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Committee Appointments

ASSISTANT WARDENS

Reed Fontenot, III, State Warden
Committee Chairman
Miguel Espinoza
Brownsville Assistant Diocesan Deputy
Antonio Gonzalez
Laredo Diocesan Deputy
Elliott Hussing
Amarillo Assistant Diocesan Deputy
Gregory Huffman
San Angelo Diocesan Deputy
Joe Lafuente
Amarillo Diocesan Deputy
Lupe Rodriguez
San Angelo Assistant Diocesan Deputy
PJ Thompson
San Angelo Assistant Diocesan Deputy

TELLERS

Reed Fontenot, III, State Warden
Committee Chairman
John Bartee, Sr.
Beaumont Diocesan Deputy
Hector Chapa
Laredo Assistant Diocesan Deputy
Manuel Gonzales, III
Victoria Assistant Diocesan Deputy
John Leal
Victoria Diocesan Deputy
Gene Reyes, Jr
Laredo Assistant Diocesan Deputy
Ruben Rodriguez
Brownsville Assistant Diocesan Deputy
Gilbert Salazar
Lubbock Diocesan Deputy
Tony Tomplait
Beaumont Assistant Diocesan Deputy

GREETINGS & APPRECIATION

Lee Pardue, Chairman
Grand Knight Council 3287
Brian Atwood, GK Council 7736
David Dyer, GK Council 14339

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

Paul Hall, Chairman
Grand Knight Council 6557
Martin Herrera, GK Council 9626
Oscar Sanchez, GK Council 6065

RESOLUTIONS

David Pels, State Advocate
Committee Chairman
Jonathan Vernon, Legal Affairs
Doug Oldmixon, Past State Deputy
PJ Thompson, District Deputy 223
Larry Rodriguez, GK Council 9215
Felipe Gomez, GK Council 14674
Enrique Estorga, GK Council 10380
David Bartlett, GK Council 15105
Aaron Janda, GK Council 2574

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Derek Rabey, State Treasurer
Committee Chairman
Hector Gutierrez, Pro Life Chairman
Richard Chapa, GK Council 2687
L.C. Dodson, DGK Council 15174
Hugo Garcia, Council 18277
Raymond Guerra, GK Council 7713
Ken Johnson, GK Council 6269
Manuel Medina, GK Council 9650
Frank Oliver, GK Council 9299
Joseph Smith, GK Council 16041
James Symington, GK Council 6878
Daniel Woodson, Council 13010

CREDENTIALS (5)

Robert Goss, State Secretary
Committee Chairman
Carlos Gonzalez, Council 10333
Leonard Gruca, Council 15882
Pat Henz, Council 7736
Kenny Trochta, Council 9394

Standing Rules of the State Convention

The State Officers recommend the following standing rules for the Annual Convention of the Texas State Council:

Rule 1.

The Nominating Committee for supreme delegates shall consist of the eight chairmen from the eight caucus areas established by the State Officers. Each of the eight caucus areas shall nominate one delegate and one alternate delegate to the Supreme Convention. The nominations for Supreme Delegates and Alternate Supreme Delegates shall be limited to the nominations of one delegate and one alternate delegate made by each of the eight caucuses. Upon presentation of the nominations by the Nominating Committee of the eight delegates and eight alternates nominated by the caucuses, the nominations shall be closed, and no further nominations be accepted. The eight delegates and eight alternates shall be elected by acclamation.

Rule 2.

The rules contained in the 2020/12th edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Texas State Council's Bylaws and the Charter Constitution Laws of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus and these standing rules.

Caucus Meetings – These are conducted as official convention business, and it is considered a part of the “Order of Business” delegates are required to attend. This is a reminder and reference to our Texas State Council Bylaws Article VI – Section 11, which states “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.”

Supreme Convention Delegate Nominating Caucus

PURPOSE

The purpose of the caucus is to elect eight (8) delegates to represent Texas at the Supreme Convention. Texas is entitled to ten (10) delegates to the Supreme Convention. This is the maximum number permitted from any jurisdiction. The State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy are delegates by virtue of their office. Texas has been divided into eight (8) areas with all councils assigned to one of the areas for the purpose of selecting the other eight (8) delegates.

The purpose of the area caucus is to ensure two key factors: (1) That each area of the State is given an opportunity to be represented and (2) That members who have given outstanding service to the Order be selected to represent Texas at the Supreme Convention.

The purpose of this system is to select a man in each area who has done an outstanding job. Where a member has been extraordinarily successful in promoting Columbianism, the delegates to the convention will be anxious to recognize such a member and give him the honor of representing Texas at the Supreme Convention.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

These rules are not debatable and may not be amended.

The meeting is called to order by the Caucus Chairman appointed by the State Deputy.

The Caucus Chairman will appoint a recording secretary and two tellers. Non-delegates may fill these positions.

The recording secretary will call the roll of voting delegates present. The tellers will organize a supply of ballots equal to the number of voting delegates present. Only voting delegates are eligible to vote.

State Convention voting delegates wanting to nominate a candidate for delegate to the Supreme Council meeting shall contact the Caucus Chairman at the start of the caucus. Only voting delegates may nominate or second the nomination of a candidate for Supreme Convention delegate. Nominating speeches will be limited to five (5) minutes each. The order of nominating speeches shall be determined by the drawing of lots. Voting delegates wanting to second a nomination will limit their remarks to stating their name and council number.

Once all nominations are made, there will be no need for a motion to close nominations.

Votes will be cast by secret ballot. The tellers will collect the ballots, and they will be counted in front of the caucus. A majority of votes cast will decide all elections. Blank ballots will not be counted.

The candidate receiving the most votes will be the delegate. The candidate receiving the second most votes will be the alternate delegate. **In the case of three or more candidates, and no one receives a clear majority, then a run-off election will be held for the two candidates receiving the most votes.** After the second set of ballots is counted, the candidate receiving the most votes will be the delegate, while the second-place candidate will be the alternate.

The delegate and alternate shall complete the Nomination of Delegate and Alternate form contained in the Caucus Chairman's binder. After adjournment of the caucus meeting, the caucus chairman will return this binder to the Executive Secretary.

Caucus Areas

Caucus 1

Chairman Victoriano Garcia

- El Paso Diocese
- Lubbock Diocese
- San Angelo Diocese

Caucus 2

Chairman John Danley

- Austin Diocese

Caucus 3

Chairman Oscar Gendrop

- San Antonio Archdiocese

Caucus 4

Chairman Benjamin Torres

- Brownsville Diocese
- Corpus Christi Diocese
- Laredo Diocese

Caucus 5

Chairman Michael Murphy

- Dallas Diocese

Caucus 6

Chairman Ed Tydings

- Galveston-Houston Archdiocese

Caucus 7

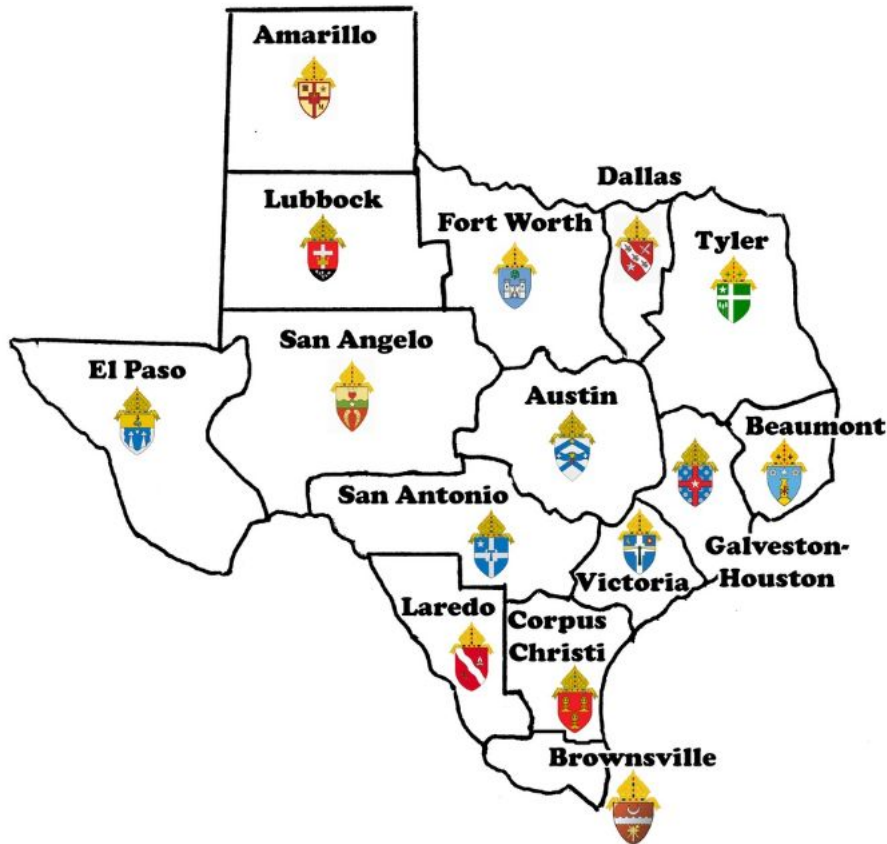
Chairman G Geigerich

- Beaumont Diocese
- Tyler Diocese
- Victoria Diocese

Caucus 8

Chairman Manuel Gonzalez, III

- Amarillo Diocese
- Fort Worth Diocese



Delegate Caucuses

Caucus 1 Chairman Victoriano Garcia State Room 3 (3rd Floor) El Paso, Lubbock, San Angelo Dioceses

638 El Paso	9067 El Paso	12798 San Angelo
2136 San Angelo	9129 El Paso	12803 Lubbock
2163 Abilene	9130 Big Spring	13342 El Paso
2571 Slaton	9215 Midland	13447 Lubbock
2592 El Paso	9641 Garden City	13514 San Angelo
2636 Rowena	9674 Fort Stockton	13824 Brady
2772 Olfen	10129 Presidio	14050 Abilene
3008 Lubbock	10256 Monahans	14412 Andrews
3071 Midland	10310 Plainview	14413 El Paso
3203 Odessa	10404 Odessa	14426 Lubbock
3686 El Paso	10420 El Paso	14584 Ft Bliss
3867 Brownwood	10480 Stamford	15017 El Paso
4316 Wall	10509 Kermit	15727 El Paso
4497 El Paso	10609 Sonora	15799 Fabens
4542 Levelland	10750 Midland	15876 Lubbock
5096 Alpine	10788 El Paso	16041 El Paso
5537 Pep	10862 El Paso	16210 Idalou
6634 Sweetwater	10985 Ballinger	16287 Horizon City
6711 El Paso	10997 El Paso	16358 Shallowater
6811 Miles	11012 Seminole	16390 Crane
6914 El Paso	11282 Eldorado	16391 Midland
7563 El Paso	11344 Van Horn	16394 Woodrow
7590 Lubbock	11365 O'Donnell	16451 Lubbock
7713 San Elizario	11613 El Paso	16775 Olton
7720 Pecos	11807 Lubbock	16778 El Paso
7882 Littlefield	11864 El Paso	17204 San Angelo
7953 Lamesa	11926 El Paso	17420 El Paso
8044 El Paso	12008 San Angelo	17449 El Paso
8097 Lubbock	12066 Colorado City	17583 Abernathy
8517 Denver City	12084 El Paso	17679 Odessa
8572 Ozona	12160 El Paso	18101 Abilene
8744 Stanton	12292 Brownfield	18402 El Paso
8773 Odessa	12360 El Paso	18456 Clint
8788 Abilene	12657 Midland	18665 San Angelo
8875 Snyder	12697 El Paso	

**Caucus 2 Chairman John Danley
Room Dallas D 2 (1st Floor)
Austin Diocese**

1017 Austin	8156 Austin	11759 Bryan
1235 Taylor	8190 Luling	12148 Round Rock
1358 Waco	8225 Elgin	12409 Austin
1834 Bryan	8935 Burnet	12522 Andice
2305 West	9038 Buda	12574 San Saba
2559 Austin	9151 Wimberley	12601 Cameron
2574 La Grange	9368 Round Rock	12642 Rockne-String Prairie
3168 Fayetteville	9743 Rosebud	12927 Hutto
3205 College Station	9796 Austin	12931 Rogers
3287 Brenham	9930 Harker Heights	13005 Waco
3444 Temple	9997 Austin	13198 Salado
3458 San Marcos	10012 Taylor	13245 Kingsland
4329 Marlin	10131 Austin	13255 Marble Falls
4457 Granger	10148 Austin	13460 Del Valle
4724 Killeen	10186 Cyclone/Marak	13534 Fort Hood
4868 Smithville	10209 Austin	13577 Waco
5053 Bremond	10294 Gatesville	13902 Westphalia
5967 Austin	10333 Austin	13927 Austin
6366 Caldwell	10373 Pflugerville	14025 Lakeway
6453 Georgetown	10391 Waco	14055 Austin
6658 Copperas Cove	10426 Austin	14166 Austin
6978 Lampasas	10463 Lago Vista	14674 Manor
7014 Rockdale	10555 Hearne-Franklin	14741 Umland
7196 Belton	10624 College Station	14844 Blanco
7197 Temple	10659 Austin	14943 Bastrop
7202 Bellmead	10776 Austin	15365 Horseshoe Bay
7600 Cedar Park	10836 Austin	17224 China Spring
7975 Kyle	11015 Waco	17470 Jarrell
8085 Giddings	11230 Abbott	18056 Temple
8131 Lockhart	11277 Chappel Hill	18087 San Marcos
8135 Waco	11502 Mexia	18344 Austin
8141 Austin	11695 Dripping Springs	18787 Llano

Caucus 3 Chairman Oscar Gendrop Room Dallas D 3 (1st Floor) San Antonio Archdiocese

786 San Antonio	7965 San Antonio	10270 San Antonio
2512 Falls City	7983 San Antonio	10295 San Antonio
2618 Poth	8001 Pleasanton	10431 Poteet
2687 Del Rio	8036 Elmendorf-Saspamco	10433 Stockdale
3245 Uvalde	8065 San Antonio	10434 Losoya
3266 Jourdanton	8067 San Antonio	10593 La Coste
3345 San Antonio	8158 San Antonio	10712 San Antonio
3412 Seguin	8223 Brackettville	10940 Boerne
4140 San Antonio	8267 Kenedy	11298 San Antonio
4183 New Braunfels	8302 San Antonio	11342 San Antonio
4298 San Antonio	8306 Helotes	11596 San Antonio
4315 San Antonio	8327 Pearsall	11599 San Antonio
4786 San Antonio	8436 San Antonio	12208 La Vernia
5090 Gonzales	8521 Bulverde	12367 Dilley
5192 Devine	8621 Lytle	12521 San Antonio
5262 San Antonio	8738 San Antonio	13523 San Antonio
6358 Schertz	8769 San Antonio	13572 Alamo Heights/ San Antonio
6409 Kerrville	8789 San Antonio	13704 San Antonio
6641 Floresville	8807 San Antonio	14190 San Antonio
6757 San Antonio	9017 San Antonio	14690 Leon Springs
6782 Karnes City	9291 San Antonio	15053 San Antonio
6833 San Antonio	9342 San Antonio	15240 San Antonio
6856 Selma	9463 San Antonio	15343 San Antonio
7016 San Antonio	9681 Converse	16180 Comfort
7163 Hondo	9682 San Antonio	16730 San Antonio
7256 San Antonio	9702 San Antonio	16748 Seguin
7265 San Antonio	9730 San Antonio	16760 San Antonio
7323 San Antonio	9765 Fredericksburg	16854 San Antonio
7347 Canyon Lake	9902 San Antonio	17179 San Antonio
7386 San Antonio	9967 San Antonio	17314 San Antonio
7409 San Antonio	10002 San Antonio	17492 San Antonio
7613 San Antonio	10090 San Antonio	17762 San Antonio
7697 San Antonio	10181 San Antonio	17769 San Antonio
7770 San Antonio	10191 San Antonio	18327 San Antonio
7808 San Antonio	10240 San Antonio	
7865 San Antonio	10258 Bandera	

Caucus 4 Chairman Benjamin Torres State Room 4 (3rd Floor) Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Laredo Dioceses

1202 Corpus Christi	7167 Freer	11238 Corpus Christi	13941 Cotulla
1553 Brownsville	7185 Corpus Christi	11420 Aransas Pass	13978 Brownsville
1653 Beeville	7290 Corpus Christi	11567 Corpus Christi	14064 Beeville
2304 Laredo	7692 Laredo	11570 Ingleside	14100 Laredo
2543 Eagle Pass	7797 Laredo	11620 Laredo	14261 Mission
2597 Rio Grande City	8028 Rockport	11663 Mathis	14316 Laredo
2623 Kingsville	8066 Corpus Christi	11840 Alton	14369 Skidmore
2698 Mission	8142 Carrizo Springs	11897 Edcouch	14739 Port Aransas
2701 Falfurrias	8170 Corpus Christi	11980 Hidalgo	14756 Beeville
2710 Corpus Christi	8298 McAllen	12034 Brownsville	14776 Sinton
2785 Harlingen	8312 Asherton	12040 McAllen	14805 Rio Bravo/El Cenizo
2791 San Diego	8335 Orange Grove	12081 Corpus Christi	15246 Laredo
2810 Hebbronville	8368 Crystal City	12091 Donna	15262 Edinburg
2992 Alice	9220 Corpus Christi	12135 La Feria	15301 Harlingen
3098 Weslaco	9283 Raymondville	12234 McAllen	15326 Taft
3110 Robstown	9318 Robstown	12337 Harlingen	15362 McAllen
3169 Alice	9626 Laredo	12535 Harlingen	15448 Brownsville
3367 Roma	9650 Zapata	12552 San Juan	15512 Taft
3389 Kingsville	9698 Elsa	12661 La Joya	15661 Edinburg
3493 San Benito	9791 Pharr	12776 Pharr	15760 Alice
3494 Benavides	9982 Escobares	12789 McAllen	15776 La Villa
3499 George West	10040 Brownsville	12869 Mercedes	15783 Laredo
3919 San Isidro	10380 Alamo	12928 Laredo	15828 Corpus Christi
4157 Corpus Christi	10403 Alice	13135 Progreso	16074 Laredo
4554 Mercedes	10413 Laredo	13173 Mercedes	16275 Bishop
4779 Port Isabel	10600 Edinburg	13232 Weslaco	16796 Pharr
5348 Premont	10677 Corpus Christi	13250 Corpus Christi	16917 Weslaco
5598 Edinburg	10711 Eagle Pass	13287 McAllen	17949 Lyford
5919 Corpus Christi	10887 Mission	13439 Laredo	17991 Laredo
6280 Corpus Christi	10931 Corpus Christi	13675 La Pryor	18173 Corpus Christi
6413 Portland	10939 Laredo	13683 Agua Dulce	18202 Kingsville
6832 Odem	11070 Harlingen	13838 Laredo	18277 Laredo
7038 Corpus Christi	11107 Corpus Christi	13876 Mission	18815 San Benito

**Caucus 5 Chairman Michael Murphy
Room Dallas A 2 (1st Floor)
Dallas Diocese**

799 Dallas	9903 McKinney	13133 Talty
830 Denison	10245 Coppell	13158 Mesquite
1289 Sherman	10523 Grand Prairie	13322 Dallas
1353 Ennis	10646 Rowlett	13520 Dallas
3593 Dallas	10879 Bonham	14568 Dallas
4370 Dallas	11169 Dallas	14810 Dallas
5052 Dallas	11293 Allen	14872 Dallas
5211 Corsicana	11414 Dallas	15033 Irving
5243 Irving	11716 Plano	15852 Dallas
5538 Dallas	11721 Kaufman	16047 Van Alstyne
5656 Dallas	11771 Irving	16202 Commerce
6065 Plano	11862 Garland	16375 Dallas
6402 Garland	11937 Dallas	16546 Garland
6887 Terrell	12021 Richardson	16665 Dallas
7017 Dallas	12153 McKinney	16677 Richardson
7438 Greenville	12300 Wylie	16820 Dallas
7850 Plano	12480 Frisco	17026 Dallas
8157 Duncanville	12484 Lancaster	17111 Dallas
8417 Waxahachie	12964 Ferris	17146 Irving
8954 Richardson	13044 Allen	18262 Dallas
9337 Rockwall	13068 Dallas	

Caucus 6 Chairman Ed Tydings Room Dallas A 3 (1st Floor) Galveston-Houston Archdiocese

787 Galveston	7067 Needville	9978 Galveston	12955 Katy
803 Houston	7136 Houston	10207 Houston	13151 Rosenberg
2788 Baytown	7153 Huntsville	10224 Industry	13165 Houston
2801 Rosenberg	7206 Baytown	10390 Houston	13166 New Caney
2917 Houston	7230 Houston	10393 Hitchcock	13357 Houston
3077 Houston	7382 Houston	10562 Pasadena	13615 Houston
3217 Dickinson	7445 Richmond	10574 Deer Park	13629 Houston
3229 Crosby	7532 Houston	10591 Houston	13940 Houston
3313 Sealy	7728 Missouri City	10656 Houston	14512 Spring
3365 Freeport	7901 Houston	10720 Houston	14617 Missouri City
3700 Pasadena	8024 Houston	10779 Houston	14700 Houston
3793 Wallis	8096 Houston	10861 Spring	15059 Channelview
3910 Houston	8247 Houston	10872 Spring	15105 Houston
4054 Anderson	8293 Houston	10959 Houston	15321 Houston
4204 Sugar Land	8374 Huntsville	10995 Houston	15322 South Houston
4550 Houston	8404 Houston	11023 Houston	15796 Houston
4577 Houston	8482 Houston	11343 Sugar Land	15949 Houston
5077 Houston	8494 Friendswood	11438 Houston	16103 Fulshear
5155 Angleton	8548 Brazoria	11472 Tomball	16146 Galveston
5232 La Porte	8734 Houston	11866 Magnolia	16158 Houston
5236 La Marque	8771 Houston	12320 Kingwood	16195 Houston
5678 Houston	8960 Pearland	12327 The Woodlands	16218 Houston
5921 New Waverly	9041 Channelview	12385 Houston	16430 Houston
6234 Nassau Bay	9201 Houston	12474 Houston	17060 Houston
6403 Alvin-Manvel	9268 Bellville	12475 Houston	17225 Houston
6456 Conroe	9310 League City	12500 Galveston	17629 Hempstead
6527 Houston	9321 Houston	12558 Frydek	17653 The Woodlands
6557 Spring-Woodlands	9367 Navasota	12564 Pattison	17724 Houston
6812 Lake Jackson	9629 Highlands	12602 Houston	17726 Houston
6826 Houston	9686 Clute	12632 Richmond	17776 Pasadena
6859 Houston	9708 Houston	12672 Hempstead	17779 Houston
6878 Humble	9759 Katy	12748 Houston	17812 Rosenberg
6950 Katy	9794 Huffman	12818 Houston	18503 Magnolia
7036 Houston	9817 Danbury	12866 Houston	

