R Gotay
7438	106	Greenville	Dallas	John W Feess	Jimmy R Ware
7850	111	Plano	Dallas	Craig L Robinson	Kevin K Skees
8157	109	Duncanville	Dallas	Michael T Fitzgerald	Peter A Perta
8417	118	Waxahachie	Dallas	Eric A Valdez	Chase M Overton
8954	106	Richardson	Dallas	Milton J Catalina	Jason A Clark
10523	115	Grand Praire	Dallas	Rickie J Sala	Edward E Romack
10646	105	Rowlett	Dallas	John R Plote	Ricky T Brown
11721	107	Kaufman	Dallas	Mario Chavez	Chad W Brown
12300	103	Wylie	Dallas	Aaron D Monroe	Nathan J Wurtz
12480	111	Frisco	Dallas	Grady B Hill	Daniel L Schroer
13044	111	Allen	Dallas	William B Pilcher Jr	Paul N Lebeuf
13158	107	Mesquite	Dallas	George E Cogan	James M Hubbard
13520	108	Dallas	Dallas	Henry F Setina	John C Roberts
14568	113	Dallas	Dallas	Felix T Estrada	Alberto Castro
15033	108	Irving	Dallas	Andy T Wallace	Victor O Moreira
18262	108	Dallas	Dallas	Larry F Reding	Charles J Kocian
10420	002	El Paso	El Paso	Juan R Torres	David Solis
12697	009	El Paso	El Paso	Oscar Villalva	Scott Orjada
14584	005	Ft Bliss	El Paso	Peter Njanje	Giovani Hyppolite
15017	006	El Paso	El Paso	Donald R Lara	David Garcia
16041	008	El Paso	El Paso	Jose C Montes	Andrew M Bustamante
759	018	Keller	Fort Worth	John J Keilgley	David J Walker
2045	030	Pilot Point	Fort Worth	Kyle Holloway	John E Dechaud Jr
4771	027	Denton	Fort Worth	Blas D Hinojosa	Thomas E Prohaska
7175	026	Burleson	Fort Worth	Armando Natera	Raul Velez
7264	016	Weatherford	Fort Worth	Tommy Reynolds	Matthew P Sasso
9299	019	Arlington	Fort Worth	Frank R Oliver	James R Cummings
9748	017	Granbury	Fort Worth	Chris E Callsen Jr	Leo E Wolf Sr
9868	026	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	Richard Acosta	Lonzell Arrington
12553	027	Denton	Fort Worth	Jeremy F Schmucker	Paul Rando Jr
13363	019	Arlington	Fort Worth	Marcus Lopez	Anton Seidl
15789	024	Colleyville	Fort Worth	Michael J Best	John P Finke
15882	032	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	Garland E Tate	Christopher P Caciola
16663	026	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	James Black	Gerard Rodriguez
17196	029	Aledo	Fort Worth	Michael M Walsh	Robert J Williams Jr
17304	030	Prosper	Fort Worth	Steven F Bredeson	George C Siller Jr

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<b>2024-2025 Lone Star Award with Excellence</b>					
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DIOCESE</b>	<b>GRAND KNIGHT</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b>
3217	068	Dickinson	Galv/Hous	John M Moore	Robert C Whelton
3793	086	Wallis	Galv/Hous	Mark D Williams	Duwayne Engelhardt
3910	080	Houston	Galv/Hous	Henry E Kahlich	Thomas A Mack
4550	087	Houston	Galv/Hous	Joseph K Labrie	Roger A Sebesta
6234	071	Nassau Bay	Galv/Hous	Alejandro Pabon	Joseph E Martin Jr
6557	093	Spring	Galv/Hous	Paul A Hall	William M Cox
6812	066	Lake Jackson	Galv/Hous	Richard E Kaus	Lawrence J Samson
6878	092	Humble	Galv/Hous	Rex M Roeges	Rolando J Reyna
6950	085	Katy	Galv/Hous	Ray L Riddle	Alfred J Gosch
7728	079	Missouri City	Galv/Hous	Philip R Kraus	David M Perez
8494	101	Friendswood	Galv/Hous	John C Laine	Nelson M Olavarria
8771	090	Houston	Galv/Hous	Thomas R Rinaldi	Richard J Thompson II
9310	068	League City	Galv/Hous	Albert J Garcia	David J Sadler
9708	071	Houston	Galv/Hous	Jim B Hickok	Mark C Kradzinski
9759	085	Katy	Galv/Hous	Gene M Janiszewski	George R Peralta
9794	092	Huffman	Galv/Hous	Frank J Campisi	Frank J McMahon
10390	074	Houston	Galv/Hous	Gabriel A Couriel	Robert D Denton
10959	071	Houston	Galv/Hous	Philip E Prasek	Michael J Lobo
11023	083	Houston	Galv/Hous	Bobie W Townsend	Jeremiah N Foley
11472	096	Tomball	Galv/Hous	Paul C Hellen	Robert E Ridley
12327	094	The Woodlands	Galv/Hous	Peter C Dorsey	Hank D Halbach
12955	085	Katy	Galv/Hous	Raul R Maldonado	James Roadarmel
13166	092	New Caney	Galv/Hous	Freddie Santos	Jerry Vasquez
14512	093	Spring	Galv/Hous	Brendan R D'Souza	Manny Payan
14700	083	Houston	Galv/Hous	John W Kulhanek	James V Del Monte
16103	085	Fulshear	Galv/Hous	Jason T Knape	Robert D Robbins
17060	083	Houston	Galv/Hous	Michael J Stimac	Mark A Ferguson
8142	235	Carrizo Springs	Laredo	Tomas G Avila	Ramsey Castillo
17991	234	Laredo	Laredo	Narciso Castro Jr	Jorge A Gutierrez
11807	246	Lubbock	Lubbock	Vicente Carrillo Jr	Henry Lopez
12803	243	Lubbock	Lubbock	Juan J Lara	Ronald J Gallagher
14426	246	Lubbock	Lubbock	Alonzo D Mendoza	
15876	242	Lubbock	Lubbock	Jesse Flores Jr	Rudy J Medrano
2136	229	San Angelo	San Angelo	Xavier C Gomez	Glenn E Dierschke
8788	228	Abilene	San Angelo	Jaime Limas	Michael A Garcia
9215	221	Midland	San Angelo	Larry Rodriguez	Daniel Rodriguez
9674	230	Fort Stockton	San Angelo	Mikal A Ortiz	Jimmy G Hernandez
12657	223	Midland	San Angelo	Marcos A Ybarra	Brooks G Johnson
17679	222	Odessa	San Angelo	Octavio O Carrillo	Juanito Hinojos
18101	228	Abilene	San Angelo	Von Clendenen	Joe Lamson

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4298	038	San Antonio	San Antonio	Jeffrey E Fallon	Thomas A Krueger
4315	054	San Antonio	San Antonio	Michael D Kopecki	Kenneth M Lemanski
4786	038	San Antonio S W	San Antonio	Anthony C Quintero	Rodolpho Carrizales
5090	045	Gonzales	San Antonio	James A Molnoskey	James A Molnoskey
7347	046	Canyon Lake	San Antonio	Roy Franco	Howard G Robinson
8306	040	Helotes	San Antonio	Phillip Aguilar	Thomas A Killingbeck
8789	054	San Antonio	San Antonio	Jacob Rodriguez	Benito C Garcia Jr
9291	049	San Antonio	San Antonio	Michael J Mosman	Marcus Altus
9765	041	Fredericksburg	San Antonio	Wesley O Crenwelge	Gerald W Watson
10090	051	San Antonio	San Antonio	Benjamin T Torres	Juan Estrada Jr
10940	042	Boerne	San Antonio	Frank Diaz	Bruce Anderson
13523	049	San Antonio	San Antonio	Erick G Cruz	Luis H Gomez Bustamante
14690	042	Leon Springs	San Antonio	Alfonso M Gomez	Gary R Davenport
15343	053	San Antonio	San Antonio	Jose Alvarado	Johnny R Ortiz
16748	045	Seguin	San Antonio	William E Smith	Richard Pena
17492	044	San Antonio	San Antonio	Adrian D Canterbury	Arthur C Avila
17762	043	San Antonio	San Antonio	William H Person	Carl D Michel
18327	044	San Antonio	San Antonio	Stephen Garcia	Jaime Carrillo
1003	136	Texarkana	Tyler	Vincent E Meinzer Jr	Travis G Desjarlais
1422	133	Marshall	Tyler	Allan R Franklin	Edward F Juno Jr
2771	133	Longview	Tyler	Donald R Anglin	Vance Lowry
6699	136	Daingerfield, Mt Pleasant, Pittsburg	Tyler	Dennis P Gendron	Manuel Pasillas
8975	132	Sulphur Springs	Tyler	Craig A Toenniges	Kurt L Sehnert
16078	132	Emory	Tyler	Craigen M Raphael	Mark E Riordan
3244	191	Moulton	Victoria	Perry S Kram	Marlon L Novosad
3253	186	Port Lavaca	Victoria	Miles F Thompson Jr	Ricky Servantes
8388	193	Victoria	Victoria	Michael A Muniz	Louis G Rodriguez
9393	188	El Campo	Victoria	Frank Flores	Adrian W Canales
9394	188	Louise-Hillje	Victoria	David L Saucedo	Timothy C Benich

<b>2024 - 2025 All Star Districts</b>	
<b>District</b>	<b>District Deputy</b>
19	Richard H Rumenapp
29	Bryan A Prewitt
30	Dominick J Gervasi
43	Adam G Rabel
44	Jordan A Delgado
71	Joseph A Kramer Jr
79	Christopher L Breaux
85	Jeffrey M Thigpen
92	Mr Robert J Mc Andrews
96	Fernando Flores
11	Michael E Kells - Murphy
16	Michael J Courtney
51	Webster J Veade Jr

<b>2024 - 2025 Star Districts</b>					
<b>District</b>	<b>District Deputy</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>District Deputy</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>District Deputy</b>
2	Gilbert F De La Rosa	85	Jeffrey M Thigpen	150	Martin L Schuessler
6	Luis J Ortiz	87	Robert A Alcala	151	Webster J Veade Jr
8	Joseph L Smith	92	Mr Robert J Mc Andrews	154	Philip L Rocha
9	Robert L Aranda	93	John A Williams	155	Ernesto Humberto Wallace Sr
16	TBD	96	Fernando Flores	156	George G Scott
19	Richard H Rumenapp	99	Donald R Kresse	158	Darrel J Vinklerek
24	Ruben V Cisneros	101	Anthony P Scarpa	166	Lawrence V Garcia
26	Mark Von Rosenberg	102	Samuel Gonzalez	168	Victoriano Garcia Jr
27	Mark G Stack	105	Dennis M Stark	172	Miguel A Briseno
29	Bryan A Prewitt	106	Mr. Brian S Tooley	175	TBA
30	Dominick J Gervasi	107	Robert M Repka Jr	188	James A Kocurek
32	Leonard M Gruca	108	John G Ayers	207	Daniel Norman
38	Russell L Williams	109	Kebran W Alexander	208	Michael H Carmona
40	Anthony M Morales	110	Richard C Frasco	209	Reynaldo Mendoza
42	William J Edwards	111	Michael E Kells - Murphy	215	Jorge Alanis
43	Adam G Rabel	113	Nicholas Flores	216	Haroldo Rodriguez
44	Jordan A Delgado	116	Michael J Courtney	217	Eduardo Garcia
47	Noe Carrizales	117	Troy Scheffman	222	Gregory J Dutchover
48	Enrique Dela Garza	122	Patrick J Campo	223	PJ Thompson
49	David C Martin	123	Tony L Tomplait	224	Jerry M Peters
54	Mr Jesse J Aguilar Jr	124	Thomas Ehrensberger Jr	225	Richard J Guevara
61	Richard E Vasquez	125	Jonathan O Vernon	227	Michael James Murray
63	Joe Hernandez	126	John M Bartee Sr	228	Kevin F Pantoja
65	Jesus N Guerrero	132	James Kevin Carey	229	Cecilio Caldera Jr
71	Joseph A Kramer Jr	133	Edward F Juno Jr	230	Rey Lopez
72	Joaquin E Perez	134	Damian C Oldmixon	232	Hector Chapa Jr
74	Richard D Johnson	135	Joseph J Guzzetta Jr	233	Antonio Gonzalez
75	Charles D Cantrell	136	Ricky C Solice	234	Jose Garcia
77	TBA	142	Billy F Coleman	237	Daniel Arevalo Jr
79	Christopher L Breaux	143	Eugene A Presta	242	Alfred Moreno Jr
83	Mervin J Albert Jr	146	David E Guerra	246	Francisco E Sotelo Jr

2024 - 2025 Star Councils							
759	4204	7386	9310	10959	13005	15789	18311
786	4298	7438	9318	10998	13044	15876	18327
799	4315	7445	9368	11023	13158	15882	
830	4550	7600	9394	11026	13166	16041	
951	4554	7613	9564	11070	13232	16047	
1003	4771	7728	9626	11107	13342	16078	
1202	4786	7736	9674	11151	13357	16103	
1422	5035	7840	9698	11238	13363	16205	
1450	5052	7850	9708	11343	13408	16275	
1459	5090	7983	9748	11472	13498	16287	
1653	5145	8065	9759	11570	13514	16393	
1680	5232	8085	9765	11599	13520	16451	
2045	5598	8135	9794	11620	13523	16663	
2136	5919	8142	9868	11716	13577	16665	
2461	5967	8156	9967	11721	13825	16748	
2490	6065	8157	9997	11807	13876	16796	
2574	6234	8298	10090	11980	13927	16820	
2771	6358	8306	10131	12040	14426	16917	
2778	6402	8327	10209	12084	14512	17060	
2785	6413	8388	10240	12148	14549	17196	
3008	6557	8417	10333	12153	14568	17225	
3071	6699	8482	10373	12292	14584	17304	
3169	6711	8493	10390	12300	14617	17404	
3201	6812	8494	10420	12320	14636	17492	
3203	6878	8572	10463	12327	14690	17653	
3205	6950	8771	10523	12337	14700	17679	
3217	6978	8788	10524	12480	14810	17708	
3244	7058	8789	10562	12553	14943	17762	
3253	7099	8875	10574	12657	15017	17769	
3491	7153	8960	10609	12661	15033	17812	
3593	7175	8975	10646	12697	15105	17991	
3793	7196	9088	10677	12711	15262	18101	
3867	7264	9215	10861	12803	15343	18179	
3910	7290	9220	10930	12809	15362	18202	
4157	7347	9291	10939	12818	15448	18262	
4183	7382	9299	10940	12955	15783	18277	

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

### Rick Guzman

It is a known fact that Programs play an integral part in determining the success of our councils. Programs that are appealing across the board are vital in reaching council recruitment goals and promoting high visibility for The Knights of Columbus within our parishes and our communities. If we don't do the programs that our members are looking for, they will go somewhere else and become a drop. It is important that councils are planning, scheduling, promoting and communicating with their members exactly what programs they are participating in and why.

Special thanks go out to Past State Warden and Former State Programs Director Pat Henz for being my mentor during my first term of being the State Programs Director. Pat's assistance and guidance were greatly appreciated.

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 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:

Silver Rose & Pilgrim Icon Chairman –  
Edvardo "Eddie" Garcia

Pro-Life Chairman – Tom Clark

Pregnancy Resource Chairman – Andrew  
Clark

Veterans Affairs Chairman – Angel Luna

RSVP & KofC License Plates Chairman – Dan  
Stoffel

Free Throw Chairman – Jesse Aguilar

Golf Chairman – Ricky Meyer & Larry  
Solansky

Bowling Chairman – Michael Cook

Cornhole Chairman – James Halfmann

### Faith In Action

The Faith In Action program is made up of Faith, Family, Community, and Life, the 4 categories, and 32 programs 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.

### Pilgrim Icon

#### Edvardo "Eddie" García, Chairman

Our New Pilgrim Icon is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through the Pilgrim Icon Program, councils organize a Sacred Heart Holy Hour featuring an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.

The Sacred Heart Holy Hour includes readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart and time for silent prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament may also be included. Following the holy hour, families are encouraged to enthrone the Sacred Heart in their homes by placing an image of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor and conducting an enthronement ceremony.

Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 191,000 council and parish prayer services with some 23 million participants have been held.

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.

Spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us.

### Silver Rose

#### Edvardo “Eddie” Garcia, Chairman

The Knights continued to carry the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe through North America with the Silver Rose Prayer program. The Silver Roses have eight routes, some starting in Canada. The Silver Roses made their way to Texas and ended with six roses in Laredo in December. On December 10th, all the roses came together for the transfer on the international bridge in Laredo. This year a large group of Knights and their Ladies escorted a silver rose and boxes of prayer petitions and handed it off to a Priest and Brother Knights from Mexico at the mid-point of the Laredo international bridge. 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.

Route 1					
New Mexico	10/26/2025	11/22/2025	Diocese	Start	End
Mexico	11/23/2025	12/12/2025	New Mexico	10/26/2025	11/22/2025
			El Paso	11/23/2025	11/24/2025
			Mexico	11/24/2025	12/12/2025
			Return to Supreme		
Route 2					
Oklahoma		11/15/2025	Diocese	Start	End
Texas	11/16/2025	12/5/2025	Oklahoma		11/15/2025
Midyear	12/5/2025	12/7/2025	Ft. Worth	11/16/2025	12/4/2025
Mexico	12/10/2025	12/10/2025	Mid-Year	12/5/2025	12/7/2025
			Return to Supreme		
Route 3					
Arkansas		11/22/2025	Diocese	Start	End
Texas	11/23/2025	12/4/2025	Arkansas		11/23/2025
Midyear	12/5/2025	12/7/2025	Tyler	11/23/2025	12/4/2025
Mexico	12/10/2025	12/10/2025	Midyear	12/5/2025	12/7/2025
			Return to Supreme	12/10/2025	12/10/2025
Route 5					
Louisiana		11/15/2025	Diocese	Start	End
Texas	11/16/2025	12/4/2025	Louisiana		11/15/2025
Midyear	12/5/2025	12/7/2025	Beaumont	11/17/2025	12/4/2025
			Midyear	12/5/2025	12/7/2025
			Return to Supreme	12/10/2025	12/10/2025

Route 7					
New Mexico		7/12/2025	Diocese	Start	End
Texas	7/13/2025	12/10/2025	New Mexico		7/12/2025
			El Paso	7/13/2025	7/28/2025
			San Antonio	7/28/2025	8/24/2025
			Victoria	8/24/2025	9/6/2025
			Galveston/Houston	9/6/2025	9/20/2025
			Beaumont	9/20/2025	10/3/2025
			Galveston/Houston	10/3/2025	11/3/2025
			Corpus Christi	11/3/2025	11/23/2025
			Brownsville	11/23/2025	12/3/2025
			Laredo	12/3/2025	12/9/2025
			Laredo Intl Crossing	12/10/2025	12/10/2025
			Return to Supreme		12/12/2025
Route 8					
Puerto Rico		4/19/2025	Diocese	Start	End
Texas	4/26/2025	7/12/2025	Puerto Rico		4/19/2025
Mexico	7/13/2025	12/12/2025	Texas		4/26/2025
			Dallas	4/27/2025	5/20/2025
			Ft. Worth	5/21/2025	6/4/2025
			San Angelo	6/5/2025	6/19/2025
			Lubbock	6/20/2025	6/30/2025
			Amarillo	7/1/2025	7/11/2025
			Return To Supreme	7/12/2025	

### RSVP

#### Dan Stoffel, Chairman

The Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) provides guidance to support our seminarians and clergy. This is an important program because the seminarians that the Knights of Columbus support will become priests that in turn will support the Knights of Columbus. And many of these priests will become members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Texas Knights of Columbus do an excellent job of supporting our seminarians. Councils and Assemblies in every diocese are supporting over 300 seminarians. And the primary way to provide this support by following the RSVP program Guide Sheet #10601. This guide provides details for the Vocations or Faith Program Chairman to follow. By completing a \$500 donation to support a Seminarian or Religious Postulant/Aspirant and submission of the RSVP Refund Application form #2863, your council achieves two points in the Faith segment of the Faith in Action Program.

Also remember to send our seminarians Christmas and Easter cards, birthday greetings and invitations to council and assembly events. Many councils participate in Vocations Awareness Days, Seminarian Support events and Clergy Appreciation dinners. Support for seminarians through various programs should be reported on the Fraternal Program Report Form #10784 under the Faith segment of the Faith in Action Program.

It is imperative that the RSVP program is coordinated through the Diocesan Vocations office to provide the funding where it is most needed. And for each \$500 donation to a Seminarian or Religious

Postulant/Aspirant, a \$100 rebate can be obtained from Supreme by completing the Refund Application form #2863. This form can be downloaded from the Supreme website along with other RSVP resources including The Guide Sheet #10601, The Vocations Handbook #1942, Father McGivney Prayer Card #10502, Tri-fold Brochure #4688 and RSVP Poster #10743.

### **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.

The 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 2025), 237 ACE Wings have been earned in Texas, up from 233 just a year ago. Of these 233 ACE Wings earned 61 went to our ladies who worked alongside their husbands, our brothers, defending life. Another 11 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 114 SFAW have been sent out to Knights with 35 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 take 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 get 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 double our efforts to support our local Pregnancy Resource Centers and also save lives.

Special Forces ACE Wings 2024-2025

Name	Council	District	Diocese	Wife received Wings	Name of Wife
Lalo Aragon	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
Tony Arriaga	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
David Chavez	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
Juan Espino	10420	2	El Paso	Y	Lily
Pete Euzarraga	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
Gregory Konrardy	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
Danny Muniz	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
Paul Raynoha	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
Frank Sifuentes	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
Juan Torres	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
Rodney Puente	8302	38	ASA	Y	Gladys
Deacon Robert Garza	10240	40	ASA	Y	Viola
Jimmy Gonzales	10240	40	ASA	N	N/A
Filipe Jimenez	10240	40	ASA	Y	Gloria
Jose Lopez Sr.	10240	40	ASA	Y	Oralia
Rene Olivares	10240	40	ASA	Y	Lilly
Mike Reihmerr	10240	40	ASA	Y	Nancy
Felipe Fuentes	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
Paul Gallo	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
David Knott	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
Marcus Vigil	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
Peter Vigil	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
Michael Wells	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
Angel Acosta	6833	50	ASA	Y	Maria
David Pecina	6833	50	ASA	Y	Mona
Thomas Pecina	6833	50	ASA	N	N/A
Rolando Villa	6833	50	ASA	Y	Teresa
Richard Fernandez	10090	51	ASA	N	N/A
Arthur Garcia	10090	51	ASA	N	N/A
Lawrence Cure	8789	54	ASA	N	N/A
Robert Garcia	8789	54	ASA	N	N/A
Jeffery Herber	8789	54	ASA	N	N/A
Robert Kowalik	8789	54	ASA	Y	Jacqueline
Joe Plata	8789	54	ASA	Y	Ruby
Guadalupe Huartado	10434	55	ASA	Y	Cathy
Ameen Al-Bahloly	11596	59	ASA	N	N/A

Deacon Ruben Davila	11596	59	ASA	Y	Elaine
Aaron Covarrubias	9463	61	ASA	N	N/A
Tom Angelino	12320	92	Gal-Houston	Y	Peggy
Ray Badier	12320	92	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
Karon Enlig	12320	92	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
Alcadio Franco	12320	92	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
John Saladino	12320	92	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
Alfredo Borrego	10872	93	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
Patrick Calhoun	10872	93	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
Terry Keane	10872	93	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
Larry Lightner	10872	93	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
Roy Rivers	10872	93	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
David Bartlett	15105	102	Gal-Houston	N	N/A
Peter Bernardino	11695	158	Austin	N	N/A
Walt Graner	11695	158	Austin	N	N/A
Miguel Torres	11695	158	Austin	N	N/A
Jimmy Winkler	11695	158	Austin	N	N/A
Trinidad Carrion	11107	178	Corpus Christi	Y	Jeannie
James Torline	12040	207	Brownsville	N	N/A
Steven Donovan	15262	209	Brownsville	Y	Yvette
Juan Garcia	15262	209	Brownsville	Y	Mary
Tony Garcia	15262	209	Brownsville	Y	Linda
Jose Guerra	15262	209	Brownsville	Y	Maria Ann
Johnny Hernandez	15262	209	Brownsville	Y	Marie
Artie Palacios	15262	209	Brownsville	Y	Chris
Joe Solis	15262	209	Brownsville	Y	Anna
Gregory Warghak	2698	215	Brownsville	Y	Kristi
Luther Miller	13514	224	San Angelo	Y	Tereza
Hector Chapa	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Elma
Emilio Garza	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Sonia
Rolando Garza	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Thelma
Carlos Guerrero	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Arabela
Martin Herrera	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Laura
Ramiro Martinez	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Christina
Salvador Mercado	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Hilda
Jorge Salazar	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Aurora
Ruben Tenorio	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Thelma
Carlos Vallarta	9626	232	Laredo	Y	Sara

## Silver ACE Wings 2024-2025

Name	Council	District	Diocese	Wife received Wings	Name of Wife
Pedro Euzarraga	10420	2	El Paso	N	N/A
Fr. Astry Deraly	12084	3	El Paso	N	N/A
Fr. Benjamin Flores	12084	3	El Paso	N	N/A
Deacon Chato Gonzalez	12084	3	El Paso	N	N/A
Fr. Sergio Legaretta	12084	3	El Paso	N	N/A
Rodney Rayas	12084	3	El Paso	N	N/A
Deacon Jim Szostek	12084	3	El Paso	N	N/A
Oscar Licerio	2592	7	El Paso	Y	Iris
Fr. Marciano Lopez	2592	7	El Paso	N	N/A
Barclay Peoples	2592	7	El Paso	N	N/A
Fr. Peter Precourt	2592	7	El Paso	N	N/A
Fr. Ron Sibugan	2592	7	El Paso	N	N/A
Fr. Francois Tshiamiaia	2592	7	El Paso	N	N/A
Fr. Cosme Juarez	18402	7	El Paso	N	N/A
Fr. Fransico Lopez	18402	7	El Paso	N	N/A
Jorge Sias	18402	7	El Paso	Y	Luz
Luis Sias	18402	7	El Paso	N	N/A
Jesse Moya	10240	40	ASA	N	N/A
Michael Rios	10240	40	ASA	Y	Dolly
James Springer	10240	40	ASA	Y	Ludmila
Michael McGlothing	15240	41	ASA	Y	Sharon
Richard Blanchette	10258	42	ASA	N	N/A
Gary Coykendall	10258	42	ASA	Y	Laura
John Frank	10258	42	ASA	N	N/A
Eric Kellmann	10258	42	ASA	N	N/A
Michael Tarr	10258	42	ASA	N	N/A
Michael Welborn	10258	42	ASA	N	N/A
Ben Bethencourt	9967	43	ASA	Y	Nancy
Kevin Burke	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
Chris Cupero	9967	43	ASA	Y	Deanna
Roberto Knott	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
Jonathan Mason	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
Chris Nerad	9967	43	ASA	N	N/A
Joaquin Liaca	17762	43	ASA	N	N/A
Richard Pena	16748	45	ASA	Y	Janie