**Caucus 7 Chairman G Geigerich
Room Dallas D 1 (1st Floor)
Beaumont, Tyler, Victoria Dioceses**

951 Beaumont	3421 Edna	10524 Athens
1003 Texarkana	3452 Winnie	10660 Atlanta
1304 Port Arthur	3491 Groves	10751 Bloomington
1323 Palestine	3952 Kilgore	10875 San Augustine
1329 Victoria	4307 Blessing	11026 Carthage
1422 Marshall	4843 Eagle Lake	11093 Longview
1502 Tyler	5035 Beaumont	11151 Sour Lake
1582 Yoakum	5145 Nederland	11351 Inez
1680 Orange	5157 Frelsburg	11462 Henderson
1682 Cuero	5789 Vidor	11530 Jacksonville
2153 Weimar	6699 Daingerfield, Mt Pleasant,	11865 Whitehouse
2433 Hallettsville	Pittsburg	11869 Mauriceville
2461 Port Neches		11933 Mineola
2480 Yorktown	6763 Fannett	11978 Canton
2490 El Campo	6889 Palacios	12122 Diboll
2500 East Bernard	7058 Lumberton	12253 Malakoff
2771 Longview	7512 Goliad	12711 Lindale
2902 Schulenburg	7553 Nacogdoches	12809 Port Arthur
2971 Columbus	7696 Paris	13010 Meyersville
3070 Bay City	7946 Port Arthur	13070 Orangefield
3081 Shiner	8388 Victoria	13136 Trinity
3195 Port Arthur	8594 Silsbee	13498 Mont Belvieu
3201 Liberty	8806 Gun Barrel City	13798 Jasper
3204 Ganado	8871 Dayton	13825 Orange
3244 Moulton	8975 Sulphur Springs	14355 Port Arthur
3253 Port Lavaca	9088 Victoria	14473 China
3262 Wharton	9393 El Campo	14636 Flint
3295 Flatonio	9394 Louise-Hillje	15174 Holly Lake Ranch
3371 Nada	9564 Livingston	16078 Emory
3404 Lufkin	10249 Mentz	16464 Beaumont
3406 Bridge City	10405 Cleveland	17758 Grand Saline

Caucus 8 Chairman Manuel Gonzalez, III State Room 2 (3rd Floor) Amarillo, Fort Worth Dioceses

759 Keller	7458 Fort Worth	13363 Arlington
1167 Gainesville	7573 Amarillo	13408 Carrollton
1450 Amarillo	7641 Bedford-Eules	13470 Arlington
1459 Muenster	7736 Mansfield	14339 Montague, Nacona, Bowie, Henrietta
1473 Wichita Falls	7840 Canyon	
1715 Scotland	8464 Mineral Wells	14549 Arlington
1766 Rhineland	8493 The Colony	14679 Fort Worth
1824 Windthorst	8512 North Richland Hills	15320 Glen Rose
2045 Pilot Point	8895 Arlington	15782 Childress
2123 Ranger	8938 Hereford	15789 Colleyville
2654 Nazareth	9299 Arlington	15882 Fort Worth
2767 Pampa	9413 Amarillo	16042 Cleburne
2776 Dalhart	9600 Perryton	16205 Amarillo
2778 Hereford	9634 Graham	16258 Fort Worth
2808 Umbarger	9644 Decatur	16393 Denton
2813 Fort Worth	9748 Granbury	16522 Wichita Falls
3558 Borger	9868 Fort Worth	16663 Fort Worth
3740 Seymour	9884 Flower Mound	16666 Amarillo
4101 Fort Worth	10375 Hillsboro	17024 Fort Worth
4621 Amarillo	10816 Stephenville	17039 Fort Worth
4635 Amarillo	10930 Fort Worth	17196 Aledo
4709 Fort Worth	10998 Wichita Falls	17304 Prosper
4771 Denton	11423 Fort Worth	17404 Azle
5061 Dumas	11638 Albany/Breckenridge	17410 Fort Worth
5426 Bovina-Friona	11905 Lindsay	17708 Fort Worth
5552 Spearman	12493 Canadian	17902 Fort Worth
6269 Arlington	12534 Tulia	17916 Fort Worth
7099 Grapevine	12553 Denton	18013 Arlington
7175 Burleson	12563 Amarillo	18179 Roanoke
7264 Weatherford	12575 Fort Worth	18311 Arlington
7371 Burkburnett	13134 Amarillo	18612 Wichita Falls
7435 Vernon	13317 Fort Worth	

144th Supreme Convention Information

Aurora, Colorado

August 4-6, 2026

1. Mileage and Per Diem for Elected Delegates: Mileage and Per Diem, Section 27, Charter Constitution Laws; "...mileage one way at the rate of thirty cents per mile for the first fifteen hundred miles and twenty cents for each additional mile from place of residence to place of meeting, and per diem of \$400.00 for each day actually spent in attendance at committee meetings or in duties assign to them...". Delegates must stay in the convention hotel to receive per diem.

2. Hotel Lodging: Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center, 6700 North Gaylord Rockies Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80019-2198. The Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center will host all events. The link for all events and room reservations is www.kofc.org/reservations. Room types are not guaranteed. Preference is given to Delegates and Clergy. Reserve your room ASAP. The hotel will not accept room reservations on their website or over the phone; deadline for reservations is June 30th.

3. Room Rates: \$265 plus tax.

4. Convention Registration Fee: \$55.00 plus add-ons at the Host State Council website: www.supremekofcdenver2026.com

5. Host Events: The link for all events is www.supremekofcdenver2026.com, June 25th is the deadline but don't wait, tours have limited capacity.

6. Supreme Council States Dinner Ticket: \$144.00 per person. Each delegate is required to reserve tickets at www.kofc.org/reservations, which will be held Tuesday evening; deadline is June 30th but don't wait too long, they have limited capacity. The cost of the Delegate's ticket will be deducted from his mileage and per diem check. White dinner jacket for all Brother Knights, except members of the clergy is required for the States Dinner.

7. Texas Hospitality Room: \$30.00 per person; includes breakfast Monday to Thursday, lunch Monday to Wednesday, and evening snacks and refreshments Sunday to Wednesday.

8. Texas Wednesday Evening Dinner: Copper Table Restaurant, À La Carte Menu.

9. Texas Pride: We wear our Texas Flag Shirts as a group a couple of times during the convention. We recommend you purchase one, also purchase a Texas vest & bowtie for the banquet.

10. Pin Exchange: It is traditional to trade state-oriented lapel pins on Monday evening and throughout the convention. Conventioneers from all jurisdictions participate. The State Office will send you more information about how to get pins.

Elected Delegates/Alternates will be contacted by the Executive Secretary Carlos J. Gonzalez. All others interested in attending the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado as a guest please contact Executive Secretary Carlos J. González at the State Office 512-442-1492 or carlos@tkofc.org and he will send you the information.



Texas State Council Knights of Columbus Report of the State Deputy Ron Alonzo

Your 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 **122nd Annual Texas Knights of Columbus State Convention here in Dallas, Texas**. We are honored that you have joined us, and we hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend of fraternity, faith, and celebration.

The Knights of Columbus of Texas, assembled through the Texas State Council, proudly dedicate the 122nd Annual Texas State Convention in Dallas, Texas, to **His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV**, in gratitude for his leadership and in faithful support of the Holy Father and the universal Church.

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

A special thanks to Bishop Burns for welcoming Knights from across the state as we gather for this 122nd Texas State Convention.

Along with all the Brother Knights throughout Texas, we thank Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly for selecting Supreme Director, Rene Trevino, and his wife Carla as the Supreme Council representatives for this convention. Rene, we thank you for your presence with us this weekend.

I would also like to thank Convention Chair Mike Courtney, his wife Karen, and the entire Convention Committee. These Knights and their ladies have worked tirelessly to prepare a weekend of hospitality and entertainment that we will long remember.

Earlier today at the Awards Ceremony, we congratulated many Brother Knights and Councils for the outstanding accomplishments they achieved this fraternal year. To every Knight who helped grow the Order in one way or another whether you received an award or not you are all winners. It is through the involvement of every Knight that Texas continues to grow the Order in service to the Church, our communities, and in charity.

Even though we have achieved many of our goals, we still have nearly nine weeks remaining in this fraternal year to accomplish everything we set out to do.

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

These words speak directly to the principles of the Order set forth by our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

As we look back on this fraternal year, Texas has had a highly successful year promoting membership recruitment, council growth, charity, programs, insurance, and Star Councils.

Last fraternal year, your efforts placed Texas back in the **Circle of Honor with Pinnacle Status**. Our goal now is to achieve **back-to-back Circle of Honor recognition with Pinnacle Status**.

We are blessed with a talented and dedicated group of men serving as your State Officers. Their hours of service and loyalty to this great Order are countless. Together, we have tried to attend and support as many council activities as possible throughout the state.

State Secretary Bob Goss and his wife Sheryl thank you for your timely and consistent responses whenever help is needed, for keeping our correspondence and minutes organized, and for assisting with the many action items of the Texas State Council. Your dedication to the Order is appreciated by all our Brother Knights.

State Treasurer Derek Rabey and his wife Veronica thank you for ensuring our finances remain in order so we can continue serving our Brothers effectively. Your dedication helps keep the Texas State Council and State Council Charities on track and within budget.

State Advocate David Pels and his wife Susan, your expertise in interpreting the laws and rules of the Order is greatly appreciated. You represent the Texas State Council with professionalism, thoroughness, and dedication. We are fortunate to have you serving in this important role.

State Warden Reed Fontenot and his wife Donna thank you for your work overseeing per capita and coordinating the many responsibilities assigned to the State Warden.

Immediate Past State Deputy Terry Fruge and his wife Beth thank you for your guidance, advice, and support. You have always been there whenever we have needed counsel.

State Insurance Liaison General Agent Juan Carlos Carlin and his wife Erica—thank you for representing our General Agents and Field Agents and for your contributions during our Organizational and Mid-Year meetings.

Blessed Michael McGivney envisioned a fraternal benefit society that would care for widows and orphans. Today, he would be extremely proud. We thank all our General Agents and Field Agents for their commitment to serving our members and their families.

To our Past State Deputies thank you for your continued support, guidance, and wisdom. Your experience has helped us lead the Texas State Council with confidence.

The visible arm of the Knights of Columbus is the Fourth Degree. We thank Vice Supreme Master Pat Conway and his wife Debbie for their leadership in the Guadalupe Province. Thank you also to Edward and Sandra Cantu for serving as Master of the Sword, and to all our District Masters across Texas.

Membership Director Bill Tillotson and his wife Christina, along with the entire membership team, are doing an outstanding job. Last fraternal year, the Texas State Council achieved the **Circle of Honor with Pinnacle Status** for the 2024–2025 Fraternal Year the highest recognition awarded by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council to any jurisdiction.

Our final total of **5,524 new members** set a record for Texas in membership intake. This remarkable achievement reflects the dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment of councils across our state.

We thank each of you for your tireless efforts in growing our Order and for bringing the spirit of **Columbianism** to so many Catholic men. Through your work, more families, parishes, and communities are experiencing the faith, fraternity, and charity that define our Order.

Star Council Director David Zeigler and his wife Laura and their team continue to assist councils across the state in achieving the prestigious Star Council Award. Last year Texas achieved more than **250 Star Councils**, and we are confident that number will continue to grow.

Charity Director Joe Jacobo and his wife Nicole thank you for leading our efforts in charity, the first principle of our Order. Because of the generosity of our membership, Texas set a **new record in charitable contributions last year**, and we are on track for another outstanding year.

Program Director Rick Guzman and his wife Telsa and the entire program team have done an excellent job promoting Faith in Action programs throughout Texas. Strong programs are essential to recruiting and retaining members.

Education and Training Director Chad Sandwell and his wife Stephanie have been busy launching our new website and providing training resources for councils across the state. Thank you for ensuring our councils have the tools and information they need to succeed.

Evangelization and Faith Formation Director Gregory Brown and his wife Hollie continue to promote the **COR initiative**, strengthening Catholic men in faith and virtue and drawing them into a deeper relationship with Christ.

I also want to thank the many committee chairs, administrative appointees, diocesan leaders, and volunteers who serve our councils across the state. Your dedication makes it possible for the Texas State Council to function effectively.

Our State Office in Austin is staffed by three outstanding individuals Executive Secretary Carlos Gonzalez, our accountant Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin in Council Records. Your hard work and dedication keep everything running smoothly, and we are grateful for your service.

To the council leadership and membership throughout Texas your positive commitment to the principles of the Order makes Texas strong. If our jurisdiction succeeds, it is because of you.

During these final weeks of the fraternal year, we must continue working together on recruitment, Star Councils, charity, and programs. Every Grand Knight is asked to commit to a recruitment plan so that Texas can once again achieve the Circle of Honor with Pinnacle Status.

During this fraternal year, many of our Brother Knights have gone to their eternal rest. We are grateful for their years of leadership and service. They will be remembered during our Memorial Mass on Sunday.

To our wonderful wives your dedication, encouragement, and willingness to support the Knights is invaluable. Thank you for everything you do to support your husbands and this great Order.

And finally, I want to thank my wife, Margo. She has been my rock throughout these two years as State Deputy. We have traveled many miles together across Texas, often arriving late and leaving early to serve our councils. She has helped prepare reports, kept me on schedule, supported my responsibilities, and still found time to care for our home and our grandchildren

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 Leo, our Bishops, our Clergy, our Order, our families, our State, and our Nation. God bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Report of the State Secretary

Robert “Bob” Goss

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

Thank you and your families for all your support. Sheryl and I are deeply grateful and truly humbled. We are here to serve you and your council.

Welcome to Dallas for the 122nd annual Texas State Council Convention. My deepest gratitude and heartfelt thank you to our hosts, the Dallas Convention Committee and Diocese of Dallas, 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 families 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 Fruge, 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 collaborate 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 Gonzalez, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin. Your dedication and professionalism enable the TSC to help so many people across the state. Thank you very much. Additionally, thank you to our Executive Secretary Carlos Gonzales’ wife Rebecca for all she does to support the Order. We ask you, along with Sheryl and me to pray for Kari’s husband Jeff Jordan, Kathleen’s son Ian, who was injured as a firefighter, SK Charles Pipkins who is fighting cancer, and to all who are suffering or battling illnesses. May God bless you.

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 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 you that truly make Texas the best jurisdiction in the Order. It is my privilege to serve all of you.

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

Be Kind, Compassionate, Forgive, and Inspire our Brothers and Sisters and INVITE.

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. You are a leader in your community – the best recruitment tool is to be a good Catholic and an example of the principles of the Order. The absolute best recruiter of all - - Your wife is the best recruiter of all - - Parishioners - Catholic men - - encouraged by their wives, will join by observing your good works noting you are a good person, a good Catholic, and a great Knight.

Remember men will join if you present a potential candidate a reason to help their priests and parish. Invite these men. Lead and inspire by your good actions of charity, unity, fraternalism, and kindness – handle your foes with kindness. “Kill them with kindness” is hard but it deconflicts adversity and may lead to resolution and even working together. 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 Leo, our Bishops, our Clergy, our Order, our families, our State, and our Nation. God bless you. Vivat Jesus!

Report of the State Treasurer Derek W. Rabey

VIVAT JESUS!

Welcome to the 122nd Convention of the Texas State Council. I want to welcome each of you to this year's convention in Dallas, Texas.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

It has been an honor to serve as your State Treasurer for these past two fraternal years. I want to thank every member of the councils 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 all the challenging work and their unwavering dedication to the Texas State Council and our Order. Their dedication has been evidenced by the time spent and miles traveled 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 exceptional job documenting the minutes for all our TSC and SCC meetings, attending functions and CUFs supporting members across the state. State Advocate David Pels continues to exercise his legal experience to provide appropriate fraternal legal assistance and guidance to our members, councils, and the 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, thank you for your unceasing 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 untiring 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 expressly thank our State Chaplain, Most Reverend Wm. Michael Mulvey, of Corpus Christi, and Associate State Chaplain, Reverend Tommy Chen, of Port Lavaca, for their commitment 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 devotion 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 steadfast dedication you offer to our members and their families. You are supporting 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 Carlos Gonzalez, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin for all their hard work and dedication. I encourage all our members in attendance to 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 demanding work you do in your home diocese is what strengthens our Order across Texas. Without your efforts and dedication, Texas could not be the jurisdiction all others wish 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. For all the love, support, and dedication she provides, I especially want to thank my wife, Veronica. 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!

Report of the State Advocate

David Pels

A special thank you to the Dallas 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 Fruge 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, Communications, Education & Training; and Gregg Brown, Evangelization and Faith Formation.

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 is invaluable and much appreciated.

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

Thank you to our TSC Executive Secretary Carlos Gonzalez, 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 James Caffrey, Supreme Territorial Growth Director—Great Plains, for his assistance and support.

Last, and certainly not least, I want to thank my family, especially my wife, Susan, for allowing me to do what I do every day, both as an attorney in my law practice and as State Advocate. I couldn’t do it without you. I appreciate your understanding and support.

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

Knights of Columbus is Nonpartisan

The Supreme Advocate's Office issued guidance on March 20, 2026, regarding the nonpartisan status of the Knights of Columbus. The guidance is also published in the ODR under the same heading as above. Certain principles of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus can often be mistaken for positions taken by political parties. While Brother Knights are encouraged as citizens to take part in the political process as individuals, they should not do so as members of the Knights of Columbus. Brother Knights are not spokesmen for Supreme and should not be advising Clergy or third parties regarding Knights of Columbus policy. Similarly, any property or facility bearing the emblems of the Order cannot be used for partisan political purposes. If you encounter such issues in your Councils or Assemblies, please review this section in the ODR, which is set forth in Political Issues, along with other sections addressing similar concepts as those apply to Social Media, Public Relations, and the use of Name and Emblem.

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 (\$2.90 per member plus a \$35 admin fee for \$1 million in coverage) and are based upon the number of members in your Council or Assembly. Liability insurance should be a line item in every Council and Assembly budget. Lockton Affinity may be contacted at (800) 496-0288 or by e-mail at CouncilInsurance@locktonaffinity.com, or on the web at locktonaffinity.com.

Home Corporations

A Council cannot own real property or real estate, however, Home Corporations can. Home Corporations exist to support their associated Councils. There are still many Home Corporations in Texas, but there are less with each passing year. This often has to do with aging facilities that become cost-prohibitive to maintain, resulting in sales of the Home Corporation real estate. If you become aware that your Home Corporation is contemplating a sale, please notify me. There are documents and procedures that should be put in place to ensure that the sale is conducted properly. There are rules that apply to the proceeds of sale of the real estate and other legal issues that are unique to "halls." If you are having an issue with your Home Corporation, please consult the Home Corporation tab 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 on the Council level should not be contacting the TSC or Supreme to complain or redress grievances that should be resolved on the Council, District, or Diocesan levels. In those situations, in which a dispute cannot be resolved locally, please respect the "chain of command" and take it to your District Deputy. The DD can then take it up with the Diocesan Deputy if he feels the need to do so. The State Advocate can then be contacted if the Diocesan Deputy and DD desire further advice and guidance.

Office of Youth Protection (OYP)

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 (OYP) if you become aware of a reportable event. Also contact your Parish, Diocesan Office of Youth Protection, and report the matter to law enforcement authorities. Please notify the State Advocate as soon as possible with information regarding the arrest or conviction of a Brother Knight for a sex offense.

Closing thoughts

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

Vivat Jesus!

Report of the State Warden Reed Fontenot

Brothers All,

The Texas State Council serves an important function in guiding, training, and executing several 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, 2026, 87.08% of all councils have paid their share! We have 94 dormant councils this year that are also assessed. Looking at just active councils, we are down to only 86 that still need to pay (11 councils have paid half their goal) State per Capita for a total of \$51,718.50. This is higher than last year; however, it is still a great job Texas!

To participate in the upcoming State Convention in Dallas, 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 in July 2025. To pay there are two options. Access the state website (tkofc.org) and pay online or mail a check to the State Office at their new address:

Knights of Columbus Texas State Council

1033 La Posada Drive, Suite 100

Austin, TX, 78752

A report has been sent to all Diocesan Deputies, if you have any questions, you can call the state office and 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 37 years, Donna Fontenot. God Bless every one of my brother Knights!

Report of the Executive Secretary

Carlos J. González

Dear Brother Knights,

This past fraternal year brought significant change to the State Office. Under the leadership of our State Officers, we strengthened our digital presence by publishing more reports and forms on the State Website, moved the directory and Star Guide fully digital, and improved efficiency with faster check deposits. We also secured tkofc.net and tkofc.com, those sites now point to our main website tkofc.org. We now process Bishop's charity donations through direct deposit for greater speed and security. To help offset online fees, the State Website includes a processing fee for Per Capita and Miscellaneous payments, while keeping Charity Donation fees optional.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to embracing new technology and improving our processes while staying within budget. Continuous advancement is part of our daily routine, and we will continue making thoughtful, responsible decisions that strengthen our operations and support all Texas Councils.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to State Deputy Ron Alonzo, Immediate Past State Deputy Terry Frugé, and all the State Officers. We look forward to working with the newly elected Officers. I am also very grateful to Kari Jordan and Kathleen McLoughlin for their support, collaboration, guidance, dedication, and hard work. Finally, I want to thank my wife Rebecca, for her unwavering support throughout this journey.

I am truly excited to work alongside all of you as we continue building a positive, efficient, and forward looking environment. Together, I am confident we will achieve our goals and continue serving the Knights of Columbus with honor and purpose.

Report of the Audit Committee

Dan Stoffel, CPA (Retired), Chairman

The annual financial statement audits of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus and the State Council Charities were prepared by the independent accounting firm Reynolds & Franke, PC, Austin, Texas. Reynolds & Franke, PC, issued the fiscal 2025 audit report and expressed its audit opinion of The Texas State Council and State Council Charities and on the changes in net assets and cash flows.