Barry Markitell	4183	46	ASA	Y	Catherine
Louis Pena	4183	46	ASA	N	N/A
Richard Sievers	4183	46	ASA	N	N/A
Alberto Perez	6856	46	ASA	N	N/A
Jovanni Daep	9681	46	ASA	N	N/A
Travis Luna	10090	51	ASA	N	N/A
Rodolfo Benavides	8789	54	ASA	Y	Doris
James Chandler	8789	54	ASA	Y	MaryLou
Juan Cerda III	10270	54	ASA	Y	Amanda
Juan Cerda IV	10270	54	ASA	N	N/A
Mario Bautista	9463	61	ASA	N	N/A
Jose Diaz	9463	61	ASA	Y	Elian
Joshua Hornbalm	9463	61	ASA	N	N/A
Robert Reyes	9463	61	ASA	Y	Erika
Daniel Valdez	9463	61	ASA	Y	Valerie
Frubiel Chaires	12818	65	Gal- Houston	Y	Albita
Eloy Hinojosa	5155	69	Gal- Houston	Y	Minnie
Jack Moreno	9041	73	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Fr. Joseph Arulraj	7382	75	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Fr. Innocent Njoku	7382	75	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Fr. Joseph Pottemmrl	7382	75	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Dennis Mattli	4204	79	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Jonathan Bickham	14700	83	Gal- Houston	Y	Ling
Robert Broussard	6878	92	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Colmcille Coffey	6878	92	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Benny Mendoza	6878	92	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Leonardo Mitchell	6878	92	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Raul Rivera	6878	92	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Joe Russo	6878	92	Gal- Houston	N	N/A

Frank McMahon	9794	92	Gal- Houston	Y	Leslie
James Grose	10872	93	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Harold Hutton	10872	93	Gal- Houston	Y	Beth
Bob Kammer	10872	93	Gal- Houston	N	N/A
Carlos Cureto	11862	103	Dallas	Y	Donnah
John Lopez	11862	103	Dallas	N	N/A
Roberto Finley	12300	103	Dallas	N	N/A
Joseph Gunderson	7438	106	Dallas	Y	Name not given
Donald Vinson	7438	106	Dallas	N	N/A
Milton John Catalina Sr.	8954	106	Dallas	Y	Shannon
Anthony Rubio	8954	106	Dallas	Y	Rain
Alfredo Silva	8954	106	Dallas	Y	Alma
J Benton Jones III	5656	110	Dallas	N	N/A
Jeffery Ponce	5656	110	Dallas	N	N/A
John Blackmon Jr.	7058	122	Beaumont	N	N/A
Thomas Ehrensberger Jr.	7058	122	Beaumont	N	N/A
Fr. Ariel Cortes	15174	138	Tyler	N	N/A
Dannie Hefner	9930	147	Austin	N	N/A
Vincent Maggio	14025	156	Austin	N	N/A
AJ Bergeron	11695	158	Austin	N	N/A
Dan Bonner	11695	158	Austin	Y	Susan
Robert Campos	11695	158	Austin	Y	Jeanne
Sid Gutierrez	11695	158	Austin	N	N/A
Chris Klotz	11695	158	Austin	Y	Dianne
Alajandro Gomez	18087	159	Austin	N	N/A
Bill Jansen	18087	159	Austin	N	N/A
Thien Nguyen	18087	159	Austin	N	N/A
Tyler Suchart	18087	159	Austin	N	N/A
Reynaldo Medrano	6978	161	Austin	Y	Christina
Joe Saavedra	10677	176	Corpus Christi	Y	Jessica
Martin Alaniz	8298	207	Brownsville	Y	Marty
Edgar Castillo	12040	207	Brownsville	Y	Maura
Marcelo Chavez	12040	207	Brownsville	Y	Karla
Mark Dougherty	12040	207	Brownsville	Y	Karen
Garcia Garcia	12040	207	Brownsville	Y	Mariana

Albert Lopez	12040	207	Brownsville	Y	Marcy
Jesus Jr Rios	12040	207	Brownsville	Y	Yolanda
James Torline	12040	207	Brownsville	N	N/A
Jaime Waters	12040	207	Brownsville	Y	Elisa
Thomas Winkler	12040	207	Brownsville	N	N/A
Rolando Yarritu	12040	207	Brownsville	Y	Nancy
Juan Garcia Jr.	13287	207	Brownsville	N	N/A
Juan Garcia Sr.	13287	207	Brownsville	N	N/A
Cesar Lira	13287	207	Brownsville	N	N/A
Juan Moreno	13287	207	Brownsville	N	N/A
Jay Fragoso	5598	209	Brownsville	N	N/A
Emmanuel Galvan	5598	209	Brownsville	Y	Leslie
Mark Gonzalez	5598	209	Brownsville	Y	Geneva
Juan Lopez	5598	209	Brownsville	N	N/A
Raymundo Sanchez	5598	209	Brownsville	N	N/A
Peter de la Garza	15262	209	Brownsville	Y	Alma
Damon Green	15262	209	Brownsville	Y	Nelly
Joey LaVergne	4779	210	Brownsville	N	N/A
Frank Mata	4779	210	Brownsville	N	N/A
Cavetano Nunez	4779	210	Brownsville	N	N/A
Benito Ochoa III	4779	210	Brownsville	N	N/A
Luis Rios	4779	210	Brownsville	Y	Gloria
Juan Rivera	4779	210	Brownsville	Y	Linda
Joe Vela	4779	210	Brownsville	Y	Norma
Roberto Zamora	4779	210	Brownsville	Y	Zonia
Bense Bernal	9698	211	Brownsville	N	N/A
Cesar Caceres	9698	211	Brownsville	N	N/A
Gerardo Canazos	9698	211	Brownsville	Y	Maribel
Joe Ciniceros	9698	211	Brownsville	N	N/A
Alfredo Contreras	9698	211	Brownsville	N	N/A
Roberto Dominguez	9698	211	Brownsville	Y	Maria
Jesus Garcia	9698	211	Brownsville	Y	Cynthia
Agustin Gomez	9698	211	Brownsville	N	N/A
Carlos Guel	9698	211	Brownsville	N	N/A
Carlos Guel	9698	211	Brownsville	Y	Diana
Ricardo Lopez	9698	211	Brownsville	Y	Edina
Adan Loza	9698	211	Brownsville	Y	Rose
Manuel Ruiz Jr.	9698	211	Brownsville	Y	Hilda
Jose Sanchez	9698	211	Brownsville	Y	Lydia
Oscar Segura	9698	211	Brownsville	Y	Mary
James Avalos	16917	213	Brownsville	Y	April

Javier Espinoza	12661	215	Brownsville	N	N/A
Billy Bill	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Greg Bryanti	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Jacob Corden	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Jalce Farmer	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Ruban Gonzales	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Javier Jimenez	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Noel Lucio	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Alex Mata	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Eddie Mugia	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Rick Ortega	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Michael Ortiz	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Eric Pitts	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Mike Ramos	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Rene Rayos Sr.	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Louie Renteria	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Chris Romero	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Fukamonji Silcazwa	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
Jacinto Valdez Jr.	9215	221	San Angelo	N	N/A
					Name
PJ Thompson	12657	223	San Angelo	Y	not given
Albert Talamontez	8572	225	San Angelo	Y	Veronica

## **Veteran Affairs Volunteer Service**

### **Angel Luna, Chairman**

The Veterans of our Order are a key membership who bring many 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, remember, key attributes that come with these Catholic Men are, team oriented, sense of duty, strict organizational skills through a disciplined work ethic, they initiate and follow through on activities, all enhanced by their cross-functional skills.

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

Please Remember our Veterans, Honor those who served and respect the sacrifices of our Veterans. Angel Luna attended several Veterans events and visited with Veterans in Veteran Hospital during his tenure. Angel also purchased several patriotic banners which have been displayed during Veteran events.

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 50th Annual Johnny Lopez Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament was held in Victoria Texas last September. Both Victoria Country Club and Colony Country Club were utilized for the Scramble and the two-day tournament. Teams from all around the state gathered for a weekend of fun and fraternity. It was a beautiful weekend with some great scores. I grew up in Victoria County, therefore it was a homecoming for me, and as an added bonus my brother Paul Guzman, who lives in Victoria, joined us for the four-man scramble.

## **Bowling**

### **Michael Cook, Chairman**

The 60th Annual Texas State Council Bowling Tournament was held on February 15th & 16th and 22nd & 23rd in San Antonio. Results of how the teams did will be publicized in the Texas Knight. We had lots of fun, especially bowling with the State Team, which consisted of Supreme Director Alredo Vela, State Treasurer Derek Rabey, State Director Chad Sandwell and myself. Special thanks to State Chairman Michael and all those who worked behind the scenes and made this tournament possible.

## **Inaugural Cornhole Championship**

### **James Halfmann**

The first annual Texas State Cornhole Tournament was a success!!! We had participation from 7 of the 15 dioceses. The total number of new members gained from all levels of competition are unknown. However, my council recruited two new members at our council's tournament. The total cost of the tournament to the state was \$520 and will be broken down later. From this tournament we have identified many areas of improvement that will be implemented for the second annual tournament. Such as team play, tournament time, competition prestige, sponsors, and registration.

## **Free Throw**

### **Jesse Aguilar, Chairman**

Once again, we had an outstanding turnout from multiple Dioceses at this year's State Free Throw Championship. All participants were ready to compete, they had a great time, and the scores were very competitive. The Color Guard from District 2 did an outstanding job proudly presenting the colors

before the start of the competition. We also want to thank all the Councils, District Deputies, and Diocesan Free Throw Chairmen for their hard work making this happen. Special thanks to all the members you assisted including Diocesan Deputies, State Council Officers, State Directors and our Supreme Director.

### **Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest**

Special thanks to all the Dioceses who participated in this awesome contest. I received more than 50 posters. It was wonderful to have my sons, and my wife helped me with judging the posters. There were many beautiful entries, so judging was difficult, but we made it a fun family event. First, second and third places trophies will be awarded to the winners.

### **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**

Being that multiple Dioceses submitted entries; I requested assistance in scoring all the essays from two very special ladies. First my wife Telsa Guzman and secondly Lady Dee Dee Flores, wife of District Deputy Fernando Flores of Houston Tx. My wife is a Retired Teacher and Dee Dee is a Retired Band Director. Ladies, thank you so much for your help, I'm just glad that I did not have to score all the entries, but the ones I read were very good. The score sheets for those who competed this year were sent to the State and, after reviewing the scores, State winners were announced. First, second and third places trophies will be awarded to the winners.

### **State Soccer Challenge**

We only had three Dioceses which had councils who conducted the Soccer Challenge. These were Galveston- Houston, Fort Worth and Beaumont. I know for a fact that here in the Lone Star State we have hundreds of children and young men and women competing in soccer. Therefore, I am challenging each Diocese in the state of Texas to have at least one council to conduct a Soccer Challenge this next fraternal year, it is fun, and it is easy. The score sheets for those who competed this year were sent to the State and, after reviewing the scores, State winners were announced. First, second and third places trophies will be awarded to the winners.

### **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 providing extraordinary service and inspirational leadership as a chaplain, mentor, and guide. There

were many entries this year and the winner was Fr. Jose Lachica from council 18612 in Wichita Falls, 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 was submitted to Supreme for possible selection as the Supreme Family of the Year. The winner was John Paul "JP" Velasco family from council 18179 in Roanoke.

### **In Conclusion**

As I come closer to the end of the fraternal year as a new State Programs Director, I realized that I have learned so much more about Programs as a whole and I was very impressed with all the State Program Award entries this year. There were over 100 entries this year, and some brought me to tears. Special thanks to all the State Directors who took part in the selection process. 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. Remember to always place God first and the Holy Spirit will always show you the way. Be the Leader that God wants you to be. Pull instead of push. Always encourage and recognize your council officers and members for their accomplishments.

I want to thank my team for being patient with me, some of us were learning together while other seasoned Chairmen provided great insight. You guys did an awesome job, and I hope to continue to work with you this next fraternal year.

As the State Programs Director, I had the opportunity this year to travel throughout the Lone Star State, conducting training for organizational and mid-year meetings, and attending special program events such as the State Golf Tournament, The State Bowling Tournament and The State Basketball Free Throw Championship. I also had the privilege of visiting with many of my brother Knights throughout the state, socializing and breaking bread together. Some trips I made alone while others my lovely wife Telsa Guzman accompanied me. Special thanks to my wife and our twins Agustin & Adrian for putting up with me and supporting my efforts in promoting The Knights of Columbus, especially for your assistance in judging the Essays and the Keep Christ in Christmas Posters, you guys were a great help.

Thank you all for your prayers and continued to be the Leader that God wants you to be. ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

### Chad Sandwell

The mission of the Texas State Council Education, Training, and Communication Team is to provide council, district, and diocesan leadership for the Knights in the State of Texas information and training to help them be successful leaders. Our main audience are the grand knights, financial secretaries, trustees, council directors, district deputies, and diocesan deputies who are the heart and soul of the Texas State Council. 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 to provide information all the way down to the local council level.

#### Education & Training

Several meetings for leadership were held across the state throughout the year. We kicked off the year by gathering in Houston for the Organization Meeting July 5th-7th. At this meeting we celebrated the successes of the past fraternal year but also turned the page quickly to the current year. Our Worthy State Deputy laid out the goals for the Texas State Council. The Major Directors all made presentations laying out their agendas, explaining where and how they planned to achieve them.

Following the Organizational Meeting, attention was then turned to each of the 15 dioceses across the state where our State Deputy and Major Directors laid out the goals at a local level. These conferences were held throughout July and early August 2024.

In October, our Worthy State Deputy and Major Directors met with the Diocesan Deputies to review the first quarter of the fraternal year and to layout plans for continued success through the rest of the year.

In December 2024, we held our Mid-Year meeting. Our Worthy State Deputy and Major Directors recapped the successes of the first 6 months and laid out the road map to finish the year where we want to be with Circle of Honor and Pinnacle Status. Each director met with leaders from each diocese in a smaller group to address concerns on a more local level.

In December and January, our Worthy State Deputy and Major Directors once again hit the road to take the messages from the Mid-Year Meeting and present them to the general membership at the

diocesan level. The goal was to get our local council leaders fired up to keep their councils striving toward great things.

In March, as we finished the 3rd quarter, our Worthy State Deputy and Major Directors convened at the State Free Throw Competition in San Antonio. This was another opportunity for each director to sit down with the Diocesan Deputies and make those final plans to get their councils to the highest level of success.

Finally, the 121st State Convention is being held April 25th- 27th in Corpus Christi, Texas. Breakout sessions with the Major Directors will be held and all will be available to answer questions with the purpose of making our local councils the best they can be.

#### Communications

In early 2025, the Texas State Council re-branded the State website. It was a dramatic overhaul that was months in the making. That site is still in its infancy; however, the site is very user friendly, and it should be much easier to locate specific information that the user is looking for. If you have not been to [www.tkofo.org](http://www.tkofo.org) in a while, you should look at the new design.

The Finish Line newsletter continues to be published and sent out on the first of each month. You can find archived issues on the new website under the NEWS tab. Our Worthy State Deputy and each Major Director offers tidbits to get each council through the next few months.

Constant Contact continues to be the mass email publisher used to get out emails across the State Council. Currently there are just under 69,000 subscribers to this platform. Emails are sent from all the Major Directors several times a month.

Another way we communicate is through social media. We encourage all councils across the state to tag the State Council in your activities. You can find our social media accounts listed below.

**Texas State Council Facebook page**

**[www.facebook.com/txkofc](https://www.facebook.com/txkofc)**

**Texas State Council X page**

**<https://x.com/txkofc>**

**Texas State Council Instagram page**

**<https://instagram.com/txkofc>**

**Texas State Council YouTube**

**[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) – search “Texas Knights of Columbus”**

## Texas State Council Website

[www.tkoec.org](http://www.tkoec.org)

### Financial Secretary Training

Our financial secretary trainers are available across the state, and they are assigned specific dioceses. The diocesan and district deputies have put them to work this year. FS Training Chairman David Solis is 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.

Here is a list of the Financial Secretary Trainers:

Austin and San Antonio – Peter Donahoe, Jr.  
El Paso, San Angelo – David Solis  
Beaumont, Tyler – Ed Juno  
Galveston-Houston, Victoria – Jerry "G" Giegerich  
Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Laredo – Michael Murphy  
Dallas, Fort Worth – Victor Garza  
Lubbock, Amarillo – Steven Webb

### Summary:

I want to thank each member of the Education, Training and Communication Team – Anson Geisel, David Solis, Peter Donahoe, Ed Juno, Jerry "G" Giegerich, Michael Murphy, Victor Garza, Steven Webb, and Scott Wagner. Gentlemen, I appreciate your time and talent in keeping our Brother Knights educated and informed.

Special thanks go out to The Texas State Council staff - Carlos, Kari, and Kathleen! You guys have been wonderful to work with and even if we didn't know how we were going to get it done, we did.

Thank you to our Worthy State Deputy, who allowed me to be a part of his great team.

Finally, thank you to my wife, Stephanie. Our schedules don't always line up but thank you for allowing me to follow my passion. You are my rock!

Brother Knights, we aren't done yet. There is still work to be done. Each council has goals to meet, don't hesitate to reach out to my team or any other directors. We are here to help. Our success as the Texas State Council is because of the work being done by the 800+ local councils.

Vivat Jesus!

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

### Gregory Brown

Welcome Brother Knights to the 121st Annual Convention of the Texas State Council in Corpus Christi, Texas.

One hundred and forty-three 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 2 million men who are a part 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 upmost importance to our founder; whose zeal for the salvation of souls was a driving force in 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

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.” Therefore, our aim with the Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) initiative is to provide Catholic men the opportunity to grow in their Baptismal call to holiness and understanding of our Catholic faith to better guide their family and to better know and share Jesus Christ with those in their daily lives.

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

Our first step is ensuring every council has an appointed EFF Director appointed by the Grand Knight. The Council EFF Director will be an active fraternal leader in your council beyond COR, assisting to further “unite members in their Catholic identity and the practice of their Catholic faith”. Part of the Council EFF Director’s role besides COR, is to collaborate with council leadership, especially their Membership and Programs directors, to create Christ centered messaging and add in faith and prayer elements to existing events that are already successful for your council. Appointing a Council EFF Director will allow them to be aided by our State Team and Supreme in assisting your council with this great mission which was at the heart of Blessed McGivney's vision for his Knights.

In addition to assisting the council in putting faith and prayer at the center of all council activities and membership engagement, the Council EFF Director and team with the approval of their Pastor have the opportunity establish Cor for all men of their Parish. 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 intentional time for prayer, formation, and fraternity for all men of your Parish. Cor can be started on its own or be tailored to strengthen

existing men’s ministry already bringing men together in your parish. If we think of our faith-life as a grape vine or hop bine, we need structure to keep us on the right path. Formation in our Catholic faith and catechesis are the trellis, the structure and guide which we grow up around. But in order to grow strong, we need some additional components. Fraternity, we need good soil, like a strong brotherhood that surrounds us, protects us and sustains us allowing us to be rooted as we grow. We also need prayer, which nourishes like water and feeds like the sun. Prayer is an essential in our faith life, it is where we dialogue and encounter God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. “[Prayer] is a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God (CCC 2558).” So prayer and fraternity are the catalysts for growth with formation being the guiding structure. Cor can be extremely fruitful for the growth of any existing men’s ministry with a formation focus by feeding men with intentional prayer and strengthening with 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 multi-year 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 Ron Alonzo for entrusting myself and the State EFF Team of John Danley, Will Britten 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 Mulvey and our Associate Chaplain Fr. Tommy Chen for their guidance and prayers for our state leadership and for all Knights of Columbus here in Texas.

Thank you to both Ron and our First Lady Margo 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 to serve you, my Brother Knights. Lastly thank you to you, my brothers of the Knights of Columbus in 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!

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE STATE CHARITY DIRECTOR

### Joe Jacobo

**D**uring the 24/25 Fraternal Year, Texas State Council accounted for 119,770 members. Brother Knights support charitable initiatives in local communities, including Special Olympics activities, the American Wheelchair Mission, emergency response, clergy appreciation, blood drives, and special Masses. They also fundraise for retired priests and educational grants. This year's motto is "Follow Me," reflecting Christ's call to us. The Texas aimed to surpass its charity record with a goal of \$807,825. Contributions reached \$1,049,881.37, setting an all-time record.

Thank you to councils that contributed toward your goal of any amount!

Thank you to our Worthy State Deputy for trusting me as Texas State Council Charity Director. I appreciate the support of the State Officers, Office staff, Charity Board, Chairmen, and Committee members. Special thanks to my wife Nicole and our children, and all Brother Knights across Texas for your generosity and commitment at the local level.

### Fundraising

#### Josh Gomez, Chairman

The 24/25 Texas State charity goal was \$807,825. As of June 30th, 2025, we received contributions totaling \$1,049,881.37, which represents 129.96% of the State goal.

### 2024-2025 Highlights

1. Record setting year,
  - \$1,036,919.58, council contributions
  - \$12,961.79, non-council contributions
  - \$1,049,881.37, grand total
2. 2024-2025 15 Dioceses achieved 100% for the second consecutive time.
  - 2024-2025 Bishop's Designated Chairity pay-outs to Texas bishops to the total amount of \$807,579.87

We made the call for every Diocese, District, and Council recognized on the new 'State Deputy List'. Qualifying councils achieved 120% of your State

Council Charity Goal. Thank you to everyone who responded to the call!

The Quick Start Award was achieved by 582 Councils, contributing 100% or more of their assigned charity goal and state per capita by December 31, 2024. This is a NEW STATE RECORD! History has shown us we will see this grow year after year. Texas added 45 more councils that successfully met their goal by the June 30th to attain the 'Honor Roll Award'.

Diocese	Councils	Quick Start Councils
Galveston/Houston	138	91
San Antonio	109	79
Austin	95	61
Ft. Worth	68	54
Dallas	64	48
Corpus Christi	61	30
Brownsville	54	29
El Paso	39	30
San Angelo	36	27
Victoria	32	32
Tyler	33	29
Lubbock	29	21
Beaumont	29	22
Laredo	27	15
Amarillo	24	14
TEXAS TOTAL	838	582

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.

3203	Odessa	10561.08%
10224	Industry	508.24%
3287	Brenham	410.46%
9817	Danbury	294.65%
10390	Houston	293.04%
6878	Humble	287.07%
13876	Mission	276.19%
18202	Kingsville	262.90%
18087	San Marcos	256.25%
18173	Corpus Christi	251.94%
11151	Sour Lake	236.03%
10463	Lago Vista	234.01%
13232	Weslaco	225.00%
6978	Lampasas	218.92%

7953	Lamesa	209.76%
15782	Childress	209.33%
5967	Austin	202.22%
8141	Austin	200.00%
17758	Grand Saline	200.00%

We had 141 Districts Deputies earn Quick Start with all their councils at 100% or more of their assigned goal by December 31, 2025. We also had 15 Diocesan Deputies earn diocesan quick start! We thank all those Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies for their leadership in earning these prestigious achievements.

We ended the 24-25 fraternal year in July of 2025 with all 15 Dioceses at the 100% mark, earning the prestigious 'Diocesan Hall of Fame Award' for the second consecutive time ever!

As the Charity Fundraising Chairman, I would like to thank, Mario Malari, Thomas Oaks and Bob Schmidt for their support as Fundraising Committeemen and Archie Wright historical data. But most of all, I want to thank my wife, Iris, for her support and understanding during the many hours this position requires.

### **American Wheelchair Mission**

#### **Bill Weber, Chairman**

The recent fraternal year recorded 245 Councils, 5 Assemblies. Total contributions were \$1,561,788, versus the previous year's \$1,239,052, for an increase of \$322,736. This allowed for the purchase of 20,412 wheelchairs. Since it is estimated that each wheelchair delivered changes and improves an average of 10 lives, you impacted the lives of 104,120 people! California, our closest competitor, raised \$334,196 for 2,228 wheelchairs.

The Knights of Columbus and the American Wheelchair Mission raise funds to buy wheelchairs for global distribution, including in the USA. Each Council should try to donate at least \$150 for one wheelchair. Please consider including this in your council budget.

Checks should be made payable to the AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION and mailed to 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.

A parish-wide Wheelchair Drive over one or two weekends effectively raises funds and informs parishioners. Some parishes use pulpit talks and announcements during Masses to enhance their drive's success.

#### **Steps:**

1. Get the pastor's permission.
2. Coordinate with parish staff to choose a date and avoid conflicts.
3. Publicize the event six weeks in advance via parish channels.
4. Share details with parish organizations.
5. Obtain announcement and materials from AWM
6. On event day, read the talk at all Masses and set up a donation/info table in the narthex.

Small containers ship 110 wheelchairs for \$16,500; large ones ship 280 for \$42,000. The American Wheelchair Mission manages procurement and shipment.

Organizing a Wheelchair Drive raises funds and recruits new members, highlighting charity as our Order's first principle. If a Parish-wide Drive isn't feasible, Grand Knights should aim to raise \$150 for one wheelchair.

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

“A WHEELCHAIR IS A LIFE CHANGING GIFT OF MOBILITY”

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**

#### **Dan Stoffel, Chairman**

Named after Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan, this fund honors his service as Auxiliary Bishop in San Antonio (1998-2005) and State Chaplain for Texas (2000-2002).

Supporting the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund aids retired priests' care. The fund is mainly financed by Texas K of C Specialty License plates from the Texas DMV. Direct contributions are also accepted. Each year, the fund balance is divided among Texas's 15 dioceses, providing grants for retired priests.