The professional opinions expressed by Reynolds & Franke, PC, are ‘qualified’ opinions for both the Texas State Council and the State Council Charities. The auditors’ opinions were qualified because of two deviations from generally accepted accounting principles on the presentation of the financial statements. The two deviations are explained in the independent auditors’ reports, one of which is the lack of consolidated reporting of the financial statements of the Texas State Council and the State Council Charities, which, in the opinion of the auditors, is required because the Texas State Council has a controlling interest in the State Council Charities. The other is the investment reporting at cost rather than fair value and therefore non-recognition of unrealized gain or loss in the statement of activities of the State Council Charities.

The report qualifications are consistent with prior reports, and the Audit Committee has concurred with the auditors’ opinions and has determined that the current financial statement presentation is appropriate and in the best interest of the Knights of Columbus Texas State Council and State Council Charities.

The Audit Committee and State officers met on December 13, 2025, to review and accept the report of the independent auditors. Stephen Franke, Jr, CPA represented Reynolds and Franke, and he reviewed the audit report and answered questions. The committee voted unanimously to enter a motion to accept the audited financial statements and the independent auditors’ reports at the 2026 State Convention.

Additional items discussed at the Audit Committee meeting were as follows:

- Without Executive Secretary Carlos Gonzalez present, the committee solicited comments from the independent auditors regarding cooperation from the staff, perceptions about the staff’s competence in financial matters, the condition of the financial records and the overall

working conditions and relationship with the staff. The independent auditors stated that they were confident with the staff, were pleased by the oversight, and direct involvement by the State Officers. The independent auditors expressed that they have continued to receive excellent cooperation from the staff members.

- Without the independent auditor present, the committee solicited comments from Executive Secretary Carlos Gonzalez regarding cooperation from the auditors, perception about the independent auditors' competence, professionalism and overall working conditions and relationship between the staff and the independent auditors. The Executive Secretary stated that due to the familiarity of the auditors with this audit and their competence, the audit was performed in a professional and timely manner.

Having concluded the business regarding the financial statement audits of the Texas State Council and State Council Charities of the Texas Knights of Columbus, the meeting was adjourned.

On behalf of the committee members, we express our appreciation for the assistance we have received from the officers and staff of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

**Texas State Council Knights of Columbus
2026-2027 Proposed Budget**

	Actual 2023-2024	Actual 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	
Membership numbers					
1 Membership	89,190	89,046	90,162	91,700	1
2 Honorary Life	(16,726)	(16,934)	(16,934)	(16,639)	
3 Disabled	(971)	(1,084)	(1,084)	(1,100)	
4 Honorary	(3,707)	(3,662)	(3,662)	(3,710)	
5 Inactive Insurance	(3,705)	(3,464)	(3,464)	(3,683)	
6 College Council Members	(782)	(782)	(782)	(860)	
7 Seminary Council Members	(82)	(82)	(82)	(78)	
8 Military Councils		(151)	(151)	(150)	
9					
10 INCOME (\$)					
11 Per Capita					
12 Members @ X \$10	891,900	890,460	901,620	917,000	
13 Honorary Life @ -X \$10	(167,260)	(169,340)	(169,340)	(166,390)	
14 Disabled @ -X \$10	(9,710)	(10,840)	(10,840)	(11,000)	
15 Honorary @ -\$4.50	(16,682)	(16,479)	(16,479)	(16,695)	
16 Inactive Ins. @ -\$5.50	(20,378)	(19,052)	(19,052)	(20,257)	
17 College Council Members @ -\$0	(8,990)	(8,990)	(3,910)	(4,300)	
18 Seminary Council Members @ - \$0	(770)	(770)	(820)	(780)	
19 Military Councils @ - \$0	(1,208)	(1,208)	(1,208)	(1,500)	
20 Per Capita Bad Debts/Adjustments	(46,456)	(32,714)	(45,000)	(44,863)	2
21					
22 Total Per Capita:	620,448	631,068	634,971	651,216	
23					
24 Other Income					
25 Prior Year Reserves					
26 Trust Interest (State Office Rent)	57,950	58,600	32,100	33,063	
27 Online Processing Fees	-	-	7,500	3,000	
28 Organizational Meeting	130,130	135,948	135,000	162,000	
29 Supreme Convention Delegation	2,830	3,625	4,000	3,000	
30 Mid-Year Meeting	121,692	141,515	125,000	145,000	
31 State Convention	113,069	181,104	136,000	183,000	
32 Other Income	2,064	126,010	400	1,000	
33 Pro Life		2,338	1,100	1,100	
34 Membership Incentives	1,750	-	2,100	1,925	
35 Supreme Training Reimbursement	3,245	-	-	-	
36 State Charities Reimbursements	26,966	105,295	98,598	102,902	3
37 Football Sweepstakes	68,320	56,661	63,000	60,000	
38 Athletics	26,782	59,603	48,000	60,000	4
39 College Councils	6,112	2,652	1	1,000	4
40 Total Other Income:	560,910	873,350	652,799	756,990	
41 TOTAL INCOME:	1,181,358	1,504,418	1,287,770	1,408,206	

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42						
43	EXPENSES (\$)	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed	
44	Officers, State Officers, Admin.	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Budget	
45					2026-2027	
45	State Chaplain	270	-	500	750	
46	Associate State Chaplain	-	637	2,000	800	9
47	State Deputy	6,409	6,509	7,500	3,000	9
48	State Secretary	8,410	4,852	6,500	2,600	9
49	State Treasurer	8,249	4,651	4,000	1,600	9
50	State Advocate	2,907	2,604	2,500	1,100	9
51	State Warden	2,486	2,191	2,500	1,000	9
52	Immediate Past State Deputy	472	2,534	500	800	9
53	Supreme Director	434	668	250	200	9
54	Per Capita Billing Expenses	1,421	2,144	1,400	500	
55	Officers - General	283	838	300	300	
56	Past State Deputies	3,442	3,545	5,000	1,600	9
57	Executive Secretary	105,789	116,002	87,544	92,272	5
58	Annual Audit	16,040	16,850	16,500	17,000	
59	Office Staff	147,280	155,165	157,815	166,731	5
60	State Office Lease	58,569	35,385	32,100	33,063	
61	State Office Operations	50,955	60,729	50,000	47,340	
62	Total Officers, State Office, Admin	413,416	415,303	376,909	370,656	
63						
64	State Programs					
65	Training & Standardization	1,903	3,828	6,000	2,000	9
66	State Programs	4,597	7,625	4,000	1,800	9
67	Church, Vocations & Liturgy	-	1,648	1,000	1,000	
68	Pro-Life	5,220	1,988	2,500	2,500	
69	Youth & Family	5,125	4,902	5,000	5,000	
70	Football Sweepstakes	25,640	25,143	27,000	27,000	
71	Athletics	39,188	44,356	42,000	45,000	6
72	Ads for Programs	-	-	-	1,355	
73	College Councils	4,400	5,632	500	1,000	
74	Total State Programs	86,073	95,121	88,000	86,655	
75						
76	Publication Relations					
77	Texas Knight - Publication	27,000	9,000	-	-	
78	Website Development	-	2,000	-	-	7
79	Database Development/Maintenance	-		-	2,400	7
80	Total Public Relations	27,000	11,000	-	2,400	
81						
82	Directors, Diocesan and DDs					
83	Membership	54,485	42,002	65,000	65,000	10
84	Council Growth	6,605	-	-	-	
85	Star Council Director	1,248	3,480	3,500	1,400	9
86	Evangelization & Faith Formation	3,660	4,165	2,500	1,000	9
87	Chairman, First Ladies Project				1,000	9
88	Assistants to State Deputy				2,000	9
89	Diocesan Deputies	6,866	7,495	5,500	7,200	
90	District Deputies	2,960	2,750	2,500	2,800	
91	General Program/State Awards	29,830	-	15,000	18,000	
92	Hospitality Assistants	2,677	4,201	3,000	2,000	9
93	Total Directors, Diocesan and DDs	108,331	64,093	97,000	100,400	

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	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed	
	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Budget	
				2026-2027	
94					
95					
96	State Office Expenses				
97	Program Manual (Star Guide)	19,924	1,455	-	-
98	Annual Report	438	-	-	-
99	Stationary	1,016	1,400	750	-
100	State Directory Publication	5,691	1,245	-	-
101	Online Fees for Registrations	9,221	12,602	10,000	10,000
102	TKofC.Org	17,400	9,899	1,200	1,200
103	Total State Office Expenses	53,690	26,602	11,950	11,200
104					
105					
106	Meetings and Conventions				
107	Organizational Meeting	177,603	166,642	170,000	171,411
108	Supreme Convention	17,622	23,348	20,000	11,911
109	Mid-Year Meeting	162,725	196,743	170,000	179,648
110	Diocesan Conferences	6,038	10,759	7,500	11,250
111	State Convention	315,171	323,544	275,000	313,052
112	Change of Leadership Meeting	37,772	24,513	30,000	30,000
113	Diocesan Deputies Meeting	37,075	36,776	35,000	38,000
114	TSC Meetings	-	-	-	40,850
115	College Council Meeting	142	-	-	1,000
116	Possible Incentives	-	-	-	12,060
117	Audit Committee	-	-	-	-
118	Preplanning Meeting				8,500
119	Legal Affairs Committee	1,900	-	-	2,000
120	Total Meetings and Conventions	756,048	782,325	707,500	819,682
121					
122	General & Miscellaneous				
123	Bishops & Guests	-	1,591	500	4,500
124	Fraternal Notices	2,217	5,503	2,500	2,500
125	Mass Intentions	129	750	500	500
126	Miscellaneous	636	2,555	2,500	3,000
127	Prior Year Expenses	(1,086)	1,666	300	1,000
128	Contingency		-	111	712
129	Total General & Miscellaneous	1,896	12,066	6,411	12,212
130					
131	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,446,454	1,406,510	1,287,770	1,408,205
132	TOTAL INCOME	1,181,358	1,504,418	1,287,770	1,408,206
133	INCOME/LOSS	(265,096)	97,908	0	0

Notes to the Proposed Budget for Texas State Council (TSC)

Fraternal Year 2026-2027

INCOME

1. Total Per Capita Income – Calculations are based on estimated July 1, AMI revised membership, with college council members, seminary council members and Military Council Members exempted.
2. Per Capita Bad Debt / Adjustment – Based on history of councils' non-payment. After two years, no longer billed plus any amounts forgiven to facilitate reactivation.
3. Charities Reimbursement – 30% of State Office salaries, benefits, operations, rent and website maintenance are reimbursed from State Council Charities.
4. State Athletic and College Councils – restricted accounts, viewable and auditable.

EXPENSE

5. State Staff – Salaries, insurance, benefits and reimbursements. Reflects 2% salary & annuity increase.
6. Athletics – Includes Cornhole, Bowling, and Golf Tournaments.
7. Website & Database Development – Expenses for expansion of database tools with access and display via enhanced tkofc.org website.
8. Contingency – Difference calculated to balance income vs expense.
9. 60% of TSC Officer, Directors, and PSDs budget is applied for TSC meeting expenses. Amounts shown under Officers include stipends.
10. \$5000 of Membership Director budget applied for TSC meeting expenses.

**Texas State Council Charities
2026-2027 Proposed Budget**

	Actual 2023-2024	Actual 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	
INCOME (\$)					
1 Other Charitable Donations	0	0	100	100	
2 Other Income	807	87,714	300	500	
3 Investment Income Grants/Scholarship	24,017	75,000	73,000	74,000	1
4 Gain from Investment	34,152	-53,876	15,000	0	
5 Special Olympics	4,145	1,600	500	1,000	
6 Disaster Relief	8,734	97,699	2,500	6,000	
7 Medeiros Contributions	11,500	15,320	10,000	12,000	
8 Mass Collections	13,879	12,942	12,000	8,000	2
9 Specialty License Plates	26,471	27,988	26,500	27,100	
10 Ladies Project	10,172	17,235	15,000	15,000	
11 Wheelchair Mission	4,300	3,400	1,000	1,500	
12 Sub Total	138,176	285,021	155,900	145,200	
13					
14 Contributions by Diocese					3
15 Amarillo	15,850	15,111		0	
16 Austin	111,147	120,411		0	
17 Beaumont	28,011	30,396		0	
18 Brownsville	29,025	29,933		0	
19 Corpus Christi	29,848	40,109		0	
20 Dallas	99,184	92,830		0	
21 El Paso	24,937	26,615		0	
22 Fort Worth	82,915	91,226		0	
23 Galveston/ Houston	177,964	187,605		0	
24 Laredo	7,800	9,918		0	
25 Lubbock	16,795	17,552		0	
26 San Angelo	32,784	187,810		0	
27 San Antonio	116,532	115,840		0	
28 Tyler	23,195	25,310		0	
29 Victoria	58,595	59,194		0	
30					
31 Contributions by Diocese	854,581	1,049,861	882,568	880,170	
32 Total Income:	992,757	1,334,882	1,038,468	1,025,370	

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	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed	
	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Budget	
EXPENSES				2026-2027	
Expenses by Diocese				0	
Amarillo	11,095	10,578		0	
Austin	80,875	89,952		0	
Beaumont	20,830	23,003		0	
Brownsville	20,322	21,119		0	
Corpus Christi	20,896	31,080		0	
Dallas	72,847	65,998		0	
El Paso	18,268	19,505		0	
Fort Worth	58,738	66,830		0	
Galveston/Houston	127,755	137,228		0	
Laredo	5,460	7,233		0	
Lubbock	12,273	13,166		0	
San Angelo	24,534	179,026		0	
San Antonio	82,603	81,976		0	
Tyler	16,739	18,719		0	
Victoria	41,645	42,166		0	
Bishops Checks	614,879	807,580	0	0	4
Expense by Diocese	614,879	734,903	617,798	616,119	
percent expenses to income	70%	70%	70%	70%	
Directors and Committees					
Charities Director	3,945	6,447	3,500	3,500	
Fundraising Committee	69,138	65,881	55,000	60,000	11
Charities Board of Directors	8,902	11,048	10,000	12,000	
Directors and Committees	81,985	83,377	68,500	75,500	
Other Expenses					
Wheelchair Mission	5,836	5,075	1,000	1,500	
Infirm Priest/Medeiros Chairman	529	838	1,000	1,000	
Special Olympics	700	1,624	500	1,000	
Catholic Archives	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	5
Education Committee	344	-	1,000	1,000	
Mass Collections	13,879	12,942	12,000	8,000	
Disaster Relief - Coordinators	2,835	2,047	2,000	2,000	
Disaster Relief - Donations	8,331	100,761	2,500	6,000	
Ladies Program	10,172	17,235	15,000	14,437	
Educational Grants	31,015	23,011	31,000	32,000	6
Catholic School Grants	42,000	42,058	42,000	42,000	6
Medeiros Trust Expense	258	410	250	2,250	
Medeiros Contributions	-	20,020	10,000	12,000	
Annual Audit	14,740	15,450	15,000	15,000	
Financial Assistance Grants	-	-	5,000	5,000	
Grants-Special Olympics	21,367	21,396	21,871	21,400	7
Grants-Infirm Priests	26,471	27,988	26,500	27,100	
Checking Account Fees	184	143	125	200	
Miscellaneous	438	328	-	400	
Online Fees SCC and DR	4,960	6,593	3,200	6,000	8
Other Expenses	209,059	322,917	214,946	223,287	

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		Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed	
		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Budget	
	State Office Operations				2026-2027	
87	State Office Staff	77,721	79,519	73,608	77,701	9
88	State Office Operations	7,767	12,191	15,000	14,202	9
89	State Office Rent Expense	17,571	10,616	9,630	9,919	9
90	TKOFC.org	5,220	2,970	360	360	9
91	Texas Knight-Charities Issue	9,000	9,000	-	-	
92	Website Development	-	500	-	-	9
93	Database Development/Maintenance	-	-	-	720	
94	Contingency	-	27,620	38,626	7,562	10
95						
96	State Office Operations	117,278	142,415	137,224	110,464	
97						
98	Total Expenses	1,023,201	1,283,611	1,038,468	1,025,370	
99	Total Income	992,757	1,334,882	1,038,468	1,025,370	
100	Income/Loss	(30,444)	51,271	0	0	

**Notes to the Proposed Budget for State Council Charities (SCC)
Fraternal year 2026-2027**

INCOME

1. Interest Income from SCC Trust – Cost of Educational Grants and Parochial Grants to be paid from income that comes from SCC Trust Account 1616080.
2. Mass Collections – Contributed to Diocese in name of host/celebrant and attending Bishops
3. Contributions by Diocese – Estimate of July 1st membership, less inactive insurance category times \$10, less college council members times \$5.

EXPENSE

4. Bishops' Checks – 70% of Estimated Contributions by Diocese PLUS all amounts over 100%.
5. Catholic Archives – Based on SCC's donation calculated on the annual cost of assistant archivist salary and Journal expense.
6. Educational and School Grants – Adopted 7,500-member increment for equity in number of grants made available per Diocese. This was adopted in 2017 and used in 2018.
7. Grants – Special Olympics – Calculated based on estimated membership minus inactive member x's .25 cents.
8. Online Fees – Increased to reflect increased on-line usage.
9. State Office Expenses – 30% of TSC staff, operations, website and rent paid by SCC.
10. Contingency – Difference carried to balance Income with Expense.
11. Expenses for charity directorate: charity pins, quick start awards, and all items earned by council charity program.

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 as 5848 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
Austin	40	52	57	69	61	57	48	62	68	65	67	83	729
Dallas	30	39	43	51	45	43	36	47	51	48	50	62	545
Fort Worth	31	41	45	54	48	45	38	49	54	51	53	65	574
Gal-Houston	61	80	89	106	94	88	75	96	106	100	104	127	1126
San Antonio	44	57	63	76	67	63	53	68	75	71	74	91	802
Brownsville	14	18	20	24	21	20	17	22	24	23	24	29	256
Corpus Christi	14	19	21	25	22	21	17	22	25	23	24	30	263
San Angelo	13	17	19	23	20	19	16	21	23	22	22	28	243
Victoria	18	23	25	30	27	25	21	28	30	29	30	37	323
Amarillo	8	10	11	13	12	11	9	12	13	13	13	16	141
Beaumont	9	12	14	16	14	14	11	15	16	15	16	20	172
El Paso	12	16	18	21	19	17	15	19	21	20	21	25	224
Laredo	6	8	9	10	9	9	7	9	10	10	10	12	109
Lubbock	8	10	12	14	12	12	10	13	14	13	14	17	149
Tyler	10	14	15	18	16	15	13	16	18	17	18	22	192
	318	416	461	550	487	459	386	499	548	520	540	664	5848

The goals for new councils and council reactivations for this year are 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 has two incentives that allow the State Council to reduce our membership goal for the year. They are:

- For every ten online members converted to council membership, the State membership goal will be reduced by one.

- If the State Council hits the following annual percentages of membership growth by the following dates, 2.5% of the original membership goal will be subtracted from the state goal. Those dates and percentage are September 30, 2025 – 20%; December 31, 2025 – 50%.

Results Through 3/1/2026

As of March 1, 2026, the Texas State Council has recruited 3819 new members into the Order.

The following goal reductions have been achieved:

Online Membership Conversion Reductions

- July – 9
- August – 23
- September – 41
- October – 36
- November – 39
- December – 23
- January – 29
- February - 30

In addition, the following annual progress goals were met:

- September 30, 2025 – 20% met – Reduction of 146
- December 31, 2025 – 50% met – Reduction of 146

With these reductions, the membership goal as of March 1, 2026, was **5326 members**. So, progress to date as of March 1 was **71.70%**.

The following table shows monthly totals versus original monthly goals for the State Council through March 1, 2026.

	Texas				Texas		
	Goal	Actual	%		Goal	Actual	%
Jul	318	335	105%	Jan	386	432	112%
Aug	416	563	135%	Feb	499	573	115%
Sept	461	571	124%	Mar	548		0%
Q1	1195	1469	123%	Q3	1433	1005	70%
Oct	550	553	101%	Apr	520		
Nov	487	488	100%	May	540		
Dec	459	344	75%	Jun	664		
Q2	1496	1385	93%	Q4	1724	0	0.0%
				Total	5848	3859	66.0%

Texas has met our monthly goal for 7 of the first 8 months of the fraternal year. In addition, August 2025 and February 2026 set new monthly records for those months in the history of the Texas State Council. And the 3819 recruited during the first 8 months of the fraternal year are the highest total at that point of any year for the same time period.

Diocesan progress towards annual goals as of March 1, 2026 (67% of the fraternal year), are as follows:

	Yearly Goal	Intake	% of Goal
Division 1			
San Antonio	802	566	71%
Dallas	545	375	69%
Fort Worth	574	358	62%
Gal-Houston	1126	683	61%
Austin	729	429	59%
Division 2			
Brownsville	256	162	63%
San Angelo	243	111	46%
Corpus Christi	263	82	31%
Victoria	323	97	30%
Division 3			
Laredo	109	81	74%
El Paso	224	153	68%
Beaumont	172	110	64%
Lubbock	149	72	48%
Amarillo	141	62	44%
Tyler	192	80	42%

Council Status

As of March 1, 2026, there were 869 councils assigned to Texas. Of these, 138 were designated inactive and 23 were suspended, resulting in 708 active councils in Texas.

All Councils Active

As of March 1, 2026, of the 708 active councils, 186 (26.2%) were recruitment inactive.

Online Membership

As of March 1, 2026, Texas had recruited 3449 online members into the Order. This is 84% of our annual online membership goal, which leads Division 1.

Of those, 2305 were converted to council membership. This is a 67% conversion rate.