It is easy to participate in this program. Simply visit the myplates.com website or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles website at txdmv.gov. Search for the Knights of Columbus license plates and the example of the license plate will display the Knights of Columbus emblem and the statement “One Nation Under God” at the bottom of the license plate. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles submits \$22 for each new or renewed license plate to the Knights of Columbus State Council Charities. At the end of each

fraternal year, the total funds are distributed equally among the 15 dioceses across Texas providing grants for our retired priests. Last year the total funds distributed at the end of the year were \$27,988. We want to increase this amount by encouraging more members to participate in the License Plate Program. By increasing the number of participants, we ensure the comfort and support of our current and future infirmed priests, while proclaiming we are “One Nation Under God”.

Members who do not get a Texas Knights of Columbus license plate can donate directly at [tkofc.org](http://tkofc.org) under the Donate icon.

Contribute \$20 or more to the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund to receive a custom State Council Charities magnet. Purchase magnets at the BTJFF table or through your District Deputy.

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

### **Cardinal Medeiros Fellowship**

**Leo Saenz Jr., Chairman**

**Ken Orze, Asst. 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 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 this year, bringing the total membership as of March 15, 2025, to 370. 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 attained. 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 Convention. To initiate a Fellow or Sustaining Member designation, go to the Texas

State Council Website, download, and complete the application.

### **Recipients through November 1, 2025**

Reverend Joseph Leating, Fort Worth  
“In Honor of” Philip A. Fredericks, Austin  
“In Honor of” Bobby Goodrich, Galveston-Houston  
“In Honor of” David Lamme, Austin  
“In Memory of” FMOS and FDM Joe Anthony Rodriguez, San Antonio  
“In Honor of” Gloria Rodriguez, San Antonio  
“In Honor of” David Mulholland, San Antonio  
Reverend Joseph Vathalloor, San Angelo  
Deacon John Sprecht, San Angelo  
“In Honor of” John Fleisher, Dallas  
Reverend J.C. Coon, Beaumont  
“In Honor of” Jesse Almanza, Lubbock  
“In Honor of” Derek Birkenfeld, Lubbock  
“In Honor of” John Phillip Ardoin Jr., Houston  
“In Honor of” Henry J. Hannasch Jr., San Antonio  
“In Honor of” Timothy E. Jasper, Fort Worth  
“In Honor of” Craig William Modrzynski, Dallas

This year’s report is dedicated to the memory of FMOS and FDM Joe Rodriguez, the immediate past chairman of the Cardinal Medeiros Fellowship committee, who passed away this year.

### **Educational Grants Program**

**Leo Saenz Jr., Chairman**

**Ken Orze, Asst. Chairman**

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 the 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 46 grant applications.

In summary, nineteen (19) Diocese Recipients and four (4) at large recipients from the remaining top participants were awarded resulting in a total of 23 recipients for a state-wide total of \$23,000. (Each diocese is eligible for one “At-Large”)

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 nine applicants to a low of no applicants. Fourteen of the 15 Dioceses were represented this year.

The Aid to Education Committee thanks the State Officer, 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, Leonel Saenz Jr., would like to thank assistant chairman Ken Orze, Mario Mallari, Thomas Oaks, and Bob Schmidt 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 Joe Jacobo, Charities Director.

#### Individual Educational Grants

The Texas State Council awards at least one \$1,000 Educational Grant per diocese. Two more \$1,000 Educational Grants are 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, 2025. Winners will be announced at the State Convention. The applicants completed an Educational Grant Application which included a personal 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 \$1,000 Grant for each additional 7,500 active Knights of Columbus Members within that Diocese. This year there were 46 applicants from 14 of the 15 Dioceses in Texas.

The committee makes the following recommendations for the 23 Individual Educational Grants from the 46 entries:

Diocese	Council City	
<b>Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston</b>		
Braeden T. Lightner	10872	Spring
Lila E. Schroer	4204	Sugarland
Nicholas M. Zakarevicz	8960	Pearland
<b>Archdiocese of San Antonio</b>		
Naomi X. Chavarria	7256	San Antonio
Mario E. Martinez	18327	San Antonio
<b>Amarillo</b>		
Macie Mendoza	4621	Amarillo
<b>Austin</b>		
Hannah E. Booth	7600	Cedar Park
Grace R. Dorantes	14943	Bastrop
<b>Beaumont</b>		
Elizabeth N. Champagne	5145	Nederland
<b>Brownsville</b>		
Daniel J. Riano	12337	Harlingen
<b>Corpus Christi</b>		
Eva Turcanova	14739	Port Aransas
<b>Dallas</b>		
David A. Duran	6065	Plano
<b>El Paso</b>		
Faith N. Tolentino	14584	Fort Bliss
<b>Fort Worth</b>		
Joallie J. Franklin	16042	Cleburne
Arianny T. Putera	9884	Flower Mound
<b>Laredo</b>		
Charles E. Yelderman	9626	Laredo
<b>San Angelo</b>		
Caleb A. Braden	4316	Wall
<b>Tyler</b>		
Claire S. Wong	10660	Atlanta
<b>Victoria</b>		
Mary S. Filip	3081	Shiner
<b>At Large Grants</b>		
Augustine G. Frasco	2772	Olfen
Jaclynn R. Gomez	10930	Fort Worth
Jaden S. Hernandez	14413	El Paso
Rita F. Riano	12337	Harlingen

#### 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 Education of each Diocese, 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 which 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 the Catholic School Grants:

**Diocese Amount City**

**Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**

Corpus Christi Catholic School  
\$500 Houston  
Holy Rosary Catholic School  
\$500 Rosenberg  
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School  
\$500 The Woodlands  
St. Augustine Catholic School  
\$500 Houston  
St. Christopher Catholic School  
\$500 Houston  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School  
\$500 Houston  
St. Helen Catholic School  
\$500 Pearland  
St. Jerome Catholic School  
\$500 Houston  
St. Mary Catholic School  
\$500 League City  
St. Rose of Lima Catholic School  
\$500 Houston  
St. Thomas More Parish School  
\$500 Houston  
True Cross Catholic School  
\$500 Dickinson

**Archdiocese of San Antonio**

Little Flower Catholic School  
\$1,000 San Antonio  
St. Gregory the Great Catholic School  
\$1,000 San Antonio  
St. John Berchmans Catholic School  
\$1,000 San Antonio  
St. Thomas More Catholic School  
\$1,000 San Antonio

**Diocese of Amarillo**

St. Anthony Catholic School  
\$1,000 Hereford  
St. Joseph Catholic School  
\$1,000 Amarillo

**Diocese of Austin**

Holy Trinity Catholic High School  
\$2,000 Temple  
St. Joseph Catholic Academy  
\$2,000 Killeen

**Diocese of Beaumont**

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School

\$1,000 Beaumont  
St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic School  
\$1,000 Port Arthur

**Diocese of Brownsville**

Immaculate Conception Catholic School  
\$1,000 Rio Grande City  
St. Joseph Catholic School  
\$1,000 Edinburg

**Diocese of Corpus Christi**

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

**Diocese of Dallas**

Bishop Dunne Catholic School  
\$1,000 Dallas  
Holy Family Catholic Academy  
\$500 Irving  
Immaculate Conception Catholic School  
\$500 Grand Prairie  
Santa Clara of Assisi Catholic Academy  
\$1,000 Dallas  
St. Mary of Carmel Catholic School  
\$1,000 Dallas

**Diocese of El Paso**

Father Yermo High School  
\$1,000 El Paso  
St. Pius X Grade School  
\$1,000 El Paso

**Diocese of Fort Worth**

All Saints Catholic School  
\$1,000 Fort Worth  
St. George Catholic School  
\$1,000 Fort Worth  
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School  
\$1,000 Fort Worth  
St. Rita Catholic School  
\$1,000 Fort Worth

**Diocese of Laredo**

St. Augustine Elementary School  
\$1,000 Laredo  
St. Augustine High School  
\$500 Laredo  
Our Lady of Refuge  
\$500 Eagle Pass

**Diocese of Lubbock**

Christ the King Diocesan Schools  
\$2,000 Lubbock

**Diocese of San Angelo**

Diocese of San Angelo  
\$2,000 San Angelo

**Diocese of Tyler**

St. Gregory Cathedral School  
\$2,000 Tyler

**Diocese of Victoria**

Nazareth Academy  
\$1,000 Victoria

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School  
\$1,000 Port Lavaca

### **Education Grant Award Summary**

<b>Diocesan Schools Grants Total</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>
<b>Individual Student Grants Total</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>
<b>At-Large Student Grants Total</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Total Amount Awarded for FY 2024-2025</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

### **Emergency Response**

#### **Harry Storey, Chairman**

In the early morning hours of July 4, 2025, a flash flood took the lives of 135 people, (including 37 children) in central Texas. There was flooding in San Angelo, Austin, and San Antonio dioceses.

Knights from throughout the nation have donated more than \$250,000 to Texas State Council Charity to assist those suffering from the floods. This includes \$20,000 and one hundred \$100 gift cards from the Supreme Council.

Councils have provided food for the 1st responders and clean-up assistance to those whose homes were damaged by the flooding.

The Texas State Council Charity is currently offering the following assistance:

Up to three \$100 gift cards to Brother Knights or widows of Knights who have suffered a loss from the flooding.

Grants of up to \$3000 to Brother Knights or widows of Knights whose homes or cars suffered uninsured damages.

Grants to councils of up to \$1500 to reimburse them for food and supplies to feed 1st responders or victims of the flooding.

Grants to Councils of up to \$500 to reimburse them for supplies to clean or provide minor repairs for homes damaged by the floods.

Worthy State Deputy Ron has also reached out to the Bishops in the affected dioceses to see if they need assistance.

The Emergency Response Coordinators have distributed \$1,700 in gift cards. After vetting by the Emergence Response Coordinators and the Emergency Response Chairman, the State Council Charity Board approved 5 grants totaling \$13,000.

The deadline to receive a gift card is August 30, 2025, and all grant requests must be submitted by September 15, 2025.

Meanwhile in Dallas, Diocesan Emergency Response Coordinator, Eduardo Valenzuela, lead a team of

Knights to do repairs at the Missionaries of Charity Maternity Home. This involved removing, painting, and re-installing bars on the upstairs and downstairs windows in the August heat. The Sisters were very pleased.

In Houston, Diocesan Emergency Response Coordinator, G Giegerich, obtained supplies and recruited a group of Knights from Council 17060 to fix the fence and do other repairs for a local Deacon. ERC G was also able to arrange Habitat for Humanity to repair the roof. In addition to being a retired Deacon, he is a disabled veteran who cares for two young grandchildren with disabilities. He was very appreciative of the assistance from his Brother Knights.

For additional information, e-mail [EmergencyResponse@TKofC.org](mailto:EmergencyResponse@TKofC.org), contact Brother Harry Storey at 214-557-2923, or contact the State Council Office.

### **Special Olympics**

#### **Chris Hoefer, Chairman**

We are celebrating 56 years of support for Special Olympics by the Knights of Columbus in Texas. Special Olympics offers year-round sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities, promoting fitness, courage, joy, and community.

The Knights of Columbus Partnership Profile with Special Olympics (Form 10784 - to be submitted at will) details our council's 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 the Special Olympics in Texas and checks will be presented at the State Convention in April 2025. This year Supreme will be sending a check for \$9,000! The Texas State Council contribution will be \$21,395.50!

### **Charles "Chic" O'Connor Award**

It was an honor to present 2025 year's Chick O'Connor Award to District Deputy #47 Noe Carrizales during the 2025 Texas State Council Convention in Corpus Christi.

Chic O'Connor, a Knights of Columbus member, supported the Special Olympics in Texas for 44 years. He helped start the Special Olympics in Gregg County, inspired by his daughter Monica. The O'Connor family played significant roles as

volunteers. The Charles “Chic” O’Connor Memorial Award honors his contributions

I would like to express my gratitude to our Worthy State Deputy Ron Alonzo for the opportunity to serve as the Texas State Council Chairman of Special Olympics. A special thank you to our State Council office staff (Carlos, Mike, Kari, and Kathleen) for their outstanding support. I also extend my thanks to Mr. Tim Martin, President and CEO, Services Development Director, and all the Area Directors of Special Olympics Texas.