New Council Development/Reactivation

New councils in Texas this year are:

- Llano Council 18787 (Chartered 8/12/2025) - District 160 (AUS) – DD Gary Reeves
- San Benito 18815 (Chartered 10/31/2025) - District 208 (BRW) – DD Michael Carmona

Reactivations this year are:

- Dilley Council 12367 (Reactivated 10/1/2025) - District 37 (ASA) – DD Daniel Garza
- Brackettville 8223 (Reactivated 10/20/2025) - District 36 (ASA) – DD Richard Bryant
- Graham 9634 (Reactivated 11/19/2025) - District 23 (FTW) – FA Michael Bryant
- Perryton 9600 (Reactivated 12/1/2025) - District 200 (AMO) – Dio D Joe Lafuente

Exemplification Coordination

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

College Council and NexGen Membership

There are 23 active college councils in Texas. Of these, the following are recruitment active this year:

- UTSA Council 17492 - 120%
- St. Mary's Council 18327 - 160%
- Assumption Seminary Council 13523 - 200%
- University of Houston Council 15105 - 380%
- University of Dallas Council 14872 - 540%
- Lamar Council 16464 - 40%
- Baylor Council 13577 - 160%
- Texas A&M Council 10624 - 150%
- Texas State Council 18087 - 60%
- TAMU - Corpus Christi Council 18173 - 60%
- TAMU - Kingsville Council 18202 - 40%
- Texas Tech Council 14426 - 340%

Several councils sent representatives to the Supreme College Council conference September 26-28, 2026, in New Haven. University of Houston Council 15105 received the award for Outstanding College Council of the Year.

The college council conference for Texas was in San Antonio in March 20-22, 2026.

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. Note Texas had 259 Star Councils (a Supreme Record) for the 2024-2025 year, we are well on our way to breaking that goal this fraternal year.

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 June 10 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 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:

- Earn the Star Council Award
- Recruit **110%** of Membership Goal
- Submit Report of Officers (Form 185) to State Office by **July 15, 2025**.
- Report Special Olympics Activities between July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 - on Form 10784 by **June 30, 2026**.
- Meet State Charity Goal by **June 30, 2026**.
- Submit Audit form 1295 by **August 15, 2025**.
- Seat at least one delegate at the State Convention in Dallas, **April 24-26, 2026**.

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

- Earn the LSAFE
- Recruit **120%** of Membership Goal
- Be a Quick Start Council (State Per Capita & State Charities) by **December 31, 2025**.
- Contribute 110% to State Charity Goal by **June 30, 2026**.
- Safe Environment Compliant by **December 31, 2025**.
- Participate in (1) FBE by **December 31, 2025**.
- Submit at least one entry for a State Service Program Award or Family of the Year or Blessed Michael McGivney Award or Educational Grant by **March 1, 2026**.

Star District Award requirements:

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

- Meet 70% of the District Membership goal.
- 50% of the Councils achieve the Founder's Award.
- Submit District Deputy Report Form 944
- Have at least (1) 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:

Per Supreme's report, on March 1, 2026, there were 730 active councils in Texas. Of these, the following Star Council forms have been submitted:

Report of Officers Chosen Forms 185 – 696 submitted (95.3%)

Service Program Personnel Report Form 365 – 657 submitted (90%)

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 – 480 submitted (65.8%)

As of this date, 263 councils (36%) are at 66.7% of their membership goal for the year. 172 councils (23.6%) have met their Fraternal Benefit Event goal for the year. Also as of this date, 355 councils (48.6%) in Texas were fully Safe Environment Compliant.

Based on these numbers, 290 councils were identified on March 1, 2026, as being within striking distance of attaining Star Council. 100 District Deputies are extremely close to making Star District. But **WE ARE TEXAS**, and we will get 300 Star Councils!

For the next 2 months, all GK's, DD's, Diocesan Deputies and Committeemen should work diligently to attain as many Star Councils as possible. Texas can achieve this goal and have its best year to date & continue to lead the Order.

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.

Gonzalez, 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.

Going for 300!

Report of the State Programs Director Rick Guzman

The councils have run many successful programs, staying active in parishes and communities. This demonstrates the Knights of Columbus mission, to empower Catholic men to live their faith everywhere. Each issue of the Texas Knight and the State Council Program Awards highlight these achievements.

The Programs Team has worked diligently this year to promote Supreme and State programs. I appreciate their efforts on behalf of the State and the Knights of Columbus mission.

The State Programs Chairmen are as follows:

- Silver Rose & Pilgrim Icon Chairman – Edvardo “Eddie” Garcia+
- Pro Life Chairman – Hector Gutierrez
- Pregnancy Resource Chairman – Greg Dutchover
- 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 41 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” Garcia+, Chairman

The Pilgrim Icon, depicting the Sacred Heart of Jesus painted by Pompeo Batoni in 1767, is used in Holy Hour events organized by councils. Blessed by Pope Francis via the Papal Almoner, this reproduction is one of over 300 icons circulated globally for veneration and prayer services.

The Sacred Heart Holy Hour features readings from Scripture, reflections from Pope Francis, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers, silent prayer, and sometimes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards, families are encouraged to honor the Sacred Heart at home with an image and ceremony. Since 1979, over 191,000 pilgrim icon services for Our Lady of Guadalupe have drawn approximately 23 million participants.

The #10682 Guide Sheet outlines a straightforward process any member can use for this program. The prayer service lasts 30–60 minutes, depending on scheduling and your pastor’s preference. While pastoral participation is ideal, it is not mandatory. Involving more parishioners and organizations is recommended for greater impact.

Be sure to order prayer books and cards at least 6 weeks before your scheduled service to prevent any backorder issues or the need to provide PDFs for attendees. Also, remember to complete #10784 on your phone before you leave the event.

Promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray that we may reflect His love for others.

Silver Rose

Edvardo “Eddie” Garcia+, Chairman

The Knights promoted Our Lady of Guadalupe’s message across North America through the Silver Rose Prayer program, which travels eight routes from Canada to Texas. In December, eight roses converged in Laredo for a transfer event on the international bridge. On December 10th, Knights and their Ladies brought a silver rose and prayer petitions to the bridge’s midpoint, where they handed them to a Priest and Brother Knights from Mexico. The event was memorable and meaningful.

The Silver Rose will be displayed at this year’s State Convention before beginning its tour of Texas. Other Silver Roses will travel across the U. S., returning to Texas in November. Here is the updated schedule.

SILVER ROSE 2026

Route 1					
New Mexico	8/23/2026	9/19/2026	Diocese	Start	End
Mexico			New Mexico	8/23/2026	9/19/2026
			El Paso	9/20/2026	10/20/2026
			Mexico	10/21/2026	12/8/2026
			Return to Supreme	12/9/2026	

Route 2						
Oklahoma	8/23/2026	9/19/2026		Diocese	Start	End
Texas	9/20/2026	12/8/2026		Oklahoma	8/23/2026	9/19/2026
Midyear				Ft. Worth	9/20/2026	10/8/2026
Mexico				Dallas	10/9/2026	11/6/2026
				San Angelo	11/7/2026	12/5/2026
				Midyear	12/3/2026	
Route 3						
Arkansas	7/19/2026	8/22/2026		Diocese	Start	End
Texas	8/23/2026	12/8/2026		Arkansas	7/19/2026	8/22/2026
Midyear	12/3/2026			Tyler	8/23/2026	9/5/2026
Mexico				Midyear	12/3/2026	
				Return to Supreme		
Route 5						
Louisiana	10/11/2026	11/7/2026		Diocese	Start	End
Texas	11/8/2026	12/8/2026		Louisiana	10/11/2026	11/7/2026
Midyear	12/3/2026			Beaumont	11/9/2026	12/8/2026
				Midyear	12/3/2026	
				Return to Supreme		
Route 7						
New Mexico	11/22/2026	12/5/2026		Diocese	Start	End
Texas	12/6/2026	12/8/2026		New Mexico	11/22/2026	12/5/2026
				El Paso	12/6/2026	12/9/2026
				Midyear	12/3/2026	
				Return to Supreme		
Route 8						
Puerto Rico	3/14/2026	4/18/2026		Diocese	Start	End
Texas	4/25/2026	12/8/2026		Puerto Rico	3/14/2026	4/18/2026
Mexico	12/9/2026	12/12/2026		Texas	4/25/2026	4/25/2026
				Amarillo	4/26/2026	5/8/2026
				Lubbock	5/10/2026	5/21/2026
				San Antonio	5/23/2026	6/21/2026
				Victoria	6/22/2026	7/3/2026
				Galveston/Houston	7/4/2026	8/4/2026
				Beaumont	8/5/2026	8/17/2026
				Galveston/Houston	8/17/2026	9/17/2026
				Corpus Christi	9/18/2026	10/18/2026
				Brownsville	10/19/2026	11/15/2026
				Laredo	11/16/2026	12/6/2026
				Laredo Intl. Crossing	12/9/2026	

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.

The Texas Knights of Columbus provide significant support to seminarians throughout the state. Councils and Assemblies across every diocese collectively assist more than 300 seminarians. The primary method for offering this support is adherence to the RSVP Program Guide Sheet #10601, which outlines specific procedures for Vocations or Faith Program Chairmen. By making a \$500 donation to a Seminarian or Religious Postulant/Aspirant and submitting the RSVP Refund Application form #2863, councils earn two points in the Faith section of the Faith in Action Program.

Councils can support vocations by praying for seminarians and clergy, sending them cards and invitations, and hosting or joining Vocations Awareness Days, Seminarian Support events, and Clergy Appreciation dinners. Report seminarian support activities on the Fraternal Program Report Form #10784 under the Faith section of Faith in Action.

Coordinate the RSVP program with the Diocesan Vocations office to ensure funds go where they are most needed. For every \$500 donated to a Seminarian or Religious Postulant/Aspirant, you can receive a \$100 rebate from Supreme by submitting Refund Application form #2863. Download this form and other RSVP resources—such as The Guide Sheet #10601, Vocations Handbook #1942, Father McGivney Prayer Card #10502, Tri-fold Brochure #4688, and RSVP Poster #10743—from the Supreme website.

Pro-Life

Hector Gutierrez, 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.

Thanks to all who have participated in the Pro-Life Programs and by doing so have helped to save 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. Lives are being changed, and many babies have been saved and hearts opened to life.

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

Please do not forget that each ACE Wing represents 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 2026), 408 ACE Wings have been earned in Texas, up from 237 just a year ago. Of these 408 ACE Wings earned 123 went to our ladies who collaborated with their husbands, our brothers, defending life.

The Special Forces ACE Wings continue to grow in popularity.

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.

The State Council would like all councils to recognize all clergy and deacons who go above and beyond for Pro-Life with their own set of Gold Wings.

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

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

Total this year are as follows:

Silver Wings 277

Special Forces Wings: 25

Gold Wings: 106

Pregnancy Resource

Greg Dutchover, Chairman

The Ultrasound Initiative has seen positive results this fraternal year. Texas is steadily acquiring ultrasound machines, whether to equip new centers or replace outdated equipment. To further increase the number of ultrasounds, reflecting on previous efforts can be valuable. Councils are encouraged to contact pregnancy centers that have benefited from this program to determine if their machines require updates. Technology advances quickly, and even high-end ultrasound machines purchased five years ago may not deliver the same image clarity as today's models.

Despite abortion restrictions in Texas, these machines remain necessary to educate women by providing ultrasounds, which can influence decisions about pregnancy. Supporting this initiative strengthens connections with pregnancy centers and enhances efforts to assist local Pregnancy Resource Centers and promote life.

Veteran Affairs Volunteer Service

Angel Luna, Chairman

Veterans are valuable members who contribute skills such as teamwork, duty, organization, and initiative gained from Military training. Councils should consider whether they are Veteran-friendly, actively recruit Veterans, and provide mentorship. Visiting Veterans, especially in hospitals, is an important tradition that honors their service and sacrifices. Angel Luna supported these efforts by attending events, visiting Veterans, and displaying patriotic banners.

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

Shield A Badge

Pat Henz, Chairman

The Brother Knights throughout the State of Texas have demonstrated commendable support for Police, Fire, and First Responders. Multiple councils continue to adopt officers within their communities and regularly include them in their prayers.

The “Shield a Badge with a Prayer” program supports local law enforcement by encouraging daily prayers for each officer’s Safety, Good Judgment, and Safe Return Home over one year. Each sponsor receives the officer’s name and badge number, committing only to prayer—no personal contact, calls, or gifts. This program qualifies as a Community Program.

May 15th is recognized as National Law Enforcement Day. Organizations may consider holding a Blue Mass or arranging a special blessing during May to demonstrate support for local law enforcement personnel. It is important to continue offering thoughts and prayers for all officers and first responders, asking for their safety, sound judgment, and safe return home. Additionally, councils may wish to initiate a Shield a Badge program to further support these individuals.

Golf

Ricky Meyer & Larry Solansky, Co-Chairmen

The 51st Annual Johnny Lopez Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament was held in Beaumont Texas last September. Bayou Din Golf Course and Brentwood 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 had the honor and privilege to have Bishop David Toups ride with me during the scramble. While playing we kept our heads down, as if in prayer.

Bowling

Michael Cook, Chairman

The 61st Annual Texas KofC State Council Bowling Tournament were held on the weekends of March 14th & March 21st, 2026, in Humble Texas. Results on how the teams did will be publicized in the Texas Knight. Special thanks to State Chairman Michael Cook, his wife Roseann and all those who worked behind the scenes and made this tournament possible.

Cornhole Championship

James Halfmann, Chairman

The 2nd annual Texas State Cornhole Tournament was held on April 12th, 2026, at the KofC Council Hall in Hallettsville Texas. This year the tournament consisted of a two-man team competition. The tournament was well attended, and we look forward to making it even bigger next year. We plan to obtain sponsorships next year for the tournament prizes.

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 wonderful time, and the scores were 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

Thank you to all participating in the Dioceses for submitting a multitude of posters. My family assisted in judging, making it an enjoyable process despite the tough choices. Plaques will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners. The list of all the first place State Winners was sent to the Supreme Council.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Multiple Dioceses submitted entries this year and it was enjoyable to read and score each essay. The score sheets of the Diocesan Winners for each grade category were sent to the State Programs Director and, after reviewing the scores, State winners were announced. First, second and third places trophies will be awarded to the winners. The list of all the first place State Winners was sent to the Supreme Council.

State Soccer Challenge

This year saw a 100 percent increase in Diocesan participation, with councils from Galveston-Houston, Fort Worth, Beaumont, Dallas, Laredo, and San Antonio running the Soccer Challenge. Hundreds of youths competed in soccer across Texas. I encourage each Diocese to have at least one council conduct a Soccer Challenge next year, it's fun and easy. Scores were submitted to the State, reviewed, and winners announced; first, second, and third place plaques will be awarded.

Chaplain Of The Year

This year, we continue to honor the Chaplain of the Year for Texas with the Monsignor James M. Kirwin Award, which recognizes a council chaplain for outstanding service and leadership. Several nominations were received, and the winner will be announced at the State Convention Banquet.

In Conclusion

As I come closer to the end of my 2nd fraternal year as a State Programs Director, I realized that I have learned so much about Programs as a whole and again I was very impressed with all the State Program Award entries this year. Special thanks to all my State Chairmen who all did an outstanding job. Remember if councils are not doing programs, this means that the councils 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.

Special Thanks to Worthy State Star Council Director David Zeigler, he was our Senior Director, and he provided guidance and support to all the other Directors. I hope to continue to collaborate with Brother David Zeigler this next fraternal year.

As State Programs Director, I traveled across Texas this year to conduct trainings, lead meetings, and participate in events like the State Golf, Bowling, and Basketball Free Throw tournaments. I enjoyed connecting with fellow Knights at these gatherings, often joined by my wife Telsa Guzman. I especially appreciate the support of my wife and our twins, Agustin & Adrian, for their help judging essays and poster contests and supporting my work with the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you all for your prayers and continued to be the Leader that God wants you to be.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

LET THE LORD LEAD YOU WHERE HE NEEDS YOU.

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 Denton for the Organizational Meeting July 11-13th. 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 June and July. 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 in Corpus Christi. 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 122nd State Convention is being held April 25th-27th in Dallas, 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 this fraternal year, the Texas State Council continues to build out and improve our website. We are proud that the site is very user friendly, and it is much easier to locate specific information that the user is looking for. If you have not been to www.tkofo.org in a while, check it out. The Finish Line newsletter continues to be published and sent out on the first of each month. Late in 2025, we gave this document a new, fresher look. You can find archived issues on the new website under the NEWS tab. Our Worthy State Deputy and each Major Director offer 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 now over 90,000 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: <http://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: <http://www.youtube.com>– search “Texas Knights of Columbus.” Finally, the Texas State Council Website: www.tkofo.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, our photographer, Scott Wagner and our Webmaster, William Griffith. Gentlemen, I appreciate your time and talent in keeping our Brother Knights educated and informed.

A Special thanks goes out to The Texas State Council staff - Carlos, Kari, and Kathleen! You guys have been wonderful to work with. Thank you for your support. Thank you to our Worthy State Deputy, who allowed me to be a part of his great team over the last two years. 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!

Report of the Evangelization and Faith Formation Director Gregory Brown

Welcome Brother Knights to the 122nd Annual Convention of the Texas State Council in Dallas, Texas.

One hundred and forty-four 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 over two 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 utmost importance to our founder; whose zeal for the salvation of souls was a driving force to his life and ministry. Today, we as Catholic men, more than ever, are called to renew the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney. To make Jesus Christ the source and summit of all that we do; and ensure our Catholic faith, missionary zeal, and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God permeates all aspects of council life and membership engagement.

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, 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 Evangelization and Faith Formation 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 Directors role besides COR, is to work 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 to 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 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.

Your TSC EFF team is committed to assisting your council in establishing and maintaining COR within your council; to help men of your parish grow in their Catholic faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. 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. To serve Texas, we have also established a Diocesan EFF Coordinator role to further assist in promoting COR.

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 Chaplin Bishop Mulvey and our Associate State Chaplin 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!

Report of the State Charities Director Joe Jacobo

The Charity Team welcomes the Brother Knights and their families to the 122nd Texas State Council Convention in Dallas to celebrate the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year achievements.

Thank you, Texas Knights! Last fraternal year, we set a record for charitable contributions, surpassing the previous mark by over \$30,000. The current total stands at \$1,049,881.33.

The Texas State Council has over 120,000 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 Father McGivney's vision. The council aims to surpass its charity record with a goal of \$822,420.00 Contributions have reached \$793,206.25, but efforts continue to hit the \$1MM mark and beyond.

Thank you to councils exceeding goals by over 100%. Let's maintain momentum and strive for \$1,000,000.

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 Report

Josh Gomez, Chairman

The Texas State charity goal for this fraternal year is \$807,825. As of March 10, 2026, we have

received contributions totaling \$815,599.35, which represents 100.96% of the State goal. However, our work is not yet complete. We aim to achieve two additional milestones:

1. Reach the \$1 million mark.
2. Attain a total of \$1,020,000, our highest in history.

We aim to excel this year by having every Diocese, District, and Council recognized on the new 'State Deputy List'. To qualify, you must achieve 120% of your State Council Charity Goal. Thank you to everyone who has responded to this 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, 2025. Will your council be among those successfully meeting their goal and qualify for the Honor Roll Award? Quick Start and Honor Roll Councils as of March 2026:

Diocese	Councils	100% Councils
Galveston/Houston	138	100
San Antonio	109	73
Austin	95	62
Ft. Worth	68	56
Dallas	64	44
Corpus Christi	61	23
Brownsville	54	27
El Paso	39	29
San Angelo	36	26
Victoria	32	32
Tyler	33	28
Lubbock	29	21
Beaumont	29	22
Laredo	27	17
Amarillo	24	17
TEXAS TOTAL	838	577

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.

10224 Industry 559.02%	3287 Brenham 410.70%
6914 El Paso 235.14%	2917 Houston 225.38%
13010 Meyersville 220.00%	11070 Harlingen 218.42%
18612 Wichita Falls 213.33%	6878 Humble 210.86%

We also recognize the top five councils in dollars contributed (as of March 1, 2026):

799 Dallas \$11,690.00	6878 Humble \$8,540.00
2917 Houston \$7,370.00	3287 Brenham \$7,064.00
8771 Houston \$6,640.00	

We had 128 Districts Deputies earn Quick Start with all their councils at 100% or more of their assigned goal by December 31, 2026. We have 8 Diocesan Deputies earn the prestigious Hall of Fame Award, being over 100% as of February 28, 2026! We thank all those Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies for their leadership in earning these prestigious achievements.

As the Charity Fundraising Chairman, I would like to thank Mario Malari, Thomas Oaks and Bob Schmidt for their support as Fundraising Committeemen. 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 Report

Bill Weber, Chairman

The Knights of Columbus and the American Wheelchair Mission raise funds to buy wheelchairs for global distribution, including in the USA. Each Council should donate at least \$150 for one wheelchair. This should be included in the council budget and discussed at monthly meetings by Grand Knights.

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 to meet the State Deputy's goal.

The State Charities Team thanks all Councils and Parishes for raising \$595,286 for the American Wheelchair Mission by January 20, 2026. Texas leads fundraising with 3,968 wheelchairs.

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 or refer to the Star Guide.

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

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. The statement "One Nation Under God" at the bottom of the Texas K of C vehicle license plate, along with the Knights of Columbus emblem, indicates support for the Knights' principles. \$22 of the \$30 fee for each plate is returned to Texas State Council Charities. The State Council Charity Board allocates these funds to the Grants for Retired Priests within each diocese for every K of C license plate issued. Leaders within the Order might consider having a K of C license plate on their vehicle. Visit the Texas DMV "specialty plates" website or Texas State Council Website. By increasing the number of participating members, the comfort and support of current and future infirmed priests can be ensured, while acknowledging the principle of "One Nation Under God".

Members who do not get a Texas Knights of Columbus license plate can donate directly at 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 or refer to the Star Guide.

Cardinal Medeiros Fellowship Report

Leo Saenz Jr., Chairman

Ken Orze, Asst. Chairman

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund, established in 1981 in honor of Bishop Humberto Medeiros, supports educational grants through its interest earnings. These grants benefit Catholic students and schools. In 1998, the Cardinal Medeiros Fellow Program was created to enhance the fund. Becoming a Fellow or bestowing this honor helps support advanced education for community members' descendants. As of March 15, 2026, there are 389 Fellows, with 18 added this year.

A one-time \$1,000 payment designates a Fellow, while a sustaining membership starts at \$100, with contributions until \$1,000 is reached. Fellows receive a plaque and lapel pin, and their names are engraved on an honor roll displayed at the State Council Convention. To become a Fellow or Sustaining Member, complete the application on the Texas State Council website.

For additional information, contact Brother Leo Saenz or refer to the Star Guide.

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 Report

Leo Saenz Jr., Chairman

Ken Orze, Assistant, Chairman

Educational Grants Program

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

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

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

The Educational Grant Program allocates grants based on diocesan membership, plus two at-large grants. Each \$1,000 grant is paid to the applicant's chosen institution in their name. Applicants must complete the application and personal essay demonstrating their need for assistance. After the Texas State Council Convention, funds are disbursed to institutions of the approved winners from each Diocese. This year, the program provides one grant per Diocese and an additional grant for every 7,500 active Knights of Columbus members within that Diocese. The committee received 68 applications.

Nineteen Diocesan and four top participants received grants, totaling 23 recipients for \$23,000 state-wide. Each diocese could receive one "At-Large" grant. Applications were accepted via email and postal mail, allowing quick communication if needed. Fourteen of the 15 Dioceses submitted applications, with numbers ranging from nine to none per diocese.

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

The Chair of the Educational Grant Committee, Leo Saenz Jr, thanks Ken Orze, Mario Mallari, Thomas Oaks, and Bob Schmidt for their hard work. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus State Office staff, and Charities Director Joe Jacobo for their assistance.

Individual Educational Grants

The Texas State Council awards \$1,000 Educational Grants per diocese, with extra grants for every 7,500 Knights. Applications were due by March 1, and winners will be announced at the State Convention. Applicants submitted an essay explaining their need, and funds are disbursed after the convention.

Catholic School Grants

Texas State Council Charities will award \$2,000 or more per diocese to selected Catholic Schools. By March 1, the Bishop and Superintendent/Director of Catholic Education will designate schools and fund amounts (minimum \$500 per school). Funds will be provided after the State Convention, with at least one \$2,000 grant per diocese based on the number of Knights.

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.

Education Grant Award Summary

- Diocesan Schools Grants Total \$42,000
- Individual Student Grants Total \$23,000
- Total Amount Awarded for FY 25-26 \$65,000

Emergency Response Report

Harry Storey, Chairman

The Texas Emergency Response Program guides and assists Knights and councils before and after disasters. Through a network of Emergency Response Coordinators (ERC), we provide coordinated guidance and effort. Our relief comes from charitable donations by Knights of Columbus members worldwide.

The Emergency Response Committee continues to focus on training the Diocesan ERCs and assisting our Brother Knights when they suffer a loss from a disaster.

For additional information, e-mail EmergencyResponse@TKofC.org or contact Brother Harry Storey at 214-557-2923.

Special Olympics Report

Chris Hoefler, Chairman

We are celebrating 57 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 of Texas and checks will be presented at the State Convention in April 2026. This year Supreme will be sending a check for \$6,000! The Texas State Council contribution will be \$20,834.50!

Charles “Chic” O’Connor Award

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, 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 Hoefler or refer to the Star Guide.

TEXAS STATE COUNCIL 2026 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution in RE: DEDICATION OF THE CONVENTION TO HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN the Knights of Columbus in Texas and the Texas State Council dedicate the 122nd annual convention in Dallas, Texas, to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, and

WHEREAS, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, is the pope and leader of the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV was elected to the papacy on May 8, 2025, succeeding Pope Francis and becoming the first American pope in history, a moment of great significance for the Church in the United States and throughout the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, as an Augustinian priest he began his missionary service in Peru in 1985, dedicating himself to the pastoral care of the faithful and to the building up of the Church in that land; and

WHEREAS, during his years in Peru he assumed growing responsibilities, serving as chancellor of the territorial prelature of Chulucanas, directing an Augustinian seminary in Trujillo, teaching canon law, and exercising ministry as parish priest, seminary prefect, and judicial vicar, thus uniting missionary zeal with the formation of future clergy and the administration of justice in the Church; and

WHEREAS, he was later entrusted with the leadership of the Diocese of Chiclayo, where he helped guide the local Church through times of political and ecclesial tension and contributed to investigations and reform efforts that sought truth, justice, and healing within the Church in Peru; and

WHEREAS, his demonstrated gifts for governance and service to the wider Church led to his election in 2001 as prior general of the Order of Saint Augustine, a role in which he served two terms and became known as an effective and fair administrator of a worldwide religious family; and

WHEREAS, he further assumed national responsibilities as second vice president and council member of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference, and then global responsibilities when he was called to Rome as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, assisting in the discernment and appointment of bishops throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, his service in Rome was recognized by his creation as a cardinal in 2023, and his long experience as missionary, religious superior, diocesan bishop, and curial prefect prepared him providentially for his election as pope; and

WHEREAS, as supreme pastor of the Church, Pope Leo XIV has articulated a vision that continues and deepens the evangelical priorities of his predecessor, especially in the areas of care for the poor, the integrity of creation, and the dignity of work and family life, drawing from his missionary experience and service in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, his election and early ministry as pope have inspired renewed hope among the faithful, especially in the New World, and call the Knights of Columbus to renewed zeal in charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in communion with the Successor of Peter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2026 Texas State Council Knights of Columbus Convention is hereby dedicated in honor of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, in grateful recognition of his historic election as the first American pope, his decades of missionary service, and his increasing leadership in the governance of the universal Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas State Council and all subordinate councils be urged to pray regularly for Pope Leo XIV, to support his intentions, and to foster deeper fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church in all their works of charity and evangelization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be transmitted to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV through appropriate ecclesiastical channels as a sign of the esteem, loyalty, and prayers of the Knights of Columbus of the State of Texas.

2. Resolution in RE: IN SUPPORT OF THE AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP) RESOURCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church are and have always been supportive of and dedicated to the sanctity of all human life from conception through natural death, and

WHEREAS the ASAP program was founded to coordinate and multiply efforts of the Knights of Columbus to support pregnant women, babies and mothers through support and service to pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, and

WHEREAS pregnancy resource centers provide assistance to more than 2 million beneficiaries each year, and are in dire need of continuing financial and material support to continue their pro-life mission, and

WHEREAS support provided through ASAP consists of both financial support in the form

of direct donations, fund raising drives, and open houses, as well as material assistance including donations of baby items, clothes, and other items urgently needed by pregnancy resource and maternity aid facilities, and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has instituted a matching program, supplementing every \$500 donation from a Council, Assembly, District, or Diocese, with an additional \$100 donation from Supreme Council to the same qualifying organization, and

WHEREAS last year, the Knights of Columbus collectively donated more than \$500 million through ASAP to support pregnancy resource and maternity centers worldwide, and

WHEREAS our First Lady, Margo Alonzo, has dedicated the Texas Ladies' fundraising program to the support of ASAP's mission during State Deputy Ron Alonzo's administration, and

WHEREAS the Texas Knights of Columbus are committed to leading the Order in support for pregnant women, mothers, and babies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus, assembled in Dallas, Texas on April 24-26, 2026, hereby recognize the important work of the ASAP mission, honor all pregnant women, babies and mothers, and recommit to the support of all life from conception through natural death, and that this resolution be placed in the official minutes of the Convention.

Submitted: State Officers

3. Resolution in RE: PRAYERS FOR ALL PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

WHEREAS Christianity began over two-thousand years ago in the Middle East, with the early Christians even then suffering persecution and martyrdom for their beliefs, providing an enduring example of strength of faith spanning two millenniums and leading to countless Saints; and

WHEREAS Christians in the Middle East have been reduced to less than 1-2% of the population, fleeing their homes, abandoning their country to save their lives because they are Christians; and

WHEREAS Christians in China are facing an escalation of persecution solely based on their Christian faith, with forcible detentions including, Pastors, and Christians and their families; and

WHEREAS the 2025 World Watch List documented 50 countries where being a Christian or following Jesus is dangerous. Additionally, this worldwide persecution is estimated to affect

over 380 million people who “now experience high, very high, or extreme levels of persecution and discrimination—that’s 1 in 7 Christians worldwide;” and “3,944 Christians sexually assaulted, harassed, or forcibly married to non-Christians, 54,780 Christians beaten, threatened, or physically and mentally abused, 209,771 Christians forced to leave their homes, to go into hiding or exile, 4,744 Christians detained, arrested or sentenced for faith-related reasons, 28,367 attacks on Christian homes, shops and businesses, and 4,476 believers killed for their faith” according to Open Door researchers; and

WHEREAS the U.S. and international news media have attacked Christians and Catholics; and

WHEREAS many nations have either remained silent or refused to assist the refugees in the face of the unspeakable and brutal violence and persecution; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus established the Christian Refugee Relief Fund (now called Persecuted Christians Fund) in 2014, enabling aid to displaced Iraqi and Syrian Christians and other persecuted Christians;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Texas State Council recognizes and offers our prayers and support for Christians and their families being persecuted across the globe, for defending and living our Christian faith and the fundamental freedoms we stand for; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council wishes the very best of God’s continued and abundant blessings upon all persecuted Christians worldwide.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council and all subordinate Councils in Texas will continue to support our Supreme Knight and the Supreme Council’s efforts to provide moral and financial support for our displaced Christian brothers and sisters and pray for all the victims of the current persecution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council calls upon the President of the United States to work with the Congress, State and local governments, and the leaders of other nations to find a compassionate solution that would allow legitimate victims of this current persecution to find safety and shelter in this country and others while still maintaining an effective deterrent from those who would seek to commit acts of violence and terror; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all the delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

4. Resolution in RE: APPRECIATION FOR OUR BISHOPS AND CLERGY

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus, an organization of Catholic men founded by a priest,

has always held the priests of our Church in especially high regard and has always invited and welcomed all priests into our membership, and out of profound respect for their unique position and authority as representatives and leaders of the Church, has always held open our meetings and ceremonies to priests even if they were not members; and

WHEREAS, His Excellency Most Reverend Wm. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD, served as the eighth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, from his appointment by Pope Benedict XVI on January 18, 2010, and consecration on March 25, 2010, until the gracious acceptance of his resignation by Pope Leo XIV on December 1, 2025, a tenure of nearly sixteen years of dedicated pastoral leadership; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Mulvey was born on August 23, 1949, in Houston, Texas, the second of six children of Daniel H. Mulvey Jr. and Marjorie Jane Patterson Mulvey, and received his entire early formation at Catholic schools in Houston, including St. Theresa and St. Cecilia Schools and St. Thomas High School, before graduating from St. Edward's Catholic High School in Austin in 1967; and

WHEREAS, He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from St. Edward's University in Austin in 1971 and then pursued his priestly vocation in Rome, studying at the Pontifical North American College and earning a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in 1974 and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Mulvey was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Austin on June 29, 1975, by Pope Paul VI in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City, one of 359 priests ordained by Pope Paul VI on that historic occasion, and thereafter served the faithful of Central Texas across multiple parishes and assignments; and

WHEREAS, His priestly service encompassed a wide array of roles reflecting his gifts for formation, education, and pastoral care, including associate pastor at parishes in Taylor and Austin, chaplain at Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic High School in Waco, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Waco, director of spiritual formation at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station, and pastor of St. Helen Parish in Georgetown and

WHEREAS, Bishop Mulvey also devoted significant years to the international Focolare movement, serving as director of its Center for Spirituality for Diocesan Priests in Florence, Italy, and later as director of the Focolare Center in Hyde Park, New York, deepening his commitment to priestly spirituality and unity within the Church; and

WHEREAS, He served the Diocese of Austin in senior administrative roles as chancellor beginning in 2004 and as vicar general beginning in 2007, and in 2009 was elected diocesan administrator of the Diocese of Austin following the appointment of Bishop Gregory Aymond as Archbishop of New Orleans, demonstrating his capacity for governance and steady leadership in a time of transition; and

WHEREAS, As bishop of Corpus Christi for nearly sixteen years, Bishop Mulvey shepherded a diocese covering 10,951 square miles of South Texas and serving more than 209,000

Catholics, and upon the announcement of his retirement, himself welcomed his successor with the pastoral words that “Christ continues to guide and shepherd His Church” and that the transition was “a moment of grace for the Diocese of Corpus Christi;” and

WHEREAS, Bishop Mulvey’s service was marked not only by episcopal governance but by personal acts of charity and compassion, including his 2019 donation of peripheral stem cells to a woman with cancer through the Be the Match Registry, exemplifying the servant leadership he brought to every dimension of his vocation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we honor and commend His Excellency Most Reverend Wm. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD, for his decades of exemplary priestly service and his nearly sixteen years of faithful episcopal leadership as the eighth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recognize Bishop Mulvey’s significant contributions to the Church and to the people of South Texas, and express our deep gratitude for his years of pastoral guidance, spiritual formation, and selfless service to the faithful of the Diocese of Corpus Christi and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Mulvey upon his retirement and elevation to Bishop Emeritus, and offer our prayers and best wishes for his peace, good health, and long life, with the gratitude of a diocese and a community he served so faithfully and so well.

WHEREAS, His Excellency Most Reverend Mario Alberto Avilés, C.O., was appointed by Pope Leo XIV and installed on January 28, 2026, as the ninth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, at a solemn installation Mass held at Most Precious Blood Church in Corpus Christi, attended by 25 bishops and over 100 priests from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Avilés was born on September 16, 1969, in Mexico City, Mexico, the son of Rafael and María Guadalupe, and was shaped in his faith from childhood by the values and devotion instilled by his parents, whom he publicly thanked at his installation Mass, saying, "Thank you, mom and dad, for everything you have given me, but above all for the gift of faith;" and

WHEREAS, He professed his vows to the Congregation of the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in 1986 and pursued his priestly formation in Mexico City, later studying at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome, where he earned a Bachelor of Philosophy and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 1998, and subsequently earned a Master of Education Administration and Supervision in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Avilés was ordained to the priesthood on July 21, 1998, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle in San Juan, Texas, by Bishop José Raúl Vera López for the Oratorians; and

WHEREAS, Following his ordination, Bishop Avilés served the faithful of the Rio Grande Valley for nearly two decades in parish ministry as parochial vicar of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Pharr and as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Hidalgo, Texas, from 2002 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, He also served in educational leadership as director of the Oratory Academy of St. Philip Neri and the Oratory Athenaeum for University Prep in Pharr, and served the broader Congregation of the Oratory as procurator general from 2012 to 2018, reflecting a deep commitment to formation, service, and governance and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Avilés as auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Brownsville on December 4, 2017, and he was consecrated a bishop on February 22, 2018, by Bishop Daniel E. Flores at Our Lady of San Juan, where he served with wisdom, pastoral care, and administrative skill for eight years; and

WHEREAS, The Diocese of Corpus Christi, covering more than 10,900 square miles of South Texas and serving a Catholic population of 209,726 faithful, welcomed Bishop Avilés as its new shepherd, with Bishop Avilés pledging to serve faithfully, foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life, uphold the dignity of every person, and walk together with the people of the diocese in fulfilling God's will;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we honor and commend His Excellency Most Reverend Mario Alberto Avilés, C.O., for his lifelong dedication to the Catholic faith, his years of exemplary priestly and episcopal ministry, and his appointment as the ninth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Avilés on this new chapter in his ministry and express our gratitude to the Diocese of Brownsville for sharing with us so devoted and capable a shepherd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we offer our prayers and best wishes to Bishop Avilés as he leads the Diocese of Corpus Christi, confident that he will serve as a faithful shepherd after the heart of Christ, guarding the deposit of faith, nurturing the vulnerable, fostering vocations, and leading the people of South Texas with wisdom, humility, and pastoral zeal.

WHEREAS, His Excellency Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia was appointed by Pope Leo XIV on July 2, 2025, and installed on September 18, 2025, as the sixth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Austin, Texas, at a solemn two-hour bilingual Mass celebrated at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock, Texas, before a congregation of 1,500 faithful, with Cardinal Christopher Pierre, the papal nuncio to the United States, and Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, retired archbishop of Galveston-Houston, serving as principal concelebrants; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Garcia was born on August 30, 1960, in Cameron, Texas, where he was raised as the eldest of four children, and is a son of Central Texas whose deep roots in this community reflect a lifelong bond with the people and the faith of the Diocese of Austin; and

WHEREAS, He pursued his priestly formation at Saint Mary's Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, earning a Bachelor of Arts in 1984 and a Master of Divinity in 1988, and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Austin on May 28, 1988, at St. Monica Church in Cameron by Bishop John E. McCarthy; and

WHEREAS, Following his ordination, Bishop Garcia served as associate pastor at multiple Austin parishes, including St. Catherine of Siena, Cristo Rey, and St. Louis King of France, and

subsequently served in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Humble before returning to Austin; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Garcia served for nearly two decades as founding pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin, guiding the community through its formation and multiple building projects, including the construction of a permanent church and sanctuary, and during this same period earned a Master of Arts in Liturgical Studies from Saint John’s School of Theology in Collegeville, Minnesota, in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Beyond parish ministry, Bishop Garcia served the Diocese of Austin in numerous leadership roles, including the vocation office, the priests’ personnel board, the college of consultors, chair of the presbyteral council, and dean of the Austin North Deanery, and in 2014 was appointed vicar general and moderator of the curia by then-Bishop Joe S. Vásquez; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Garcia the first auxiliary bishop of Austin on January 21, 2015, and he was ordained to the episcopate on March 3, 2015, at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock, a historic role as the first auxiliary bishop in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Garcia bishop of Monterey, California, on November 27, 2018, and he was installed there on January 29, 2019, where he served faithfully for six years and, in his own words, “learned what it means to shepherd a local church,” gaining episcopal experience that has prepared him well for his return to Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, In his installation homily, Bishop Garcia called upon the faithful to recognize the hunger of the world for justice and mercy, to defend the dignity of every person created in the image of God, to reject racism and indifference toward the immigrant and the marginalized, and to make the Church a place of welcome, pledging to be a voice for the overlooked and to lead a diocese that spans 25 counties, more than 21,000 square miles, and serves over 678,000 Catholics across 127 parishes, missions, and university Catholic centers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we honor and commend His Excellency Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia for his decades of dedicated priestly and episcopal ministry, his deep roots in the Diocese of Austin, and his appointment as the sixth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Austin, Texas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Garcia on his return home to Central Texas and express our gratitude to the Diocese of Monterey, California, for sharing with us so experienced and devoted a shepherd.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus in the 122nd Texas State Council convention duly assembled in Dallas, Texas, does hereby express our deepest gratitude to all Bishops and clergy, and particularly to his Excellency, the Most Reverend Wm. Michael Mulvey, Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, our State Chaplain, and the Reverend Father Tommy Chen, our Associate State Chaplain, along with each of the Arch-Bishops and Bishops for the Dioceses of Texas; the Council and Chapter Chaplains, the Assembly and District Friars of Texas, and all clergy who aid in making the spiritual aspect of our meetings and this convention more meaningful, our sincere appreciation and our thanks for their inspiration, cooperation, and counsel.

Submitted: State Officers

5. Resolution in RE: MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God has called home many of our Brother Knights since our last convention; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this convention pause during our Memorial Mass to join our Worthy State Chaplain, Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey, and Associate State Chaplain Reverend Tommy Chen in prayer for the repose of the souls of our departed Brothers whose names are listed in the “In Memoriam” booklet, and of all Brother Knights who have passed away in prior years; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that each Grand Knight assume the responsibility of notifying the members of his Council and calling the Brothers together at the time of the death of a member of his Council to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that each Council holds appropriate Commemorative Exercises and Masses during November to pay tribute to their deceased Brothers.

Submitted: State Officers

6. Resolution in RE: APPRECIATION OF HOST COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS Knights of Columbus members of the Dallas State Convention Committee are graciously serving as hosts to the 2026 State Convention of the 122nd meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS such Committee, as our host, has extended to us warm, sincere greetings and hospitality as well as consistent cooperation in all requirements, making the duties of the officers and staff easier to discharge;

WHEREAS our conventions would not be possible without the numerous contributions and assistance of countless volunteers, family, and friends of the Knights of Columbus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus hereby extends to the officers and members of the Dallas State Convention Committee and their wives our sincere appreciation and profound thanks for the cordial welcome, excellent workmanship, and fine hospitality shown to all members in attendance.