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

**State Charity Awards**

Charity Milestone Award Recipients

Councils meeting Charity Goal and Per Capita Compliance for  
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 Consecutive Years

**Hall of Fame Charity Award**

**Five Year**

5145 Nederland	8388 Victoria	
10480 Stamford	12798 San Angelo	17404 Azle
10523 Grand Prairie	13198 Salado	17410 Ft. Worth
12563 Amarillo	13514 San Angelo	
12697 El Paso	16394 Woodrow	
17449 El Paso		
17492 San Antonio (UTSA)		

**Emil Ogden Award**

**Ten Year**

638	El Paso	9641	Garden City	16103	Fulshear
2543	Eagle Pass	10270	San Antonio	16180	Comfort
3070	Bay City	16041	El Paso	16202	Commerce
3253	Port Lavaca	16042	Cleburne	16205	Amarillo
7196	Belton	16078	Emory		

**Mike Brown Award**

**Fifteen Year**

1582	Yoakum	8024	Houston	11462	Henderson
1766	Rhineland	8044	El Paso	14943	Bastrop
3204	Ganado	9564	Livingston	15017	El Paso
5656	Dallas	9644	Decatur	11695	Dripping Springs
6950	Katy				

**Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Award**

**Twenty Year**

1459	Muenster	5211	Corsicana	9708	Houston
2490	El Campo	8521	Bulverde	13825	Orange
2654	Nazareth				

**St. John Paul II Award**

**Twenty-Five Year**

4621	Amarillo	10816	Stephenville	12642	Rockne-String Prairie
7347	Canyon Lake	11905	Lindsay	12711	Lindale
8464	Mineral Wells	12534	Tulia		

**PSD Judge Ricardo Garcia Award**

**Thirty Year**

3203	Odessa	7323	San Antonio	10524	Athens
3867	Brownwood	7728	Missouri City	10861	Spring
7264	Weatherford	8170	Corpus Christi	11530	Jacksonville

**PSD Javier Martinez Award**

**Thirty-Five Year**

3071	Midland	8512	North Richland Hills	9967	San Antonio
4771	Denton	8773	Odessa	10224	Industry
5155	Angleton	8954	Richardson	10333	Austin
7290	Corpus Christi	8960	Pearland	10420	El Paso

**24/25 BISHOPS DESIGNATION FOR THEIR CHARITY FUNDS**

**Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, Amarillo**

Secondary Catholic Education

**Bishop Daniel Garcia, 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**

Farm of Hope

**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

**Archbishop Joe Vazquez, Galveston/Houston**

Retired Priest Pension Funds

**Bishop James A. Tamayo, Laredo**

Evangelization/Outreach Charity & Seminarian

**Bishop Robert M. Coerver, Lubbock**

Vocations/Seminarian Support

**Bishop Michael J. Sis, San Angelo**

Seminarian Education

**Archbishop Gustavo Garcia Siller, San Antonio**

Propaedeutic Program at Assumption Seminary

**Bishop Gregory Kelly, Tyler**

Seminarian Education & Training

**Bishop Brendan Cahill, Victoria**

Continuing Education for Priests, Extension of Lay  
Ministry and Evangelization

**Quick Start Councils:**

638	2636	3444	5236	7197	8065
759	2654	3452	5538	7202	8067
799	2687	3491	5598	7206	8085
803	2710	3558	5656	7230	8096
830	2767	3593	5678	7264	8097
951	2771	3686	5789	7290	8131
1003	2772	3700	5919	7323	8135
1017	2776	3793	5967	7347	8141
1167	2778	3867	6065	7382	8142
1202	2785	3910	6234	7386	8156
1323	2788	3919	6269	7409	8157
1329	2801	3952	6358	7435	8158
1353	2810	4054	6366	7438	8170
1422	2813	4101	6402	7445	8190
1450	2902	4157	6403	7458	8225
1459	2917	4183	6413	7512	8267
1473	2971	4204	6453	7532	8293
1502	3008	4298	6456	7553	8298
1553	3070	4307	6527	7563	8302
1582	3081	4315	6557	7590	8327
1653	3168	4316	6641	7600	8335
1680	3195	4370	6699	7613	8368
1682	3201	4497	6757	7641	8388
1766	3203	4542	6763	7696	8404
1824	3204	4577	6782	7713	8417
1834	3205	4621	6811	7720	8464
2045	3217	4771	6812	7728	8482
2123	3229	4779	6832	7736	8493
2136	3244	4786	6833	7770	8494
2153	3253	4843	6856	7808	8521
2163	3262	4868	6878	7840	8548
2304	3266	5035	6887	7850	8572
2433	3287	5052	6889	7865	8738
2461	3295	5061	6914	7882	8771
2480	3313	5077	6950	7953	8773
2490	3345	5090	6978	7965	8788
2500	3365	5096	7014	7975	8789
2512	3371	5145	7016	7983	8806
2543	3389	5155	7058	8001	8871
2571	3404	5157	7067	8024	8875
2574	3406	5192	7099	8028	8935
2592	3412	5211	7175	8036	8938
2618	3421	5232	7196	8044	8954

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8960	10090	10875	11937	13005	14549
8975	10131	10879	11978	13010	14568
9017	10181	10887	11980	13044	14584
9038	10186	10930	12008	13068	14617
9041	10191	10931	12021	13133	14636
9088	10209	10939	12040	13136	14679
9129	10224	10940	12084	13151	14690
9151	10240	10959	12091	13158	14700
9215	10249	10985	12122	13166	14739
9220	10256	10995	12148	13198	14741
9268	10258	10998	12153	13232	14756
9283	10270	11015	12160	13250	14776
9291	10310	11023	12208	13255	14810
9299	10333	11026	12253	13287	14943
9310	10373	11070	12292	13342	15017
9318	10375	11107	12300	13357	15033
9337	10380	11151	12320	13363	15105
9368	10390	11169	12327	13408	15174
9393	10393	11238	12337	13447	15240
9394	10404	11277	12360	13470	15262
9463	10413	11282	12385	13498	15301
9564	10420	11293	12480	13514	15320
9626	10431	11298	12484	13520	15326
9641	10433	11342	12521	13523	15343
9644	10463	11343	12522	13572	15362
9650	10480	11351	12534	13577	15365
9674	10509	11462	12535	13615	15448
9681	10523	11472	12553	13629	15512
9682	10524	11530	12558	13683	15661
9686	10555	11570	12563	13704	15776
9698	10562	11596	12574	13798	15782
9702	10574	11599	12601	13824	15783
9708	10593	11620	12632	13825	15789
9748	10660	11638	12642	13838	15876
9759	10677	11663	12657	13876	15882
9765	10711	11716	12661	13902	16042
9791	10720	11721	12697	13927	16078
9794	10751	11759	12711	14025	16103
9817	10776	11807	12798	14050	16180
9868	10779	11862	12803	14055	16202
9884	10788	11864	12809	14339	16205
9902	10816	11865	12818	14413	16258
9903	10861	11866	12866	14426	16275
9967	10862	11905	12955	14473	16358
9997	10872	11933	12964	14512	16375

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16390	16748	17060	17410	17758	18173
16393	16775	17111	17420	17762	18179
16394	16778	17196	17449	17769	18202
16430	16796	17204	17470	17779	18262
16451	16820	17224	17492	17812	18277
16464	16854	17225	17583	17991	18311
16663	16917	17304	17653	18056	18402
16665	17024	17314	17679	18087	18456
16730	17026	17404	17708	18101	18503

**Honor Roll Councils**

786	3499	8306	10659	11926	16041
1358	4550	8512	10836	12066	16287
2305	4724	9130	11012	12748	16391
2623	5262	10012	11093	12927	17629
2698	7036	10245	11438	12928	18327
2701	7153	10294	11502	14674	
3071	7265	10609	11613	15053	
3169	7573	10646	11695	15799	

**State Deputy List Councils**

799	2785	4771	7175	8141	9682
803	2801	4786	7196	8190	9698
951	2813	4868	7264	8225	9748
1017	3008	5035	7382	8298	9759
1167	3071	5061	7445	8306	9794
1202	3201	5145	7553	8335	9817
1422	3203	5598	7600	8482	9884
1459	3217	5789	7713	8572	9997
1653	3253	5919	7720	8771	10131
1682	3287	5967	7736	8789	10209
1766	3406	6402	7770	8806	10224
1834	3444	6413	7953	8871	10240
2136	3452	6557	7975	8954	10256
2304	3499	6757	8024	9038	10258
2574	3593	6832	8028	9283	10270
2592	3867	6878	8036	9291	10333
2710	3919	6887	8044	9299	10373
2767	4157	6978	8067	9318	10380
2776	4497	7058	8085	9564	10390
2778	4542	7067	8131	9626	10404

10413	11596	13232	14674	15789	17404
10420	11620	13250	14690	15876	17653
10463	11663	13255	14700	15882	17679
10646	11721	13363	14739	16202	17758
10776	11807	13408	14756	16275	17769
10861	11933	13470	14776	16375	17991
10872	12040	13498	14810	16393	18087
10931	12066	13514	14943	16394	18101
10939	12084	13523	15017	16464	18173
10998	12292	13683	15105	16663	18202
11107	12320	13838	15174	16665	18262
11151	12327	13876	15262	16775	18277
11238	12534	13927	15301	16820	18311
11282	12642	14055	15326	16854	18402
11342	12803	14339	15362	16917	
11502	13068	14512	15512	17026	
11530	13158	14568	15782	17196	
11570	13166	14584	15783	17304	

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE INSURANCE LIAISON

### Juan Carlos Carlin, FIC

I am pleased to announce that Texas continues to lead the way in our Knights of Columbus Insurance program. We remain dedicated to realizing Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney's vision of safeguarding Catholics.

The Knights of Columbus currently holds more than \$123 billion of life insurance in force. The Order offers a complete portfolio of top-quality products to our members and their families. The remarkable State of Texas achieved an unprecedented level of production last year.

The Knights of Columbus continues to be recognized as a Fortune 1000 company and ranks among the top-rated insurers in North America. According to the 2024 report from S&P Global Ratings, the Knights of Columbus received AA+ rating for financial strength. The Knights of Columbus proudly received A+ Superior rating from A.M. Best for 40 Consecutive years.

I would like to highlight recipients of the Insurance Kinane Awards for 2024. Joseph D. Carlin from the Carlin Agency is recognized for his work for most Equalizer. Jimmy Bell from the Regan Agency is noted for most volume achieved. Ryan Janak from the Dougherty Agency is acknowledged for most

applications. Victor Olivas from the Stark Agency has been recognized as the Rookie of the Year.

The Knights of Columbus follow the highest standards of ethical investing. Funds from insurance premiums and annuity deposits are overseen by our investment team at Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. They utilize prudent investment strategies that align with the socially responsible investment guidelines set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Our Asset Advisors demonstrate that it is possible for a business to adhere to these principles while still achieving substantial profits. The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to being one of the most Catholic, ethical, and charitable organizations in the industry. This commitment is not merely aspirational; it is a responsibility we uphold. We owe it to our founder, to the faith we embody, and to our members.

Your Texas General Agents are the following:

Tony Rangel: Houston, Texas  
John Regan: Dallas, Texas  
Mickey Dougherty: San Antonio, Texas  
Will Britten: Austin, Texas  
Chris Stark: Ft. Worth, Texas  
James Matise: El Paso, Texas  
Juan Carlos Carlin: Mission, Texas

In summary, I would like to encourage each of you to

become advocates for this valuable fraternal benefit. The support from District Deputies, Grand Knights, and all Council Officers is instrumental in facilitating opportunities for our dedicated Field Agents. These individuals are Brother Knights committed to fulfilling Blessed Father McGivney's mission of safeguarding Catholic families. I appreciate your efforts in motivating your councils to welcome the Field Agent and to engage with his insights. We are eager to collaborate with you. Take advantage of this opportunity today and experience the unique Catholic impact of the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

## 2024-2025 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

### Carlos J. González

**D**ear Brother Knights and Family,  
The State Office went through a lot of changes this fraternal year. With the leadership of our State Officers we changed our office location, downsized our space, changed technologies, lowered expenses, and increased savings by expanding internal operations; we tried some things that worked, and some that didn't.

We are eager to embrace the changes that are coming, including the integration of new technology. It is essential that we remain focused on our goal of staying within budget while implementing improvements, and we are dedicated to finding solutions that align with this priority. The never-ending cycle of continuous improvement is part of

our daily routine.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Worthy State Deputy Ron Alonzo, Immediate Past State Deputy Terry Frugé, and all the State Officers for the opportunity to step into this new position. Your trust in my abilities and the patience you've shown throughout this change mean a great deal to me. Many thanks to Former Executive Secretary Michael McLaughlin for his training, time, and support.

I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome and support I've received from Kari Jordan and Kathleen McLoughlin as I start my new position. Your encouragement and collaboration have made this move a very positive experience, and I'm excited to be working with such an amazing team.

Lastly, I want to express my deepest appreciation to my wife Rebecca for her unwavering support and encouragement throughout this journey. Her understanding and belief in my potential have been a constant source of motivation. I am looking forward to working closely with all of you as we embark on this exciting journey together, and I am confident that, with our combined efforts, we will achieve our goals while maintaining a positive and productive work environment.

Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity.

**MINUTES OF THE 121<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**APRIL 25 - 27, 2025**

Worthy State Deputy Ron Alonzo officially opened the 121<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus State Convention on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Worthy State Chaplain His Excellency Bishop Michael Mulvey of Corpus Christi then offered an opening prayer, urging Knights to embody the heart of Christ through mercy, kindness, and service. His words framed the gathering as not just administrative, but deeply spiritual. The assembly followed with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Worthy Master of the Sword Sir Knight Edward Cantu, and the singing of the opening ode under the guidance of Worthy Past State Deputy Doug Oldmixon.

Motions were adopted to approve prior minutes, standing rules, and officer reports as printed in the convention supplement. The roll call of officers and dignitaries highlighted the presence of bishops, supreme director, and representatives, reflecting the breadth of leadership assembled.

Reports from the State Deputy and State Chaplain were received with encouragement. Bishop Mulvey emphasized the importance of “formation”—personal prayer and spiritual growth within councils—as the foundation for meaningful activity and service.

The session then shifted to reflections from Past State Deputies and Supreme Director.

- **Immediate Past State Deputy Terry Frugé** welcomed delegates warmly to Corpus Christi, weaving personal memories of his own journey through leadership roles. He encouraged new Grand Knights to embrace mentorship and growth, reminding them of the importance of continuity, elections, and preparing future leaders to keep Texas strong within the Order.