Submitted: State Officers

7. Resolution in RE: CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

WHEREAS since 1978 the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has been pursuing the cause for the canonization of our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney; and

WHEREAS in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, and whose declaration significantly advances his progress toward sainthood giving Father McGivney the distinction of “Venerable Servant of God”; and

WHEREAS the Church continues to study and investigate the life and work of our founder Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, which also includes examining a possible miracle manifested through the intercession of Blessed Father McGivney; and

WHEREAS on January 10, 2006, the book titled Parish Priest Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism, a biography of our founder, was published and made it to the New York Times Best Sellers list; and

WHEREAS to further promote devotion to Blessed Father McGivney, in 2013 the Texas State Council commissioned the first devotional icon of our beloved founder, the original of which hangs in the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven and copies of which are available at www.tkofc.org; and

WHEREAS the Father McGivney Guild has been established to help further the goal of saintly recognition for this worthy priest, and currently has a membership of over 150,000 individuals, and of these, 7,964 in Texas;

WHEREAS his Holiness Pope Francis recognized Father McGivney’s miracle and thereby Beatified Father McGivney, on October 31, 2020, raising Father McGivney to Blessed; and

WHEREAS additional possible miracles are being investigated in hopes of advancement of Father McGivney’s cause for canonization, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council, Knights of Columbus in Convention duly assembled in Dallas, Texas, do hereby fully support the Supreme Council in this cause, and continue to pledge our ongoing prayers for the canonization of this great and noble priest and encourage Texas State Council members and all Catholics to join the Father McGivney Guild and pray for his canonization; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council encourages local councils to maintain and make available copies of our founder’s biography for all Knights to read and share, and display a framed copy of the devotional icon in all council chambers and to give the icon as appreciation gifts to our bishops, pastors, chaplains and others in recognition of special service accomplishments; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

8. Resolution in RE: IN SUPPORT OF A CULTURE OF LIFE

WHEREAS the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Texas State Council have demonstrated a deep, historic, and consistent opposition to all governmental actions and policies that promote abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and other offenses against life; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Texas State Council have continued to reaffirm an uncompromising commitment to the sacred nature of God’s gift of Life, to Natural Law, and continued encouragement to members, Councils, and their families to continue advocating and promoting life—from natural birth to natural death—and to work within our communities to promote a Culture of Life that respects all human beings, particularly women and the unborn; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus have supported our bishops in opposition to capital punishment; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus believe that the life is given by God and should not be taken for any reason, that the gift of life and suffering can be a testament to faith and devotion to God’s plan, and that euthanasia is an unwarranted departure from God’s plan; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus’ Ultrasound Program allows the Knights to fund the purchase of Ultrasound machines to provide the parents and families of unborn children a window into the mother’s womb that allows them a clear glimpse of God’s gift of life; and

WHEREAS the Order is committed to providing continuing support and encouragement to mothers and fathers who choose life through the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church strongly encourage adoption and believe that every child is wanted, loved, and deserving of a forever home; and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council continues to support federal and state investigations into Planned Parenthood’s immoral and illegal activities and continues to favor the passage of any legislation that would ban the illegal and immoral use or sale of any human fetal body parts or tissue; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting public

demonstrations and rallies for the cause of life, particularly in Texas, specifically the Pro-Life Masses, Marches, Hikes-for-Life, and candlelight vigils.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council continue to support laws and other governmental actions prohibiting abortion, destructive embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia, and continues to call for legislation and regulations that require parental notification and consent for minors seeking an abortion, and will continue to seek the restoration of full legal protection for the lives of the unborn, the sick, persons with disabilities and the elderly; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus will continue to uphold and advocate the traditional teaching of the Church concerning the death penalty, as explained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and that we call upon the Supreme Convention to include opposition to the death penalty in any pro-life resolution it considers and passes; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge to continue the activities of the Knights of Columbus at all levels to inform, educate and motivate both our members and the public at large, including public officials who take a so-called “pro-choice” position, regarding the dignity and sanctity of human life at all stages and the evils of abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, the death penalty, and other offenses against life; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we affirm our policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support legal protection of unborn children or who advocate the legalization of euthanasia, and not bestowing upon them honors or privileges of our Order of any type; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the United States Congress to act swiftly and decisively in denying all public funding and support for Planned Parenthood, and submitting this legislation to the President of the United States upon whom we call to sign it into law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend and congratulate the Texas Legislature—and the Legislatures and Assemblies of the other States and Commonwealths of the United States—to continue investigating Planned Parenthood and that it acts swiftly and decisively in denying any and all public funding and support for Planned Parenthood and submitting this legislation to the Governor of Texas, upon whom we call to sign it into law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we staunchly oppose any and all efforts by the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and any State Legislature, State regulatory agency, and any local, county, or municipal government that would force private or public employers, health plans, health institutions and providers to offer services that deprive individuals and institutions of their freedom of conscience by taking away the liberty to follow ethical, moral or religious beliefs; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that while recognizing the natural rights of parents and the dignity of children, we urge the United States and Texas governments to streamline social services

regulations and laws to facilitate adoption so that suitable families may welcome children who need stable parental care; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus continue to support in every manner possible the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, and other similar ministries which provides women and men facing crisis pregnancies and post-abortion problems love, physical care, counseling, spiritual, emotional, and financial support; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

9. Resolution in RE: CALLING FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN PRO-LIFE MARCHES FOR LIFE

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting public demonstrations and rallies for the cause of life, particularly in Texas, specifically the Pro-Life Masses, Marches, Hikes-for-Life, and candlelight vigils; and

WHEREAS the March of Life that occurs in Washington D.C. unites, educates, and mobilizes pro-life people and organizations from across the United States; and

WHEREAS other states have held and conducted their own Marches for Life, particularly Texas, which holds its own March for Life in downtown Austin, Texas, where pro-life Texans march to the Texas State Capitol and demonstrate peacefully for the cause of life; and

WHEREAS since 2015, the officers of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus, along with members and leaders of Texas Knights of Columbus councils, have marched in the Texas March for Life, alongside the Bishops, priests, and other pro-life supporters; and

WHEREAS local communities and parishes hold and conduct their own Marches for Life along with other pro-life groups and organizations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council encourages Councils, members, and their families to continue to support and participate in the March for Life conducted in Washington D.C., the Texas March for Life conducted in Austin, Texas, and any other march for life or public demonstrations and rallies for the cause of life; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council and the Knights of Columbus call upon Councils to continue to work with their bishops, pastors, priests, and parish leaders in organizing, administering, and assisting with local Marches for Life conducted in their respective communities; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

10. Resolution in RE: SUPPORT FOR THE INSTITUTION OF TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

WHEREAS marriage is a natural institution based on ancient human values that has been recognized as a unique and deeply rooted social, legal, and religious institution; and

WHEREAS marriage reflects the natural biological complementarity between a man and a woman, which is woven into the social and religious fabric of every major culture and society; and

WHEREAS marriage is a natural institution that predates the state, the state is therefore obligated to recognize, respect, and protect it; and

WHEREAS Pope Francis, when speaking on the subject of marriage and the family, has said, “Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child’s development and emotional maturity;” and

WHEREAS Pope Francis declared in his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* “that only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life;” and

WHEREAS the Holy Father also stated that “Marriage is a precious sign, for ‘when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage...he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love;” and

WHEREAS the Holy Father also stated in *Amoris Laetitia* that “By their witness as well as their words, families speak to others of Jesus. They pass on the faith; they arouse a desire for God, and they reflect the beauty of the Gospel and its way of life;” and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Columbus Councils in Texas and their members wish to support and stand in solidarity with our Supreme Council, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops, our Texas Bishops, and our clergy and religious regarding the fundamental and traditional recognition and definition of marriage as a holy and sacred union between one man and one woman, with that union being open to the creation of life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council at its 122nd annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, that the Knights of Columbus stand firm in our conviction that the only

valid marriage that can exist is the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all federal, state, and local government officials to enact legislation that will protect the sanctity of marriage and the sanctity of a family committed to bringing new life into the world; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

11. Resolution in RE: IN DEFENSE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WHEREAS the right to religious freedom is based upon the inherent dignity of the human person, which is known through both reason and divine revelation; and

WHEREAS the right to religious freedom is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Texas State Constitution, and other documents recognizing religious freedom; and

WHEREAS religious freedom means that all persons are to be free from coercion in matters of belief and conscience and that no person should be forced to act in a manner contrary to his or her own beliefs or conscience; and

WHEREAS in *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom, we reaffirm the Catholic Church's consistent teaching that religious freedom is an inalienable right that should be recognized in the governing laws of each country in such a way that it is acknowledged as a basic civil right; and

WHEREAS religious freedom is not a benefit that a government confers out of a sense of mere tolerance, which can be removed, but rather is an inalienable right, rooted in the transcendent dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS Pope Francis has called religious freedom, "a fundamental right of man," that is "not simply freedom of thought or private worship," but "the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly, consequent to the truth one has found;" and

WHEREAS religious freedom is at the very heart of human rights because it encompasses freedom of speech, assembly, and conscience, which together form the basis of civil society and respect for the individual; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus since its founding has worked to defend religious

freedom for Catholics and all people, and has done so out of our commitment to our faith and our unshakeable belief that religious freedom is a basic civil right; and

WHEREAS the Order’s work on behalf of religious freedom included efforts in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, which affirmed the right of children to a Catholic education in opposition to the efforts of the Ku Klux Klan; and

WHEREAS in conformity with the support for religious freedom for Catholics and those of all faiths who value peace and the progress of humankind, the Order cannot condone antisemitism or other violent persecution of anyone based on their faith or heritage; and

WHEREAS our work for religious freedom also included activities to protest the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s, as well as efforts to combat the anti-religious worldview of Communism, Socialism, and the inclusion of the phrase “under God” in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance to distinguish the United States from anti-religious governments; and

WHEREAS regulatory actions by local, state, and federal agencies have sought to force private Catholic employers—such as Catholic universities, colleges, schools, orders, convents, congregations, dioceses, and the Knights of Columbus—to provide all employees with insurance coverage that includes abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization; and

WHEREAS the numerous threats to religious liberty that have appeared in recent years are among the most serious intrusions on religious liberty we have seen in our lifetimes; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as citizens and as Knights of Columbus, we will remain steadfast in our support for the free exercise of religion as it is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Texas State Constitution, and other documents recognizing religious freedom; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand firm in our conviction that the full guarantee of religious liberty cannot be limited to “freedom of worship” as some have attempted, but must include full “freedom of religion,” which necessarily encompasses the public dimension of religion, the freedom from persecution or discrimination based on conscience and belief, and the fact that believers are called to play an active role in building the social order; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand in solidarity with our bishops in their call to the Catholic faithful, and to all Americans, to join together to oppose coercive regulatory schemes, orders, mandates, and also to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on the U.S. Congress to consider and pass a robust First Amendment Defense Act, which would protect the free exercise of religious beliefs and moral convictions of persons by preventing the federal government from taking discriminatory action against such persons in the areas of government contracts, benefits, tax treatment, accreditations and licensures; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all government officials in Texas to enact legislation that will protect the right of religious institutions and individuals to be free from government coercion in all matters; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we will join with others of goodwill to March for Religious Freedom each year in Austin, the capital of Texas, to demonstrate our resolve and to demand that government officials respect this God-given right; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that our struggle for religious freedom at this decisive moment in our history is not only for our sake but for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all future generations, so that they too may know a country that is “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all;” and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

12. Resolution in RE: PRAYER FOR ALL GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS

WHEREAS in November 2024, the people of the United States elected a President, members of the House of Representatives and various Senators; and the people of Texas elected new members to the Texas Legislature and judges to courts at the county, district, and appellate levels; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council calls upon all Councils, Assemblies, and Chapters to pray for our President, Governor, and all our elected officials at the federal, state, county, city, and local levels, that the Holy Spirit may counsel, insight and wisdom to keep the United States of America and our state and local communities on a path consistent with the Divine Will that we invoke daily when we pray the Lord’s Prayer – the “Our Father;” and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council encourages all members and their families to register and continue to vote in all federal, state, and local elections; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus supports the election and appointment of officials at the federal, state, and local levels of government who support and believe in a culture of life and the protection of religious freedom; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council encourages all members and councils in Texas to pray for our President, Governor, and all elected representatives, legislators, judges, and other government officials in hope that they will work together to defend life and to honor the religious and conscience concerns of all American citizens; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Knights of Columbus and the Texas State Council, encourage all members and Councils to continue to encourage peaceful and respectful dialogue between all Americans and that we, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, find ways to bridge our differences in a respectful manner; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

13. Resolution in RE: SUPPORT FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus and the Texas State Council direct support for the armed forces dates back to the early 20th Century including the original KC Huts program and in the formation of the United Services Organization (USO); and

WHEREAS our support for the armed forces continues to the present day, most notably through our support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, and support for the annual AMS—K of C Warriors to Lourdes Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes; France and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council and its subordinate councils have supported the Frontline Faith Project, which distributes recorded Catholic prayers, lectures, and teachings to our troops, and has reached out in a special effort to cooperate with the local units of the Catholic War Veterans of America; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council insurance program is the only domestic insurance company which pays the face amount of the policy upon the death of one of the members of our Armed Forces killed in combat rather than have a “war exclusion” clause as do other domestic insurance companies;

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus maintains 50 active military councils around the world and have one in the war-torn Horn of Africa; and

WHEREAS our Brother Knights, along with thousands of other servicemen and women, are presently deployed in hostile and unstable regions around the world in efforts to combat terrorism, maintain order and promote peace; and

WHEREAS the families of those courageous servicemen and women now deployed are praying for their safe return; and

WHEREAS many of these men and women have heroically given their lives or sustained

a serious or debilitating injury while deployed in the service of their country; and

WHEREAS we are committed to “serving those who served” through the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services program, with Brother Knights donating thousands of hours of volunteer service at over 100+ Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers.

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has demonstrated its commitment to “wounded warriors” by direct service, financial support, and partnering with other civic organizations and foundations to benefit those service members who have suffered traumatic injuries or wounds in the field of battle; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has distributed hundreds of thousands of rosaries and copies of *Armed With The Faith*, a prayer book for service members; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council, all Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies in Texas reaffirm our unequivocal gratitude, support, and encouragement for the men and women of the armed forces who defend our liberties and freedoms and that we will never waiver in our commitment to recognize the contributions of every service member on Active Duty, in the Guard, in the Reserves, and all veterans and retired service members; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we prayerfully support and encourage the families of those servicemen and women who are deployed away from home; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we continue to pray for the mission success and the safe return of all our military personnel; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we now pay tribute to those men and women who have served, especially those who have suffered serious combat wounds or injuries, and we pray for the souls of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the service of their country; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council, Councils, and Assemblies in Texas will continue to support the Archdiocese of Military Services financially and with our prayers; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

14. Resolution in RE: SUPPORT FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS Section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 defines first responders as emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel that provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations; and

WHEREAS the legal definition of emergency response/first responders generally includes Federal, State, and local government emergency, public safety, fire, law enforcement, emergency response, emergency medical (including hospital emergency facilities) and related personnel, agencies and authorities; and

WHEREAS first responders are generally considered and recognized to be local law enforcement officers, which in Texas include federal officers and Border Patrol agents, police officers, sheriffs, deputies, constables and dispatch and other support personnel, and firefighters, emergency safety responders such as medics, ambulance support persons; and

WHEREAS first responders serve by responding to events situations that require assisting, rescuing, and possibly defending members of the community from dangers and hazardous events that many times place first responders in harm's way; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus pray for the souls of first responders, law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, and their families who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty in Texas; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus remain committed to continued support our first responders and their families through the "Shield a Badge with a Prayer" Program, Red, White and Blue Masses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council and all Knights of Columbus Councils in Texas reaffirm our unequivocal gratitude, support, and encouragement for the men and women and their families who are first responders who protect us from harm with unselfish and professional dedication and that we will never waiver in our commitment to recognize the contributions of every first responder and their families; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that all Texas Councils continue to remain steadfast in supporting and praying for our first responders and their families through the Shield a Badge with Prayer Program and by scheduling, promoting and attending Red Masses, White Masses, and Blue Masses; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we prayerfully support and encourage the families of those first responders; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we continue to pray for the safe return of all our first responders; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we now pay tribute to those men and women who have served, especially those who have suffered serious injuries, and we pray for the souls of those who

have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the line of duty; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

15. Resolution in RE: SUPPORT FOR THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress established a national flag, resolving “that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a field of blue, representing a new constellation”; and

WHEREAS the banner adopted by the Second Continental Congress, hereinafter referred to as the “Flag,” has become the national symbol for the United States of America, the constellation of stars in the field of blue changing and evolving as new States entered the Union; and

WHEREAS in the 250-year history of the United States, the Flag has come to embody and reflect all aspects of American life, being displayed on government and privately owned buildings, flown by military and civilian vessels, displayed at political, social, educational, and religious events on a national, state and local level, carried by soldiers and explorers and raised by students and athletes at schools and athletic contests; and

WHEREAS throughout the history of the United States, the Flag has witnessed many of America’s greatest, dramatic and tragic moments—the bombardment of Fort McHenry in 1814, the assault on Fort Sumpter in 1861, the funeral procession for Presidents Abraham Lincoln in 1865, and John F. Kennedy in 1963, the Olympic gold medal run by Jesse Owens at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the battle on Iwo Jima in 1945, the Civil Rights Marches in the 1960s, the American landing on the Moon in 1969, the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001, the chaotic Afghanistan retreat, and many other events at different times in our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS many of our ancestors—particularly our immigrant grandfathers and grandmothers—when coming to the United States from their original homelands, were greeted by the Flag when first stepping onto American soil; and

WHEREAS throughout the history of the United States, men and women of all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds have pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor in the service of the United States, their sacrifices symbolized and represented by the Flag; and

WHEREAS while Americans can at times disagree on many issues, all Americans know that the Flag is our universal identifying national emblem; and

WHEREAS it has become a respectful tradition that all Americans honor the Flag in

gratitude for the sacrifices made by all Americans in making our nation the home of the free and the refuge of those seeking the dream Dr. Martin Luther King so eloquently described and those seeking the sanctuary for life, liberty, and equality Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln so eloquently described; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus have always honored and respected the Flag, as exemplified by the Order's successful efforts to add the phrase "Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council and its subordinate Councils remind all members to always show proper respect and reverence for the Flag of the United States of America, particularly by standing when the Flag is unfurled at any public event and for the National Anthem, and to continue to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at all meetings; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus rededicate themselves to encouraging the public display of the Flag at our churches, parish grounds, homes, places of business, and at social gatherings; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our families, fellow parishioners, and countrymen and women in a charitable and fraternal manner to always show respect for the Flag by standing upon presentation of the Colors and for men to remove their hats during the playing of the National Anthem or the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance as a sign of respect for our all who built, supported and sacrificed to make our Country great and saluting the Flag by either giving a military salute or by placing one's hand over their heart; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado, and that the Supreme Council encourages the Supreme Convention to adopt this or a similar resolution that honors our Flag.

Submitted: State Officers

16. Resolution in RE: TO SUPPORT THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF COLUMBUS DAY IN THE AMERICAS

WHEREAS Christopher Columbus was the first European to sail west in search of the Orient and to discover the American continents as a result, returning multiple times to explore and establish settlements in this New World, opening it to the enduring influence of Western civilization and also providing for the development of trade, commerce and prosperity; and

WHEREAS the Admiral of the Ocean Sea was not focused as a profiteer or adventurer, but rather as a faithful Catholic – a "Christ-bearer" – intent on spreading the Good News to the indigenous peoples as evidenced by his request to Pope Alexander VI for missionary priests to accompany him on his initial journey with these words "I trust that, by God's help, I may spread

the Holy Name and Gospel of Jesus Christ as widely as may be”; and

WHEREAS in the same spirit of evangelization, Father Michael McGivney and a small group of men chartered the Knights of Columbus to spread the Good News in a new way to address the challenges of the industrial era, by serving the temporal and spiritual needs of families and faith communities with programs that provide financial security and strengthen the social fabric with acts of charity; and

WHEREAS four hundred years after Columbus’ triumphant expedition, and ten years after the chartering of the Knights of Columbus, Pope Leo XIII recognized the important contribution of Columbus in his encyclical, Quarto Abeunte Saeculo, writing: “it is fitting that we should confess and celebrate in a special manner the will and designs of the Eternal Wisdom, under whose guidance the discoverer of the New World placed himself with a devotion so touching”; and

WHEREAS in this modern era the Knights of Columbus continue to respond fervently to the call to evangelize the cultures in which we have been placed by God, adapting to meet the acute challenges of consumerism, hedonism, sexual libertinism, and a profound loss of respect for the God-given values of human life, religious freedom, and traditional complementary marriages and families; and

WHEREAS in the spirit of acknowledging his extraordinary contributions, regional celebrations have been held since 1792, and a special public holiday was established in 1934 in the USA to celebrate the singular and enduring influence of the accomplishments of Christopher Columbus; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as Knights of the great Christopher Columbus, and all Christian men and women of goodwill, we will continue to celebrate the example of Christopher Columbus as a visionary and evangelist, both on the holiday set aside to honor his accomplishments and throughout the year, by placing our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at the center of all our endeavors; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Knights of Columbus in Texas will endeavor to celebrate the Columbus Day Holiday by attending Mass together and sharing a fraternal meal; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that we will, without diminishing the unique contributions of native peoples to the remarkable cultural tapestry of the Americas, encourage our public officials to preserve the intended spirit of the public holiday tradition with its cultural and patriotic implications, and not allow it to be undermined or diminished by neglect, dilution, or replacement; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that all Knights of Columbus endeavor and commit to speaking out in our communities before local, municipal, county, and state governmental agencies in support of the continued celebration of the accomplishments of Christopher Columbus and educate others regarding the positive aspects of his efforts, discovery, and legacy; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for

the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

17. Resolution in RE: THE ORDER'S INSURANCE BENEFIT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus was founded to provide crucial relief for widows and orphans of Catholic men with the foresight and courage to join the Order; and

WHEREAS our founder, the Servant of God Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney's vision initiated an institution that has become one of the largest fraternal benefits insurance companies in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest accreditation possible from two of the best known, and most respected insurance rating agencies, A. M. Best and Standard & Poor's, and as a World's Most Ethical Company by the Ethisphere Institute; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus Insurance program offers all members and their families the tools to prepare for the future and ensure financial stability, including life insurance, annuities, long-term care insurance, disability income, with over \$100 billion of life insurance in force; and

WHEREAS nearly 35 percent of Texas Knights are insurance members of the Order; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus Financial Advisors ensure that all investments are socially responsible and adhere to the guidelines set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, allowing the Order to provide "value with values" through faith-based investing; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council at its 122nd annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, does commend the outstanding efforts of our general agents and our field agency force in Texas; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Texas State Council does affirm as its policy that all fraternal publications, including advertising for fraternal and fundraising events, including those of the Texas State Council, its subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters are prohibited from accepting advertisements and news items relating directly or indirectly to the sale or servicing of life or disability income or long term care insurance or annuities, other than advertisements or news items promoting the Order's insurance programs, and that violation of this rule by any publication from any subordinate council, assembly or chapter will constitute cause to prohibit the use of the name and emblem of the Order by those subordinate councils and/or their publications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

18. Resolution in RE: PRAYERS FOR CONVERSION ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS a troubling number of our elected representatives have previously expressed intent to work for the passage of laws and to implement public policies which are clearly inconsistent with the Natural Law and the teachings of the Church, potentially destructive of family cohesion, and which deny basic human rights and the God-given value and dignity of each human life from conception to natural death;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas will vigorously oppose the erosion of protections currently contained in the law for the unborn and other vulnerable members of our society and will work ceaselessly for increased protections in general laws and in public policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas will continuously offer prayers for a conversion of heart for our President to a more generous and genuine support of all pro-life issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

19. Resolution in RE: PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

WHEREAS the Knights of the Texas State Council, pray for the nation's commitment to peace, after unprecedented years of violence and unrest; and

WHEREAS the Texas State Council and all of the Texas State Council brothers pray for the healing of our country, that has pitted brother versus brother, state versus state in an unprecedented attack against fellow countrymen; and

WHEREAS the Knights of Texas pray that elected leaders embrace and protect the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, including the first amendment that guarantees free speech and "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;" and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas, meeting at the 122nd annual convention in Dallas, Texas, prays the elected leaders be examples of honor and unity through

their support of our Constitution, while accepting difference of opinions between citizens in accordance with the founding of our country, and the Great State of Texas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council for the consideration and edification of all delegates attending the 144th Supreme Council Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Submitted: State Officers

20. Resolution in RE: Recognition of Motorcycle-based Activities in Support of the Knights of Columbus

WHEREAS, Knights of Columbus members who ride motorcycles have, throughout North America and increasingly abroad, gathered together to organize motorcycle-based activities in the charitable and fraternal spirit of the Knights of Columbus and in support of Knights of Columbus programs; and

WHEREAS, motorcycle-riding members use motorcycle-based activities to further membership growth, retention, and development in the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the activities undertaken by motorcycle-riding Knights of Columbus members include support of the Silver Rose program as well as other programs under the direction of the participating State Councils; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these activities is to enjoy camaraderie among other Knights of Columbus who are motorcycle riders; to assist the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Church, the Bishops of each Diocese, charitable organizations, individuals in need, and the community; to promote the principles of the Knights of Columbus; and to encourage faith, fellowship, and service;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas State Council identify opportunities for members who ride motorcycles to participate formally in certain state council activities, with details to be worked out by the state deputy in accord with the guidelines provided by the Supreme Council.

Submitted: State Officers

21. Resolution in RE: Amendment to Texas State Council Bylaws, Article III—OFFICERS AND DUTIES, pertaining to State Officer honoraria

WHEREAS, the Texas State Council bylaws, Article III, Sections 3,4, 5, 6, and 7 provide that an honorarium be paid to the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, and State Warden annually, and,

WHEREAS, the Texas State Council desires to eliminate the honoraria paid to said State Officers, by amending the Texas State Council Bylaws, by deleting or removing the provisions in Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Article III, pertaining to the payment of each such honorarium,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas, propose amending the current bylaws, Article III – Officers and Duties, as follows:

- I. By deleting the first sentence in paragraph (E), SECTION 3. STATE DEPUTY, which reads as follows:

“The honorarium paid to the State Deputy shall be \$5.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.”

The second sentence of paragraph (E) shall be revised to read as follows:

“All reasonable and customary expenses of the State Deputy incurred while attending the Supreme Convention shall be paid by the State Council.”; and

- II. By deleting Paragraph (C) of SECTION 4. STATE SECRETARY, which reads:

“(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.”

The succeeding paragraphs (D), (E), and (F) in Section 4 shall thereafter be re-designated as (C), (D), and (E), respectively; and

- III. By deleting Paragraph (C), SECTION 5. STATE TREASURER, which reads:

“(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.”

The succeeding paragraph (D) in Section 5 shall thereafter be re-designated as (C); and

- IV. By deleting Paragraph (D), SECTION 6. STATE ADVOCATE, which reads:

“(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.”

and

- V. By deleting Paragraph (B), SECTION 6. STATE WARDEN, which reads:

“(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.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Submitted: State Officers

22. Resolution in RE: Amendment to Texas State Council Bylaws, Article V—FINANCE, Section 8, pertaining to MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

WHEREAS, the Texas State Council bylaws, Article V, Section 8 provides that a banquet ticket shall be furnished to members as part of their registration packet, and,

WHEREAS, the Texas State Council desires to discontinue providing such banquet tickets as part of the registration packet by amending the Texas State Council Bylaws, by deleting or removing the pertinent language in Sections 8,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Knights of Columbus in Texas, propose amending the current bylaws, Article V, as follows:

By deleting the second sentence of paragraph (B), Section 8. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM, which reads:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Submitted: State Officers

23. Resolution in RE: Amendment to Texas State Council Bylaws, Article VII—ELECTIONS, pertaining to the Form of the Ballot

WHEREAS, the Texas State Council bylaws, Article VII, Section 3, provides that “The elections shall be by written ballot,” and,

WHEREAS, the Texas State Council desires that elections shall also be able to be conducted by electronic means, by amending the first sentence of Article VII, Section 3, so that it reads, “The elections shall be by written ballot or conducted electronically, “

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus in Texas, propose amending the current bylaws, Article VII, as follows:

By adding language to the first sentence of Article VII, Section 3, which reads:

“The elections shall be by written ballot.”

The first sentence of Article VII, Section 3, shall thereafter read:

“The elections shall be by written ballot or conducted electronically.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Supreme Council Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Submitted: State Officers

24. Resolution in RE: No Solicitations or Displays at the State Convention or other Texas State Council Functions Except by Written Authorization of the State Deputy

WHEREAS in the past there have been numerous and varied solicitations conducted at activities sponsored under the auspices of Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus, by groups of individuals seeking financial contributions, program participation, or donations of volunteer time or funds, and these activities are often sponsored by the standing and special committees of the State Council for the fraternal benefit, education or enjoyment of those participating;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no solicitation or displays will be allowed at the State Convention or at other State Council functions except by written authorization of the State Deputy. It shall be the duty of the State Officers to enforce this resolution.

Submitted: State Officers

STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

CHRISTOPHER FUND RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 134, adopted at the 1992 Supreme Council Meeting, established the Matching Fund Program known as the Christopher Fund; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 403, adopted at the 2025 Supreme Council meeting, changes the administration of the Christopher Fund for state councils in the United States by transitioning the program to Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) within Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund (KCCF) (herein referred to as Christopher Fund DAFs); and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 403 also provides the opportunity for state councils in the United States to begin, or resume, participation in the Christopher Fund, including receipt of annual disbursements derived from Supreme Council matching funds, and the management of state council contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that State Council Charities hereby adopts this resolution so as to re-enter the Christopher Fund pursuant to the rules established under the aforementioned Resolution No. 134; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Council Charities shall contribute to Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc., an amount not to exceed Six-Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$630,000.00) on or before June 15, 2026, so that the Supreme Council match can be established and State Council Charities' contribution can be used to open a Christopher Fund DAF on July 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby designate the following as the charitable recipient of future grants through State Council Charities' Christopher Fund DAF: State Council Charities

Submitted: Officers and Directors, State Council Charities Knights of Columbus

By-Laws of The Texas State Council

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

- A. "Affiliated Organization" means an organization which is closely associated with the Texas State Council and in which the officers of the Texas State Council may serve as officers or members of its board. Affiliated Organizations include, but are not limited to, the Texas State Council Charities, Inc.
- B. "By-Laws" means the By-Laws of the Texas State Council, Knights of Columbus.
- C. "Constitution" means the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus.
- D. "Convention" means the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus Convention.
- E. "Diocesan Deputies" means an individual appointed by the State Deputy to coordinate the activities of District Deputies and Subordinate Councils within the boundaries of a Diocese of the Church in Texas.
- F. "District Deputy" means an individual nominated and appointed by the State Deputy and approved by the Supreme Knight to serve as a District Deputy.
- G. "Fraternal Year" means the period of time from July 1 through June 30.
- H. "Immediate Past State Deputy" means the Past State Deputy who most recently served as State Deputy in Texas and who actually resides in the State of Texas.
- I. "P.S.D. Advisory Committee" means Past State Deputies Advisory Committee.
- J. "Robert's Rules of Order" means the edition and the version of Robert's Rules of Order, also known as Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Order, selected and designated by the State Advocate.
- K. "State Council" means the Texas State Council, Knights of Columbus.
- L. "State Officers" means the officers of the Texas State Council as set forth in Article III, Section 1 of these By-Laws.
- M. "Subordinate Council" or "Subordinate Councils" means a Knights of Columbus Council or Councils in the State of Texas.

ARTICLE II - STRUCTURE

SECTION 1. NAME AND JURISDICTION:

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

SECTION 2. LEGAL STRUCTURE:

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

SECTION 3. PURPOSES:

The purposes of the State Council include, but are not limited to, (A) govern the Subordinate Councils in accordance with the Constitution and these By-Laws, (B) to organize, establish and

maintain fraternal, charitable, educational, religious, public, community or civic projects to be supported, in whole or in part, by the State Council and/or the Subordinate Councils, and (C) assemble once each year in convention to elect certain officers and delegates, to consider resolutions, and conduct such other business as may properly come before the convention.

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP:

- (A) The voting membership of the State Council shall consist of: (1) the Grand Knight, and a Past Grand Knight or the Deputy Grand Knight, or their duly elected representatives, actually residing in the State of Texas from each Subordinate Council in good standing, and (2) State Officers.
- (B) Except as otherwise provided herein, the non-voting membership of the State Council, who shall be permitted all other privileges of membership, shall consist of: (1) Past State Deputies, (2) District Deputies, and (3) ex-officio State Officers.
- (C) An ex-officio State Officer is defined as (1) a former State Deputy who fails to qualify as a Past State Deputy pursuant to the Laws of the Order, and (2) a former State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate or State Warden who had not served as a State Deputy. An ex officio State Officer has no voting privileges as a State Officer.
- (D) Chairmen of the Standing Committees of the State Council, not to exceed twelve, who are not otherwise members of the State Council, shall be permitted the privilege of the floor for the limited purpose of speaking on questions pertaining to the functions of their particular committee, but without the vote therein.
- (E) No member of the State Council shall be admitted to participate in the Convention sessions unless such member is in good standing. The Credentials Committee must certify and authenticate all credential holders as being authorized to be seated at the Convention.

SECTION 5. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- (A) The State Deputy shall annually establish and appoint the members to the permanent Standing Committees which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 1. The Fraternal Benefits Committee shall consist of the General Agents of Texas and shall be chaired by a General Agent appointed as the Insurance Liaison.
 - 2. The Audit Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members, not less than three (3) of whom shall be certified or chartered public accountants. The State Treasurer and the Executive Secretary shall not be members of the Committee.
 - 3. The Budget Committee shall consist of the State Officers.
 - 4. The By-Laws Committee shall consist of at least five (5) and not more than seven (7) members, including the State Advocate who shall be the Chair.
 - 5. The P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall consist of all Past State Deputies who meet the requirements of Article III, Section 12(A).
 - 6. The Legal Affairs Committee shall consist of the State Advocate, who shall be the Chair, and at least two (2) additional attorneys who are Third Degree members and admitted to the State Bar of Texas.
- (B) The State Deputy may establish and appoint the members of the special Standing Committees.
- (C) The membership of all Standing Committees shall consist of individuals who are in good standing from Subordinate Councils.

- (D) All Committee appointments shall be for a period not to exceed the Fraternal Year, with no restrictions regarding previous service on a Committee.
- (E) All Committees are advisory in nature and make recommendations for action on topics within their jurisdictions as indicated in the By-Laws or as assigned by the State Deputy. All authority for action is reserved to the State Council assembled in Convention or to the State Officers as appropriate.

SECTION 6. APPENDIXES:

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

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

- (A) All questions, relating to the interpretation of these By-Laws and any appendixes, shall first be submitted to the State Advocate for a legal opinion and ruling. Appeals from the ruling of the State Advocate may be taken to the Supreme Advocate and, thereafter, to the Supreme Board.
- (B) To the extent that Robert's Rules of Order are consistent with these By-Laws and any appendixes hereto, Robert's Rules of Order, shall govern; however, Robert's Rules of Order shall be subject to the same rules of interpretation as stated in Section 7(A).

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. STATE OFFICERS:

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

SECTION 2. DUTIES:

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

SECTION 3. STATE DEPUTY:

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

previous service on a committee. Subject to these By-Laws, members of all committees serve at the pleasure of the State Deputy until the end of the Fraternal Year.

- (B) In addition to allowances granted by Supreme Council for his necessary and incidental expenses, the State Deputy shall be reimbursed by the State Council for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties. The State Officers shall be entitled to hire and determine the salary of a clerk at State Council expense to assist in performing the duties of the State Deputy.
- (C) The State Deputy may call meetings of the State Officers, State Committees, Diocesan Deputies, or District Deputies and the expense incident thereto, when not chargeable to the Supreme Council, shall be paid out of the State Council funds.
- (D) The State Deputy shall countersign all vouchers and all checks for the expenditure of State Council funds, except the checks on the Executive Secretary's revolving check account.
- (E) The honorarium paid to the State Deputy shall be \$5.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council. In addition, all reasonable and customary expenses of the State Deputy incurred while attending the Supreme Convention shall be paid by the State Council.
- (F) A member who has served four terms in the office of State Deputy shall be ineligible for subsequent election or appointment to that office. Further, a member may serve no more than two full terms consecutively as State Deputy. The member must be out of office at least two years prior to being re-elected for a third term as State Deputy.

SECTION 4. STATE SECRETARY:

- (A) The State Secretary or his designee shall act as recorder at the meetings of the State Council, the Convention, State Officers, the District Deputies, Diocesan Deputies, or State Committees.
- (B) The State Secretary or his designee shall prepare and furnish the Convention credential blanks to the Grand Knight of all Subordinate Councils on or before forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention.
- (C) The honorarium paid to the State Secretary shall be \$2.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.
- (D) The State Secretary shall be reimbursed by the State Council for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties. The State Officers shall be entitled to hire and determine the salary of a clerk at the expense of the State Council to assist in performing the duties of the State Secretary.
- (E) The State Secretary shall have oversight responsibility for all fund raising programs of the State Council.
- (F) In the event of an incapacity or absence from the State of the State Deputy or State Treasurer, the State Secretary may approve vouchers and countersign checks for the State Deputy or the State Treasurer.

SECTION 5. STATE TREASURER:

- (A) The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of the State Council. He shall keep sufficient, true and accurate records of all funds of the State Council and obtain similar information on Affiliated Organizations to allow the preparation of an annual report in accordance with Section 56(b) of the Constitution. Under the direction of the

State Treasurer, all funds shall be immediately deposited in the name of the State Council in depositories selected, as provided in Section 5 of Article V. He shall review all vouchers and checks signed by the State Deputy. If the voucher and the checks are correct, the State Treasurer shall sign the voucher and countersign the check. He shall be a voting ex-officio member of all State Council Committees handling any money of the State Council.

- (B) He shall give to the State Council a bond in an amount and with a surety approved by the State Officers. The premium shall be paid by the State Council.
- (C) The honorarium paid to the State Treasurer shall be \$2.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.
- (D) The State Treasurer shall be reimbursed by the State Council for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties. The State Officers shall be entitled to hire and determine the salary of a clerk at the expense of the State Council to assist in performing the duties of the State Treasurer.

SECTION 6. STATE ADVOCATE:

- (A) The State Advocate shall be an attorney admitted to the bar of the State of Texas. He shall be the legal advisor of the State Council and the State Officers in all matters pertaining to the State Council. He may be paid such fees as the State Officers approve for the legal work performed.
- (B) The State Advocate shall be the parliamentarian for the Convention. When the State Advocate is not present on the Convention floor, he shall appoint one or more alternate parliamentarians to act in his absence.
- (C) When forwarding the Resolutions to the Executive Secretary, the State Advocate shall designate the applicable edition of Robert's Rules of Order and the appointed alternate parliamentarians. Such information shall be distributed by the Executive Secretary along with the Resolutions.
- (D) The honorarium paid to the State Advocate shall be \$1.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.

SECTION 7. STATE WARDEN:

- (A) The State Warden or his designees shall be present at all meetings of the State Council, shall check membership cards, and shall admit non-members at the discretion of the State Council. He shall act as Sergeant-of-Arms at all meetings of the State Council.
- (B) The honorarium paid to the State Warden shall be \$0.75 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.

SECTION 8. STATE CHAPLAIN:

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

SECTION 9. ELECTRONIC VOTING AND NOTICE

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

SECTION 10. MEETING CALLED BY STATE OFFICERS:

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

SECTION 11. ORDER OF SUCCESSION

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

In the event that any other State Officer is unable to function in his capacity as a State Officer as determined by two thirds of the other State Officers, is removed from office, dies or resigns, then the State Deputy shall delegate that State Officer's duties to one or more of the other State Officers for the remainder of the fraternal year.

SECTION 12. PAST STATE DEPUTIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

- (A) Membership in the P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall consist of all Past State Deputies who have served in the State of Texas and who are members in good standing. They shall serve as long as they retain their eligibility. The Immediate Past State Deputy shall be chairman of the P.S.D. Advisory Committee. At the beginning of each Fraternal Year, the P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairman Pro Tem who shall serve if the Immediate Past State Deputy is incapacitated or absent. There shall be no limit on the number of members on the P.S.D. Advisory Committee. Meetings of the P.S.D. Advisory Committee may be called by either the State Deputy or the Immediate Past State Deputy.
- (B) When the position of the Executive Secretary becomes vacant, the P.S.D. Advisory Committee may provide advice to the State Officers on a replacement Executive Secretary.
- (C) The P.S.D. Advisory Committee may provide advice to the State Officers as to the employment or approval of an individual to fill the position of Editor of the Texas Knight or any other newsletter, bulletin or broadcast for circulation to the general membership authorized by the State Officers.
- (D) If the position of the Executive Secretary or Editor of the Texas Knight becomes vacant during a Fraternal Year, it may be temporarily filled by a person selected by the State Officers to fill said position for a period not to exceed six months until the position can be filled in the normal course of business.
- (E) The P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall vote upon the annual budget and such resolutions or amendments as are submitted under Article VI Section 7 (B) to indicate to the State

Officers the Committee's advice regarding the adoption of the budget and each resolution or amendment. The vote may be conducted electronically.

SECTION 13. STATE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORTS:

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

ARTICLE IV – Executive Secretary:

- (A) The Executive Secretary is not a State Officer but shall work with and assist all State Officers. The Executive Secretary shall be at least a third degree member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus. The Executive Secretary is an employee of the Texas State Council and is hired by the State Officers. The duties of this office shall be primarily assigned by the State Deputy, however, the State Officers may also assign other duties to the Executive Secretary from time to time. The office of the Executive Secretary shall be maintained in Austin, Texas; however, the site of this office may be changed upon the recommendation of the State Officers and approval by the Convention.
- (B) The Convention shall approve the budget for the Executive Secretary's office, which shall include the salary and benefits for the Executive Secretary and any clerks hired by the State Officers under Article III.
- (C) The Executive Secretary shall manage the clerks and be accountable to the State Deputy. The Executive Secretary shall make an annual written report to the State Council at the Convention and shall furnish a copy of said report to the State Officers prior to the Convention.
- (D) He shall give to the State Council a bond in an amount and with a surety approved by the State Officers. The premium shall be paid by the State Council.
- (E) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the State Council in the city in which the Executive Secretary's office is located. Said account shall maintain a Two Thousand Dollar revolving fund upon which checks may be drawn by the Executive Secretary. He shall make a monthly written report to the State Deputy and the State Treasurer on all checks written on this account. Also, the monthly reconciled bank statement shall be furnished to the State Treasurer along with any other information concerning said account requested by the State Treasurer and/or the State Deputy.
- (F) A State Officer may delegate a portion of his administrative duties to the Executive Secretary or to a clerk hired to assist the State Officer. However, any State Officer doing so shall remain responsible and accountable for such duties.

ARTICLE V - FINANCE

SECTION 1. BUDGET AND ASSESSMENTS:

At each Convention the State Officers, acting as the Budget Committee, shall present a budget to the Convention showing the estimated income and expenditures for the ensuing Fraternal

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

The Per Capita Tax to each Subordinate Council shall be based on the Subordinate Council's membership as reflected on the Supreme Council's records as of the following July 1. If no increase or decrease in the Per Capita Tax is recommended by the Budget Committee, then the Per Capita Tax shall remain at the same rate that it was in the preceding Fraternal Year.

SECTION 2. NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT:

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

SECTION 3. DEFAULTING COUNCILS:

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

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY FOR DISBURSEMENT:

- (A) Except the Revolving Fund of the Executive Secretary, each expenditure of the State Council funds shall be made only after the State Treasurer and the State Deputy have countersigned a voucher and a check. When countersigning each voucher and check, the State Deputy and the State Treasurer shall ascertain that the voucher and the check are drawn in payment for an obligation specifically authorized by the State Officers or the State Council. In the event an expenditure becomes immediately necessary and there has been no authorization by the State Council or the State Officers for such an expenditure, it shall be the duty of the State Deputy, before countersigning such a voucher and check, to notify all State Officers and to obtain the concurrence of at least three other State Officers. The State Deputy shall provide each State Officer with a written summary of the need for the action and final agreement of the State Officers within forty-eight (48) hours of the approval.
- (B) Unless the funds are contained in the budget proposed under Section 1, no resolution or amendment requiring an appropriation of money from the State Council shall be acted upon by the Convention unless said resolution or amendment contains the source from which funds shall be obtained to meet the commitment and until said resolution or amendment has been submitted to and voted on by the P.S.D. Advisory Committee and the State Officers. The outcome of both votes will be disclosed as recommendations to the Convention before it votes.

SECTION 5. DEPOSIT OF MONEY:

- (A) All monies of the State Council shall be deposited in depositories which have government deposit insurance, either FDIC insured or managed by an investment firm registered with FINRA, such as the Knights of Columbus Assets Advisors. Such depositories shall be selected by a majority vote of the State Officers.
- (B) Any standard business depository procedure approved by a majority of the State Officers may be utilized by the State Treasurer or his designee to improve the efficiency and operation of the State Council.

SECTION 6. RECORD OF FUNDS:

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

SECTION 7. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:

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

SECTION 8. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM:

- (A) Members, State Officers, Chairman of Standing Committees, Members of Convention Committees, State Program Directors, State Membership Director, Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies and all Past State Deputies of the State Council shall receive, in lieu of all expenses, mileage reimbursement one way at the rate of fifteen cents per mile from the location of the individual's council to the site of the Convention. However, an individual shall only be paid in one such capacity. The per diem to the Convention may be reduced or not paid, at the discretion of the State Officers, if the per diem payment, in whole or in part, would cause the State Council to have a deficit at the end of the Fraternal Year. Any such reduction shall be applied equally to all those persons entitled to receive per diem.
- (B) The State Council shall be responsible for the State Banquet. All members, per Article II, Section 4, shall be furnished a banquet ticket as part of their registration packet.
- (C) Mileage and/or per diem to be paid to any qualified member of the Knights of Columbus for any organizational, committee or special meetings shall be paid at an equal rate and at the discretion of the State Deputy.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL AUDIT:

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

ARTICLE VI - CONVENTION
SECTION 1. DATE AND PLACE:

- (A) Each year during April or May, the convention shall be convened within the state. The locations of future Convention sites and dates shall be decided by a majority of the State Officers
- (B) Each Council or Chapter desiring the annual Convention to be held in a specific city shall submit an application to the State Officers by January 1 five years preceding the year in which the Convention is to be held and shall provide such additional information and plans as may be requested by the State Officers. The State Officers shall determine which cities are qualified and shall follow the selection process for determining the Convention site five years hence.
- (C) If a conflict should occur on the date or site selected for the Convention, the State Officers, by majority vote, may change the convening of the Convention as to date or site to any other date or site between April 1 and June 1 of the year in question.