- **Supreme Director Alfredo Vela** delivered an energetic call to action. He urged councils to pursue Star Council, outlining requirements in membership, insurance participation, programs, reporting, safe environment training, and financial responsibility. His remarks emphasized both recognition and responsibility, encouraging Knights to “be on fire” in their leadership and service.

- **Past State Deputy Tim Von Dolen**, though absent due to medical needs, shared a recorded message. He recalled his motto from decades earlier—“Knights of Columbus keep the flame burning”—and urged members to strengthen the Church amid challenges. He

highlighted pro-life initiatives, including the John Paul II Life Center, sonogram technology, and plans for a life monument at the Texas Capitol, reminding Knights of their role as defenders of faith and family.

**Past State Deputy Ray Newman** closed with heartfelt gratitude, reflecting on the inspiration he draws from the fraternity and affirming that their collective work is aligned with God’s plan. His words left the assembly with a spirit of appreciation and renewed commitment.

The Audit Committee’s report was presented by Worthy State Treasurer Derek Rabey and adopted without objection. This was followed by the presentation of the proposed budget for the 2025–2026 fraternal year, which was likewise approved unanimously.

Worthy State Secretary Bob Goss presented the Credentials Committee report: 252 councils with two voting delegates, 86 councils with one voting delegate, total voting council delegates was 590; with a grand total voting strength of 596 delegates. The report was adopted, confirming the assembly’s authority to proceed.

The report from the Resolutions Committee was presented by Worthy State Advocate David Pels; the following resolutions were presented, and action was taken as indicated:

1. DEDICATION OF THE CONVENTION TO THE AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP) RESOURCE PROGRAM — **ADOPTED**
2. PRAYERS FOR ALL PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS — **ADOPTED**
3. APPRECIATION FOR OUR BISHOPS AND CLERGY — **ADOPTED**
4. IN MEMORIAM — **ADOPTED**
5. HONORING MARK JOHNSON — **ADOPTED**
6. RESOLUTION IN RE: APPRECIATION OF HOST COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS — **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. 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. PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY — **ADOPTED**
20. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM — **ADOPTED**
21. NO SOLICITATIONS OR DISPLAYS AT THE STATE CONVENTION OR OTHER TEXAS STATE COUNCIL FUNCTIONS EXCEPT BY WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF THE STATE DEPUTY — **ADOPTED**
22. IN MEMORIAM REGARDING POPE FRANCIS — **ADOPTED**
23. ENDORSEMENT FOR RE-ELECTION FOR WORTHY SUPREME DIRECTOR ALFREDO VELA — **ADOPTED**

Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé then introduced our Worthy Insurance Liaison Juan Carlos Carlin to give his remarks. Afterwards a motion was made and approved to close this section of the Texas State Council meeting for purposes of opening the State Council Charities Meeting. He then adjourned the 121<sup>st</sup> State Convention meeting of the Texas State Council for the opening of the State Council Charities meeting.

The Convention was reconvened on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> with formal verification of membership credentials. Deacon Phúc Phan, Assistant to the State Chaplain, led the opening prayer. His words, rooted in the spirit of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday, called Knights to be bold Catholic men of honor and virtue, guided by charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The prayer invoked the Blessed Mother and concluded with a communal Hail Mary. The assembly then joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Worthy Master of the Sword Sir Knight Edward Cantu.

Worthy State Treasurer Derek Rabey introduced the Good of the Order Committee, recognizing its members for their service. Brother Tom Clark, State Culture of Life Chairman, presented the report, which emphasized prayer, solidarity, and Catholic values. The

report was adopted unanimously, affirming the Council's dedication to faith, family, and service.

Worthy State Secretary Bob Goss presented the Credentials Committee report: 260 councils with two voting delegates, 86 councils with one voting delegate, total voting council delegates was 606; with a grand total voting strength of 612 delegates. The report was adopted, confirming the assembly's authority to proceed with elections.

Worthy Past State Deputy Lou Barber chaired the election process, assisted by Worthy Past State Deputy Leo Hanus. Brother Danny Clark nominated his father-in-law, Ron Alonso, recounting Alonso's lifelong service to the Church and the Order. His biography highlighted:

- 45 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus
- Leadership roles from Grand Knight to District Deputy, Diocesan Deputy, and multiple state director positions
- Achievements in membership growth, charitable fundraising (including a record \$1,018,000 for state charities), and program leadership
- Service as State Secretary, State Deputy, and active parish involvement
- Membership in the Fourth Degree and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
- Dedication to faith, family, and professional responsibility

The nomination was seconded by an overwhelming number of councils across Texas, reflecting broad support. With no other nominations, Alonso was re-elected State Deputy for the 2025–2026 fraternal year. In his acceptance remarks, he expressed humility and gratitude, urging Knights to finish the current year strong and maintain Texas' leadership in the Circle of Honor. His words carried both joy and determination: "God bless you all, and God bless Texas".

The election for State Secretary had two nominees: Robert "Bob" Goss and Michael L. McLaughlin. After voting by ballots Bob Goss was re-elected as State Secretary. The rest of the State Officer positions were voted by acclamation. The State Officer's elected for the term July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, is as follows:

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 Gene Janiszewski, Grand Knight Council 9759, presented the committee's report. A motion was made and approved for this report.

Immediate Past State Deputy Terry Frugé read the election of the Supreme Delegates and alternates for the August 5-7, 2025, Supreme Convention in Washington DC.

First Delegate Ron Alonzo

First Alternate Bob Goss

Second Delegate Terry Frugé

Second Alternate David Pels

Caucus Area 1 Delegate Manuel Martinez

Caucus Area 1 Alternate Donald Lara

Caucus Area 2 Delegate Victor Medina

Caucus Area 2 Alternate James Garcia

Caucus Area 3 Delegate Andrew Martini

Caucus Area 3 Alternate Ysau Flores

Caucus Area 4 Delegate Antonio Gonzalez

Caucus Area 4 Alternate Hector Chapa Jr.

Caucus Area 5 Delegate Jorge Ruiz

Caucus Area 5 Alternate Oscar Sanchez

Caucus Area 6 Delegate Anthony Scarpa

Caucus Area 6 Alternate Robert Schmidt

Caucus Area 7 Delegate Chad Sandwell

Caucus Area 7 Alternate John Bartee Sr.

Caucus Area 8 Delegate David Flores

Caucus Area 8 Alternate Michael LaFountain

A motion was made and approved for the election of these delegates for the 2025 Supreme Convention.

Worthy State Deputy Ron Alonzo thanked everyone from Corpus Christi who participated in the preparation of this successful convention and asked for comments from Chairman Victoriano Garcia. Dallas Diocesan Deputy and Convention Chairman Mike Courtney gave a brief presentation on next year's 122<sup>nd</sup> Texas State Convention in Dallas.

A report from the Executive Secretary Carlos J. González was given, thanking the Corpus Christi Convention Committee for hosting. He then introduced and thanked Kari Jordan, Kathleen McLoughlin, and the registration team; and especially thanked his wife, Rebecca.

Worthy State Deputy Ron Alonzo thanked all attendees, Bishops, 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 2025-2026 coming up.

Worthy 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 prayer was led by Worthy Major Director Gregory Brown.

Worthy State Deputy Ron Alonzo then adjourned the 121<sup>st</sup> State Convention meeting of the Texas State Council.

## **MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES MEETING APRIL 26, 2025**

President Ron Alonzo opened the meeting of the State Council Charities, Saturday April 26, 2025.

Vice President Bob Goss read the roll call of Officers. The SCC minutes of the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the State Council Charities was adopted as published in the 2023-2024 Annual Report. SCC Treasurer Derek Rabey presented the audit report and the 2025-2026 proposed budget as printed in the Convention Supplement. The budget was approved unanimously.

President Ron Alonzo 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 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 State Council 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 Ron Alonzo then adjourned the 121<sup>st</sup> State Convention meeting of the State Council Charities.

Audited Financial Statements

**Texas State Council**

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024  
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, 2025 and 2024, 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, 2025 and 2024, 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 \$1,318,797 and \$1,285,486 as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the change in net assets would increase by \$33,311 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 and decrease by \$11,606 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, 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.

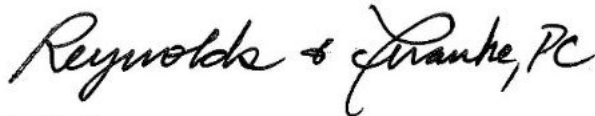
#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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  
December 05, 2025

**Audited Financial Statements**

**Texas State Council**

**Statements of Financial Position**

*June 30, 2025 and 2024*

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 128,585	\$ 120,292
Per capita receivables, net of allowance of \$32,714 and \$35,282 for 2025 and 2024, respectively	33,060	29,115
Other receivables	4,429	-
Related party receivable	627	-
Prepaid expenses	4,529	39,246
Total current assets	<u>171,230</u>	<u>188,653</u>
Investments	2,039,193	1,987,594
Deposits	4,167	2,789
Operating right-of-use assets	<u>157,484</u>	<u>58,003</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 2,372,074</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,237,039</u></u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 41,143	\$ 66,241
Accrued liabilities	162	162
Deferred revenue	48,339	40,865
Operating lease liability - current	31,826	44,722
Total current liabilities	<u>121,470</u>	<u>151,990</u>
Operating lease liability - noncurrent	<u>136,064</u>	<u>13,281</u>
Total liabilities	257,534	165,271
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>2,114,540</u>	2,071,768
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 2,372,074</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,237,039</u></u>

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

**Texas State Council**

**Statements of Activities**

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024*

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Net assets without donor restrictions:		
Support and Revenues:		
Per capita dues	\$ 630,136	\$ 621,264
Meeting and convention income	283,384	258,996
State convention income	181,104	113,069
Investment earnings, net	180,581	192,957
Reimbursements from State Council Charities	105,295	108,278
Program revenues:		
Football sweepstakes	56,661	68,320
State athletics	59,603	26,782
Miscellaneous income	6,293	25,318
Total support and revenues	<u>1,503,057</u>	<u>1,414,984</u>
Expenses:		
Program services	1,222,416	1,196,768
Fundraising	-	6,249
General and administrative	237,869	255,028
Total expenses	<u>1,460,285</u>	<u>1,458,045</u>
Total change in net assets without donor restrictions	42,772	(43,061)
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>2,071,768</u>	<u>2,114,829</u>
Net assets, end of the fiscal year	<u><u>\$ 2,114,540</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,071,768</u></u>

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**Texas State Council**

Statement of Functional Expenses

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025*

	<b>Program Services</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>General and Administrative</b>	<b>Total</b>
Personnel and benefits	\$ 174,604	\$ -	\$ 116,404	\$ 291,008
State convention	335,968	-	-	335,968
Other meetings:				
Mid-year meeting	196,743	-	-	196,743
Organizational meeting	166,641	-	-	166,641
Diocesan deputies meeting	36,776	-	-	36,776
Change of leadership meeting	24,513	-	-	24,513
Supreme convention	23,349	-	-	23,349
Diocesan/regional meeting	10,759	-	-	10,759
Program expenses:				
Membership	74,178	-	53,372	127,550
State athletics	44,356	-	-	44,356
Football sweepstakes	25,143	-	-	25,143
Operating lease expense	31,860	-	21,239	53,099
State office	20,740	-	13,828	34,568
State officers	17,417	-	11,612	29,029
Miscellaneous expenses	8,825	-	13,379	22,204
Public relations and publications	11,246	-	2,000	13,246
Occupancy	7,616	-	5,077	12,693
Diocesan and district deputies	10,245	-	-	10,245
Interest expense	1,437	-	958	2,395
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,222,416</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 237,869</b>	<b>\$ 1,460,285</b>
<b>Percentage of total expenses</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**Texas State Council**

**Statement of Functional Expenses**

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

	<b>Program Services</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>General and Administrative</b>	<b>Total</b>
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
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,196,768</b>	<b>\$ 6,249</b>	<b>\$ 255,028</b>	<b>\$ 1,458,045</b>
<b>Percentage of total expenses</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**Texas State Council**

**Statements of Cash Flows**

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024*

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 42,772	\$ (43,061)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Unrealized gains on investments	(138,537)	(154,115)
Amortization of operating right-of-use assets	53,099	68,591
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Per capita receivables	(3,945)	8,074
Other receivables	(4,429)	157
Related party receivable	(627)	27,920
Prepaid expenses	34,717	(11,701)
Deposits	(1,378)	-
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(25,098)	37,886
Deferred revenue	7,474	1,042
Operating lease liability	(42,693)	(68,591)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(78,645)</u>	<u>(133,798)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Sales of investments	231,860	72,600
Purchases of investments	(144,922)	(44,597)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>86,938</u>	<u>28,003</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	8,293	(105,795)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>120,292</u>	<u>226,087</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the fiscal year	<u><u>\$ 128,585</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 120,292</u></u>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>		
Cash paid during the fiscal year for:		
Interest	<u>\$ 366</u>	<u>\$ 901</u>
<b>Non-cash investing activities:</b>		
Addition of operating right-of-use assets under operating lease obligations	<u><u>\$ 152,580</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></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, 2025 and 2024*

**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, 2025 and 2024, 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, 2025 and 2024*

**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, 2025 and 2024. 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, 2024, 2023, and 2022 are open to examination by the IRS as of June 30, 2025.