SECTION 2. PRESIDING OFFICER:

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

SECTION 3. CREDENTIALS:

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

SECTION 4. TEMPORARY ROLL CALL:

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

SECTION 5. DELEGATE SEATING CONTESTS:

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

SECTION 6. MEETINGS CONDUCTED:

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

SECTION 7. RESOLUTIONS:

- (A) All resolutions or petitions must be submitted in writing by either an officer of the State Council or by a Subordinate Council. The resolution or petition of a Subordinate Council shall be signed by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary with the seal of such council affixed thereto.
- (B) All resolutions and petitions, other than amendments to the By-laws, shall be submitted to the State Advocate at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention. The State Advocate shall return any resolution or petition, the adoption of which would be contrary to the Constitution or to the By-laws. Copies of all other resolutions and petitions shall be sent by the State Advocate to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the Subordinate Councils and all State Officers. The Executive Secretary shall distribute the resolutions not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention. However, any duly submitted resolution or petition received in due time by the State Advocate, as provided herein, dealing with assessments, expenditures, or disposition of money or the assets of the State Council shall be submitted by the State Advocate to the State Officers for its consideration. Each resolution and petition dealing with the expenditures of the State Council's funds shall designate the source from which any such funds shall be obtained and the manner in which the funds shall be raised, if necessary. A copy of each such document shall be sent to the Executive Secretary for distribution with the other resolutions or petitions. Prior to distribution, the Executive Secretary shall certify that each resolution or petition submitted to the State Officers has been duly submitted by the State Advocate to the State Officers as referenced in this paragraph.
- (C) Unless a resolution or petition has been timely filed with the State Advocate, no resolution or petition shall be considered by the State Council except under the following conditions:
 - (1) the out of time resolution or petition must be:
 - (a) presented in writing for deliberation and recommendation at the meeting of the Resolutions Committee held in conjunction with the Convention; and
 - (b) once all timely Resolutions have been voted on, the State Advocate will announce the existence of the out of time resolution(s) or petition(s) to the Resolution Committee, and
 - (c) the presenter of the out of time Resolution will be allowed ten (10) minutes to present why the out of time resolution should be considered;
 - (d) the Resolution Committee will vote on whether to allow the Resolution to go forward for a vote on the merits – a 2/3rd vote of the Resolution Committee members is required to proceed to the merits of the Resolution;
 - (i) if the out of time Resolution does not receive a 2/3rd vote, no further action is required, the motion is defeated;
 - (ii) if the out of time Resolution receives a 2/3rd vote, the presenter will have fifteen (15) minutes to present the merits of the out of time Resolution;
 - (iii) the Resolution committee members will vote on allowing the out of time Resolution to be allowed to be presented from the floor – a 2/3rd vote is required to pass;
 - (iv) if the out of time Resolution does not get 2/3rd vote of the Resolution Committee the Resolution fails;
 - (v) if the Resolution Committee approves the out of time Resolution by a 2/3rd vote, the out of time Resolution will be allowed to be presented to the State Delegates by a motion from the floor, after the votes on the on-time Resolution.
 - (vi) the out of time Resolution will require a 2/3rd vote by the State Delegates to be heard;

- (vii) if the out of time Resolution receives a least 2/3rd votes of the State Convention Delegates, the out of time Resolution will be considered to be approved for consideration by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at the Convention;
- (2) all Resolutions approved for consideration by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at the Convention.
- (D) Resolutions of appreciation and memorial resolutions shall not be required to meet the provisions of Section 7 (B) and (C).

SECTION 8. ORDER OF BUSINESS:
The Order of Business of the Convention shall be:

- (1) Call to Order.
- (2) Prayer and Pledge of allegiance.
- (3) Reading of Minutes of Last Convention.
- (4) Reading of Communications and recognition of special guests.
- (5) Report of State Deputy.
- (6) Report of State Secretary.
- (7) Report of State Treasurer.
- (8) Report of State Advocate.
- (9) Report of State Chaplain (optional at Chaplain's discretion).
- (10) Report of Immediate Past State Deputy.
- (11) Report of Credentials Committee.
- (12) Reports of Resolutions Committee.
- (13) Reports to the Convention.
- (14) Unfinished Business.
- (15) New Business.
- (16) Election of State Officers, and election of Delegates and Alternates to Supreme Convention (Mandatory on Second Day).
- (17) Prayer Closing Convention.
- (18) Adjournment.

The Order of Business may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

SECTION 9. CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

- (A) The State Deputy shall establish and appoint the members to the Convention Committees which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. The Credentials Committee which shall consist of up to five (5) members, including the State Secretary who shall be the Chair.
 - 2. The Resolutions Committee which shall consist of not less than five (5) and not more than nine (9) members, including the State Advocate, who shall be the Chair, a member of the Legal Affairs Committee, a Past State Deputy, a District Deputy, and Grand Knights.
 - 3. The Good of the Order Committee, which shall consist of not less than seven (7) and not more than eleven (11) members, shall make a written report to the Convention. The State Treasurer or his designee shall be the Chair.
 - 4. The Standing Audit Committee shall be the Convention Audit Committee and shall make a written report to the Convention of the finances of the State Council and its Affiliated

Organization as of April 1. It shall also review and report on the finances of State Council and its Affiliated Organizations to the date of the Convention.

5. The Standing Budget Committee, which shall consist of the State Officers, shall make a written report to the Convention.
- (B) The membership of all Convention Committees, except the Standing Committees, shall consist of voting members of the State Council. All Convention Committees, except the Resolutions, the Good of the Order and the Credentials Committee, may be Standing Committees.

SECTION 10. CONVENTION REPORTS:

The Convention may by vote accept any Convention report, including Officer and Committee reports. However, any recommendations contained therein shall only be approved by a motion separate and apart from any acceptance of the report itself. Said motion shall specifically identify each recommendation presented to the Convention for approval.

SECTION 11. LEAVING MEETING:

Members of the State Council shall not leave the business meeting portion of the Convention without permission of the presiding officer. Violators of this section shall be subject to forfeiture of all mileage and per diem. The State Deputy or the presiding officer may require a roll call at any time to determine that all delegates are present.

SECTION 12. MEETINGS AND ROBERT'S RULES:

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Convention and all other meetings of the State Council and its Committees insofar as they are applicable and not inconsistent with the Constitution and these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII- ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. FORM OF BALLOT:

All State Officers, except the Chaplain, the Associate Chaplain, and any ex-officio State Officer, shall be elected by the Convention. All delegates to the Supreme Convention, except the State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy, shall be elected by the Convention. Nominating speeches for each State Officer shall be limited to one five minute speech and one two minute seconding speech. Nominating speeches for delegates to the Supreme Convention shall be limited to one two minute speech and a one minute seconding speech. By a majority vote, the Convention may further limit the nominating and seconding speeches.

SECTION 2. TELLERS:

Sufficient tellers shall be appointed by the presiding officer to work under the supervision of the State Warden or his designee.

SECTION 3. INDIVIDUAL BALLOTS:

The elections shall be by written ballot. If, however, when the nominations are closed, only one candidate is nominated for an office or when the number of candidates nominated equals the number of delegates to be elected, the Convention may, by voice, vote to elect the candidate or candidates by acclamation.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. PROCEDURE:

- (A) The By-laws may be amended at a Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting, provided such amendment first has been submitted in writing to the State Advocate, in accordance with Article VI, Section 7, at least ninety (90) days prior to the convening of the Convention. However, the Convention may consider an amendment to the By-Laws which had not been submitted to the State Advocate in accordance with this section if two-thirds of the delegates present and voting vote to consider the amendment. The Convention may adopt said amendment upon an affirmative vote by four-fifths of the delegates present and voting.
- (B) Each proposed amendment to the By-laws properly submitted to the State Advocate shall be processed by the State Advocate and distributed by the Executive Secretary in the same manner that petitions and resolutions are distributed.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

These By-Laws and each amendment thereto shall take effect only upon approval by the Supreme Board of Directors. All other By-Laws, rules and regulations heretofore adopted are hereby repealed.

This version contains amendments as approved by the Supreme Board of Directors per John Marrella, the Supreme Advocate's notification dated August 24, 2015.

This version contains amendments as approved by the Supreme Board of Directors per John Marrella, the Supreme Advocate's notification dated August 28, 2019.

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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 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus to serve as a director.

SECTION 3. CHANGE IN NUMBER:

The number of directors may be increased or decreased, within said limits, from time to time, but no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in number of directors shall be filled by election at a meeting of the Directors.

SECTION 4. PLACE OF MEETINGS:

Meetings of the Board of Directors, regular or special, may be held within the State of Texas, at such place or places as shall be designated (from time to time) by the President.

SECTION 5. REGULAR MEETINGS:

The Board of Directors shall meet at least two (2) times a year at such times and places as may be designated by the President. Other regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as shall, from time to time, be determined by the President.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on ten (10) day's notice to each director, either personally, by mail, by email, by facsimile, or by telephone. Special meetings shall be called by any other officer in like manner, and on like notice on the written request of two (2) directors, or the written request of one (1) director, if he should be the only director. Except as otherwise expressly provided by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any special meeting need be specified in a notice or waiver of notice.

SECTION 7. QUORUM AND MAJORITY VOTE:

At meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the number of directors fixed by these Bylaws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a majority of the quorum of the directors present at a meeting shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws. If a quorum is not present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the directors present may adjourn the meeting, from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum is present. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

SECTION 8. REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR:

Any director, who is not an officer of the Texas State Council, may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the all the other directors, whether present at the meeting or not. Good Cause shall mean the failure to attend two consecutive meetings or failure to fulfill the director's duties, or for other intentional or reckless misconduct. The meeting to remove the director must be announced in accordance with the bylaws, may not be waived and must set forth that removal of the director is on the agenda.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NUMBER, QUALIFICATION, ELECTION AND TERM:

The corporation shall have a President, Vice President-Secretary, Vice President-Spiritual, Vice President-Legal, Vice President-Arrangements, Treasurer, Immediate Past State Deputy and such other officers, assistant officers, and agents as the Board of Directors may think necessary. The term of office for each officer, who is also an officer of the Texas State Council, shall be concurrent with his term of office as a state officer in the Texas 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 accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Corporation, and shall deposit all funds and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in depositories designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer may delegate all or a part of said duties to the Executive Secretary of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus except for the custody and control of the Corporation funds and securities.
- (C) If required by the Board of Directors, he shall give the Corporation a bond (in such form, in such sum, and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board) for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, monies, and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the Corporation.
- (D) He shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe, or as the President may from time to time delegate.
- (E) Each year prior to the annual members' meeting, the Treasurer shall submit to the Board of Directors for approval a budget for the next year. No money shall be spent on any unbudgeted item or purpose unless prior approval of a majority of the directors has been obtained.

SECTION 8. IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY:

The Immediate Past State Deputy shall be the Immediate Past State Deputy of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

ARTICLE VI – GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. BOOKS AND RECORDS:

The Corporation shall keep complete books and records of accounts and minutes of the proceedings of its Annual Membership and Board of Directors meetings at its registered office or principal place of business.

SECTION 2. SEAL:

The Corporation elects to have no seal.

SECTION 3. NOTICES:

- (A) Whenever by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or otherwise, notice is required to be given to a director or member, and no provision is made as to how the notice shall be given, it shall not be construed to require only personal notice, but any such notice must also be given either: (1) in writing by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to

the director or member at the address appearing on the books of the Corporation; or (2) by any other method permitted by law or specified in Article IV, Section 6 (Special Meetings). Any notice required or permitted to be given by mail shall be deemed given at the time when the same is deposited in the United States mail.

- (B) Whenever, by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to members or directors, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated in such notice, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transactions of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

SECTION 4. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING – TELEPHONE AND SIMILAR MEETINGS:

- (A) Any action required by statute to be taken at a meeting of the members or the directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members or the directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors, as the case may be, entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the directors, as the case may be. The signed consent or a signed copy shall be placed in the minutes book.
- (B) Members and directors may participate in and hold a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment so that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

SECTION 5. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

The Corporation shall, in accordance with Article 1396-2.22A of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act defend, hold harmless and indemnify the officers and directors of the Corporation from any claim to the maximum extent provided for under the law as now exist or may hereinafter be amended. The Corporation shall purchase and maintain Officer and Director liability insurance for the benefit of its officers and directors.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS:

- (A) These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present at such meeting, provided notice of the proposed alteration, amendment, or appeal is contained in the notice of the meeting.
- (B) These Bylaws may also be altered, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the members at which a quorum is present, provided notice of the proposed alteration, amendment, or repeal is contained in the notice of the meeting.

SECTION 7. CONSTRUCTION:

- (A) Whenever the context so requires, the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall include the plural, and conversely.
- (B) If any portion of these Bylaws shall be invalid or inoperative, then, so far as is reasonable an possible, the remainder of these Bylaws shall be considered valid and operative, and effect shall be given to the intent manifested by the portion held invalid or inoperative.
- (C) The headings are for organization, convenience, and clarity. In the interpreting these Bylaws, they shall be subordinated in importance to the other written material.

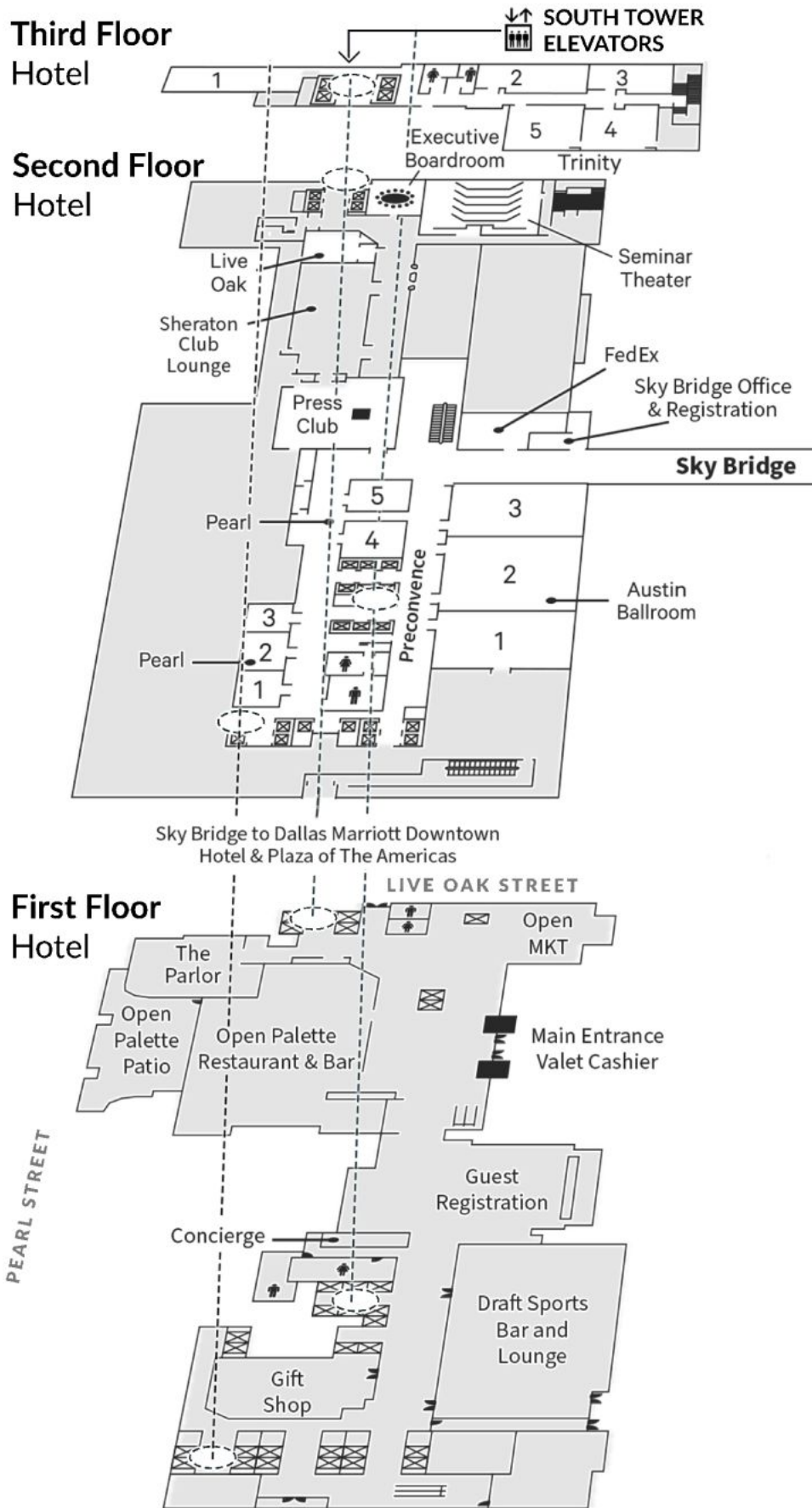
SECTION 8. RELATION TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

These Bylaws are subject to, and governed by, the Articles of Incorporation.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

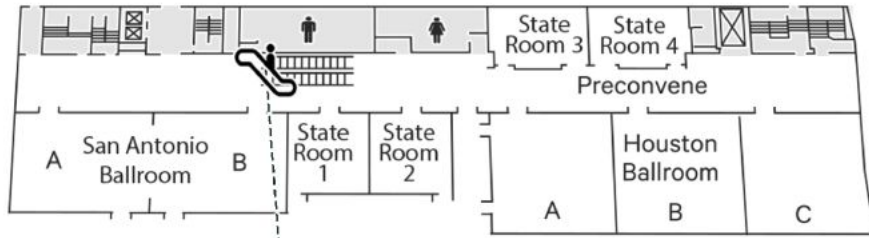
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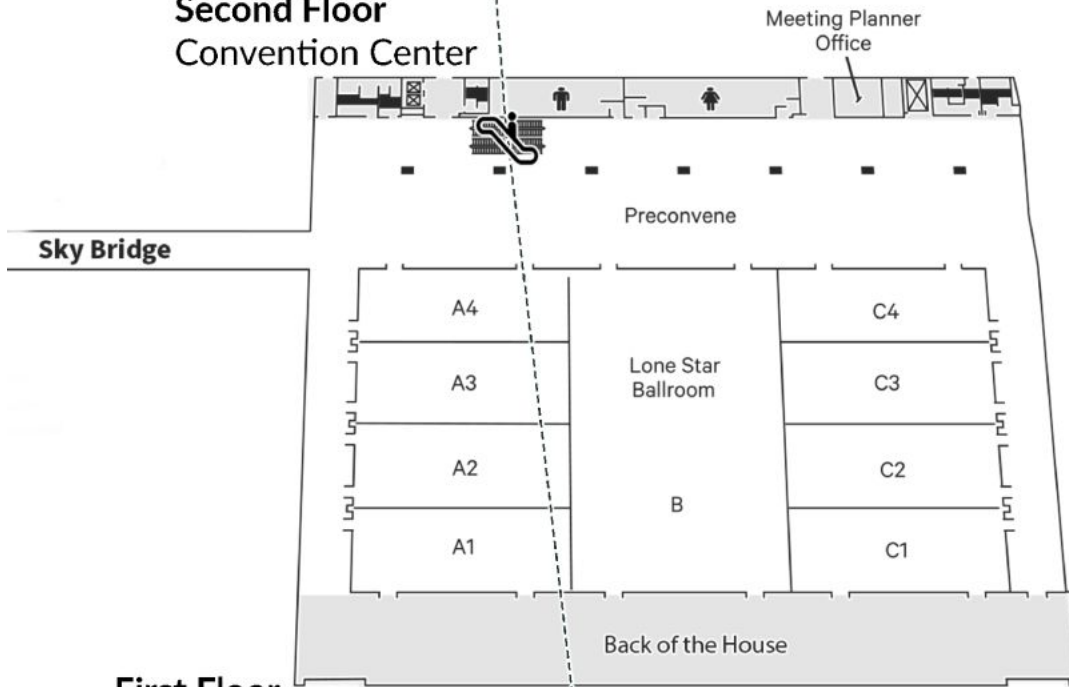


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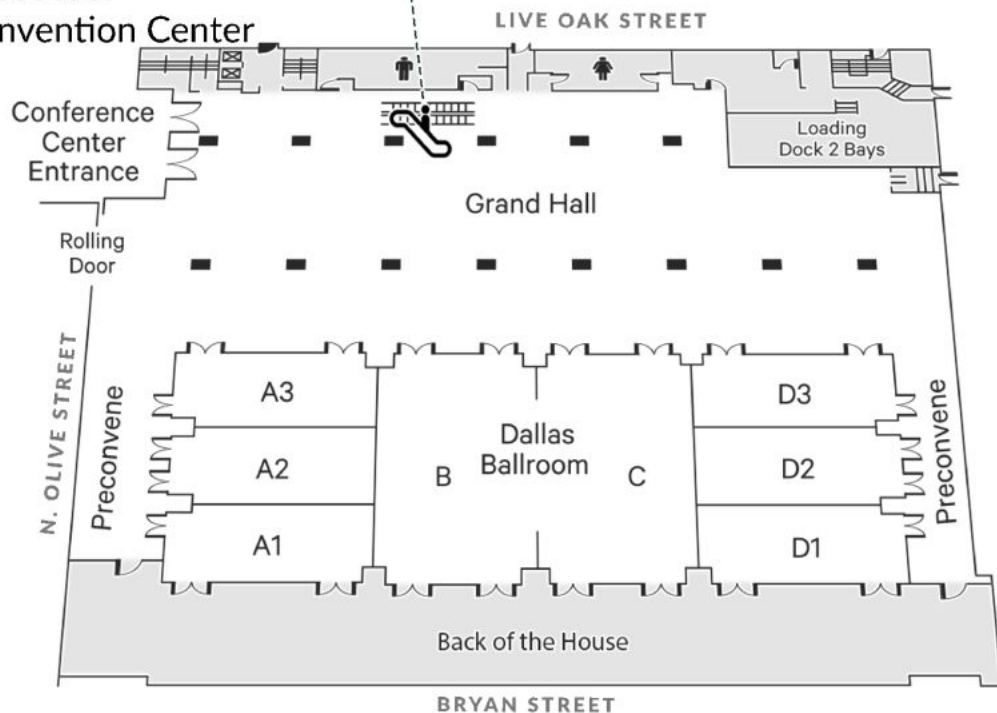
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Delegate Seating by District

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