**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 allowance 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 earnings 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, 2025 and 2024*

**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, 2025 and 2024*

**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Leases**

Management reviews contracts to identify leases and properly classify leases as either operating or finance. 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.

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.

**Date of Management's Review**

In preparing the financial statements, the Council has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through December 05, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Texas State Council**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024*

**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, 2025 and 2024, the Council had uninsured balances of \$2,039,193 and \$1,987,594, 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.

**Note 3 – Investments**

At June 30, 2025 and 2024, investments consisted of the following:

<b>Investments:</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Bond funds	\$ 733,189	\$ 647,711
Real estate funds	100,865	100,471
Stock funds	1,205,139	1,239,412
Total	<u>\$ 2,039,193</u>	<u>\$ 1,987,594</u>

**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 measures of fair value.

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.

**Texas State Council**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024*

**Note 4 – Fair Value Disclosures (continued)**

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.

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, 2025.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Council's investments at fair value as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

Description	2025 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)
<b>Investments:</b>				
Bond funds	\$ 733,189	\$ 733,189	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	100,865	100,865	-	-
Stock funds	1,205,139	1,205,139	-	-
Total	\$ 2,039,193	\$ 2,039,193	\$ -	\$ -

**Texas State Council**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024*

**Note 4 – Fair Value Disclosures (continued)**

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)
<b>Investments:</b>				
Bond funds	\$ 647,711	\$ 647,711	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	100,471	100,471	-	-
Stock funds	1,239,412	1,239,412	-	-
Total	\$ 1,987,594	\$ 1,987,594	\$ -	\$ -

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.

**Note 5 – Contract Liabilities**

The Council's contract liabilities consisted of the following at June 30, 2025, 2024, and 2023:

	2025	2024	2023
Deferred revenue:			
Organizational meeting	\$ 48,339	\$ 40,865	\$ 39,823
Total	\$ 48,339	\$ 40,865	\$ 39,823

**Note 6 – Operating Lease Commitments**

The Council entered into various operating lease agreements set to expire at various dates through August 2030.

The following summarizes the line items in the statements of financial position for the operating leases as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	2025	2024
Operating leases:		
Operating right-of-use assets	\$ 157,484	\$ 58,003
Operating lease liability – current	\$ 31,826	\$ 44,722
Operating lease liability – noncurrent	136,064	13,281
Total operating lease liabilities	\$ 167,890	\$ 58,003

**Texas State Council**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024*

**Note 6 – Operating Lease Commitments (continued)**

The following summarizes the weighted-average remaining operating lease term and discount rate as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Weighted-average remaining lease term:		
Operating leases	<b>4.88 years</b>	1.32 years
Weighted-average discount rate:		
Operating leases	<b>3.82%</b>	1.12%

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

<i><b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</b></i>	<b>Undiscounted Cash Flows</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Discounted Cash Flows</b>
2026	\$ 37,753	\$ (5,927)	\$ 31,826
2027	34,793	(4,750)	30,043
2028	35,101	(3,517)	31,584
2029	35,164	(2,246)	32,918
2030	36,219	(892)	35,327
Thereafter	6,202	(10)	6,192
Total	<b>\$ 185,232</b>	<b>\$ (17,342)</b>	<b>\$ 167,890</b>

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, 2025 and 2024:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Operating lease expenses	<b>\$ 53,099</b>	\$ 68,591
Interest expense	<b>2,395</b>	901
Total operating lease costs	<b>\$ 55,494</b>	\$ 69,492

The following summarizes cash flow information related to operating leases for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	<b>\$ 45,088</b>	\$ 69,492

**Texas State Council**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024*

**Note 7 – 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, 2025 and 2024, the Council incurred and was subsequently reimbursed for \$105,295 and \$108,278, respectively, in personnel costs on behalf of the Organization. Total receivables from the Organization at June 30, 2025 and 2024 was \$627 and \$0, respectively.

**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, 2025 and 2024 totaled \$7,234 and \$7,010, 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, 2025 and 2024 totaled \$5,102 and \$5,547, respectively.

**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 convention income, and investment earnings.

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.

	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 128,585	\$ 120,292
Receivables collectible in less than one year	38,116	29,115
Investments	2,039,193	1,987,594
Total financial assets	2,205,894	2,137,001
With donor restrictions	-	-
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs For Expenditures Within One Year	\$ 2,205,894	\$ 2,137,001

Audited Financial Statements

**State Council Charities**

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024  
With Independent Auditor's Report*

**State Council Charities**

**Audited Financial Statements**

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

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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, 2025 and 2024, 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, 2025 and 2024, 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 \$2,114,540 and \$2,071,768 as of June 30, 2025 and 2024 and the change in net assets would increase by \$42,772 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 and decrease by \$43,061 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, all respectively.

As explained in Note 5, State Council Charities reported certain investments at cost rather than at fair value during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and, therefore, did 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.

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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 Organization's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

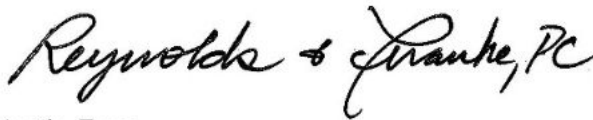
**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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  
December 05, 2025

**Audited Financial Statements**

**State Council Charities**

**Statements of Financial Position**

*June 30, 2025 and 2024*

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 134,857	\$ 35,855
Other receivables	2,194	24,507
Prepaid expenses	18,605	16,964
Total current assets	<u>155,656</u>	<u>77,326</u>
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	27,516	38,278
Investments, at cost	-	1,167,911
Investments, at fair value	1,836,285	716,618
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,019,457</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,133</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 700,033	\$ 714,647
Accounts payable - related party	627	-
Total current liabilities	<u>700,660</u>	<u>714,647</u>
Total liabilities	<u>700,660</u>	<u>714,647</u>
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	104,350	79,297
With Board designations	765,563	765,563
Total without donor restrictions	<u>869,913</u>	<u>844,860</u>
With donor restrictions	448,884	440,626
Total net assets	<u>1,318,797</u>	<u>1,285,486</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 2,019,457</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,133</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, 2025

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>Support and Revenues:</b>			
Contributions	\$ 1,128,603	\$ 113,019	\$ 1,241,622
Investment earnings	90,304	-	90,304
Total support and revenues	1,218,907	113,019	1,331,926
Net assets released from donor restrictions	104,761	(104,761)	-
Total support, revenues, and reclassifications	1,323,668	8,258	1,331,926
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Program services	1,178,477	-	1,178,477
Fundraising	73,048	-	73,048
General and administrative	47,090	-	47,090
Total expenses	1,298,615	-	1,298,615
Total change in net assets	25,053	8,258	33,311
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year	844,860	440,626	1,285,486
Net assets, end of the fiscal year	\$ 869,913	\$ 448,884	\$ 1,318,797

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Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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

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

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**Statement of Functional Expenses**

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025*

	<b>Program Services</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>General and Administrative</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salaries and wages	\$ 84,236	\$ 5,265	\$ 15,794	\$ 105,295
Contributions	807,579	-	-	807,579
Grants and support	175,996	-	-	175,996
Financial grants	91,993	-	-	91,993
Fundraising	-	67,185	6,447	73,632
Contract services	-	-	15,450	15,450
Other operations	9,166	573	1,719	11,458
Publication	9,000	-	-	9,000
Miscellaneous	507	25	7,680	8,212
Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,178,477</u>	<u>\$ 73,048</u>	<u>\$ 47,090</u>	<u>\$ 1,298,615</u>
Percentage of total expenses	<u>90%</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>100%</u>

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**Statement of Functional Expenses**

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

	<b>Program Services</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>General and Administrative</b>	<b>Total</b>
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>

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**State Council Charities**

**Statements of Cash Flows**

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024*

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 33,311	\$ (11,606)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Unrealized gains on investments	(58,346)	(55,159)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Other receivables	22,313	(1,471)
Prepaid expenses	(1,641)	714
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(14,614)	122,551
Accounts payable - related party	627	(27,920)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(18,350)</u>	<u>27,109</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Sales of investments	1,341,475	-
Purchases of investments	(1,234,885)	(13,767)
Contributions to Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	-	(7,800)
Contributions to Christopher Fund	-	(7,465)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>106,590</u>	<u>(29,032)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	88,240	(1,923)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>74,133</u>	<u>76,056</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the fiscal year	<u><u>\$ 162,373</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,133</u></u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 134,857	\$ 35,855
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	27,516	38,278
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>\$ 162,373</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,133</u></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, 2025 and 2024*

#### **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.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024*

**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, 2025 and 2024. 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, 2024, 2023, and 2022 are open to examination by the IRS as of June 30, 2025.

**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 were reported at cost in the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024. U.S. GAAP requires investments to be reported at fair value. Because Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc. (a related party) managed these investments and was unable to provide fair value information related to these investments, the Organization recorded these investments at cost and no unrealized gains or losses were recognized in 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, 2025 and 2024*

**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 December 05, 2025, 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). 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. At June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Organization had uninsured balances of \$1,843,516 and \$1,869,213, 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, 2025 and 2024*

#### **Note 2 – Concentrations and Credit Risk (continued)**

During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, 78% and 80%, 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, 2025.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

**Note 3 – Fair Value Disclosures (continued)**

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's investments at fair value as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

Description	2025 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)
<b>Investments:</b>				
Bond funds	\$ 666,717	\$ 666,717	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	269,289	269,289	-	-
Stock funds	900,279	900,279	-	-
Total	\$ 1,836,285	\$ 1,836,285	\$ -	\$ -

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)
<b>Investments:</b>				
Bond funds	\$ 233,522	\$ 233,522	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	36,231	36,231	-	-
Stock funds	446,865	446,865	-	-
Total	\$ 716,618	\$ 716,618	\$ -	\$ -

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 – Investments, at Fair Value**

At June 30, 2025 and 2024, investments, at fair value consisted of the following:

Investments, at Fair Value:	2025	2024
Bond funds	\$ 666,717	\$ 233,522
Real estate funds	269,289	36,231
Stock funds	900,279	446,865
Total	\$ 1,836,285	\$ 716,618

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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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 was 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 was less. In accordance with the terms of the Christopher Fund, the market value was determined as of the Supreme Council Charities' last semi-annual audit prior to a withdrawal request. Because the market value was not determinable at June 30, 2024, the Organization's investments in the Christopher Fund were carried at original cost. No unrealized gains or losses related to the investments in the Christopher Fund were recognized in these financial statements. In October 2024, the Organization requested distribution of the funds held with Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc. Once the distribution was received, the Organization deposited the funds into its operating investments account.

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund was 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 the market value was not determinable at June 30, 2024, the Organization's investments in the Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund were carried at original cost. No unrealized gains or losses related to the investments in the Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund were recognized in these financial statements. In October 2024, the Organization requested distribution of the funds held with Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc. Once the distribution was received, the Organization deposited the funds into its operating investments account. As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, contributions totaling \$0 and \$3,700, respectively, remained in cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions to be transferred into the investment account.

The cost basis of the investments were as follows at June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	2025	2024
Christopher Fund		
Supreme Council match per capita	\$ -	\$ 576,805
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund		
Income (without restriction – Board-designated)	-	188,758
Contributions (with donor restrictions)	-	402,348
Total Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	-	591,106
Total investments, at cost	\$ -	\$ 1,167,911

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

**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, 2025:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Support Received</u>	<u>Released from Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:				
Disaster relief	\$ 17,403	\$ 97,699	\$ (100,761)	\$ 14,341
Ultrasound machine	17,175	-	(4,000)	13,175
Held in perpetuity:				
Cardinal Medeiros Trust				
Fund Corpus	406,048	15,320	-	421,368
Total	<u>\$ 440,626</u>	<u>\$ 113,019</u>	<u>\$ (104,761)</u>	<u>\$ 448,884</u>

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

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Support Received</u>	<u>Released from Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
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>

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

**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, 2025:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Board Designations</b>	<b>Released from Board Designations</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Christopher Fund Supreme Council match per capita	\$ 576,805	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 576,805
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund Income	188,758	-	-	188,758
Total	<u>\$ 765,563</u>	<u>\$ -</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, 2024:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Board Designations</b>	<b>Released from Board Designations</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Christopher Fund Supreme Council match per capita	\$ 569,340	\$ 7,465	\$ -	\$ 576,805
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund Income	188,758	-	-	188,758
Total	<u>\$ 758,098</u>	<u>\$ 7,465</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 765,563</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, 2025 and 2024, the Council paid \$105,295 and \$108,278, respectively, in personnel costs, which were reimbursed by the Organization. Total payables due to the Council at June 30, 2025 and 2024 was \$627 and \$0, respectively.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

**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 flows 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.

	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 134,857	\$ 35,855
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	27,516	38,278
Other receivables collectible in less than one year	2,194	24,507
Investments, at cost	-	1,167,911
Investments, at fair value	1,836,285	716,618
Total financial assets	2,000,852	1,983,169
With Board designations	(765,563)	(765,563)
With donor restrictions	(448,884)	(440,626)
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs For Expenditures Within One Year	\$ 786,405	\$ 776,980

## 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 appendixes 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 counter-sign 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 counter-sign 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.

tee. 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.**

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# **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 State 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 accu-

rate 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 and 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.



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