

TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**State Star Guide
2024 - 2025**



My Brother Knights

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and the council members for their dedication to our Order and achieving four consecutive years of Circle of Honor and three out of four with Pinnacle Status. Without your efforts none of our success would have been possible. Congratulations! Let's build on that momentum and keep that consecutive streak going. It all begins now; **we need to Start Strong!**

Texas also hit another milestone with all fifteen-diocese achieving 100% in their Charity Goal. As we await the final numbers from the Supreme Council, it looks like it will be another good year with those councils achieving the Star Council Award. The previous record was set at 208 Star Councils and our hopes are to exceed that mark.

The success Texas had last year took a team effort, **"It Takes a Team"** means that it takes more than one person to accomplish a goal, and a team is required for success. July 1st brings with it a New Beginning, Restart, a chance to Refocus on this fraternal year. Each one of you is going to play an important role in our success.

This will be our Charity Pin and Slogan for the coming fraternal year is from Matthew 4:19-20 "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Here are our Jurisdictional Goals for 2024 – 2025. Initial Circle of Honor Intake Goal: **5,300 New Members**. Pinnacle Intake Goal (120% of Ultimate COH Intake Goal). Star Council Goal: **163**. Faith Formation Goal: Conduct at least **Three Holy Hours**. State Charity Goal: \$1,020,000.00.

Now this is how we are going to accomplish our goals:

- Exemplifications/CUF's 1 per District per month.
- All Districts need to be Recruitment Active by September 30th.
- All Councils Active need to be recruitment active by December 31st.
- Star Council: Set the bar even higher with 250 Star Councils
- NCD 15 New Councils & 13 Reactivations.
- All 15 Diocese achieving 100% of their Charity Goal.

As I mentioned earlier, our success cannot rely on one person, **"It Takes a Team"** for us to be successful.

We can make a difference in man's life and his family. But it all begins by asking him to join the Order. Set the example of a leader that he will follow. So, everything you say and do should be for the good of the Order and for the greater glory of God.















Vivat Jesus!

Ron Alonzo

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FORMS DEADLINE CHECKLIST

Form	Report	Due By	Date Sent	
	185	Report of Officers	July 1	_____
	★ 365	Report of Program Personnel	July1	_____
	1295	Semiannual Audit	August 15,	_____
	2629	Report of Roundtables	September 30,	_____
	★	SUPREME PER CAPITA DUE	October 10	_____
	★	SUPREME CATHOLIC ADVERTISING	October 10	_____
		State Per Capita Due (LSAFE w/distinction)	December 31	_____
		State Charities Due (LSAFE w/distinction)	December 31	_____
	★ 1728	Fraternal Survey	January 31	_____
	10784	Special Olympics - Life Activity	January 31	_____
	1295	Semiannual Audit	February 15	_____
		State Per Capita Due (LSAFE)	March 1	_____
		Educational Grant App. Due	March 1	_____
	STSP	State Council Service Program Award Entry Form Family of the Year Entry Forms Educational Grant Communication Award Entry	March 1 March 1 March 1 March 1	_____ _____ _____ _____
	★	SUPREME PER CAPITA DUE	April 10.	_____
	★	SUPREME CATHOLIC ADVERTISING	April 10	_____
	★	Safe Environment Compliant	May 1	_____
	★ SP-7	Columbian Application	June 30	_____
		State Charities Due (LSAFE)	June 30	_____
	2630	Roundtable Annual Report	June 30	_____
	990	IRS FORM 990 (LSAFE) Due Based on Calendar Year	June 30,	_____
	10784	Fraternal Programs Report	June 30	_____

★ STAR COUNCIL REQUIREMENT

 LONE STAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE REQUIREMENT

Membership

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 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 increase goal for Texas for this fraternal year is 5300 members. The monthly goals broken down to the diocesan level are as follows.

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

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 have no suspended councils)

How can the State Council help councils build membership?

The Membership Committee is structured to aid individual councils and be of service in helping them grow. To that end, the committee is organized to aid councils in these specific areas:

1. Help them make their councils and programs more visible in their parishes.
2. Help councils nurture relationships with parish priests.
3. Help them create a membership building culture.
4. Help them convert Online to Council members.
5. Help them put on Exemplifications.
6. Help them mentor and include new members.
7. Provide support to help start new councils.
8. Provide support to aid in reactivating suspended and inactive councils.
9. Create competition to breed performance.

In Order to focus the committee on those areas where we can help, our structure will be as follows.

24/7 Membership Recruitment, John Leal, Coordinator

We encourage and facilitate all councils to have active membership recruitment activities called 24/7 Recruitment.

Councils need to focus first and foremost on Christ and weaving our faith throughout everything we do. By doing this, we infuse our councils with the Holy Spirit and make them attractive to prospects and more rewarding to members. We then focus on making recruiting part of every activity. We hand out flyers during and have Exemplifications right after our Easter Egg hunt. We recruit at breakfasts and Fish Frys. We recruit 24/7.

It is in the performance of activities in the parish that men are attracted to the Knights. Strong, healthy, vibrant councils have no problems recruiting. Men naturally are drawn to want to belong to a group of Catholic men like that. We continually invite them to do so.

All councils must have an appointed Membership Director. This director coordinates frequent membership drives to provide the opportunity to harvest the crop the council has sown. This provides candidates for the Exemplifications held each month in each district.

All Councils Active, Larry Pfeifer, Coordinator

Special attention needs to be given to councils that have not recruited for an extensive period of time. These councils need more basic help. Collaborating with Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies, this coordinator identifies issues within councils and at parishes that prevent recruiting. He then helps the council implement ideas to aid getting past these issues.

Online Membership, Clint Mendonca, Coordinator

The coordinator promotes the online membership program available at kofc.org/join. He ensures that all online members are assigned to the correct councils. He also assures that councils know who is on their online roster and that the council is actively recruiting them. He encourages conversion of e-members to council membership. In addition, he coordinates statewide initiatives to engage online membership in Knight's activities.

New Council Development/Reactivation, Beto Martinez & Manuel Gonzales (Spanish), Coordinators

These coordinators maintain a database of leads for new councils and reactivations throughout the state. Working closely with Diocesan and District Deputies, the coordinators make sure that the required steps for starting and reactivating new councils are followed. The coordinators serve as the primary points of contact with Supreme in getting these councils started.

Exemplification, JD Gutierrez, Coordinator

The coordinator encourages every district to host one Exemplification per month. He also maintains a database of these Exemplifications and follows up with District Deputies who have yet to schedule one. He disseminates the Exemplifications database to State Council staff and Diocesan Deputies to facilitate attendance at these events. When necessary, the online video at kofc.org can be used for an Exemplification.

NexGen Membership, Josh Jones, Coordinator

For the health of the Order, we need to recruit younger members. We often tell councils to get the new and young members involved but leave our council leadership on their own to figure out how to do that. This coordinator provides ideas and relevant information to help council leadership and District Deputies, who may be a little bit older, know what to do to engage these men.

Membership/Council Retention/AMI, Michael Barnett, Chairman

It is important to communicate with councils when their statuses are pending. Since Supreme billing statements are only sent out via Officers Online, many GKs/FSs miss them. We need to give warning of when a suspension is pending. Information also needs to be provided to councils utilizing the Affiliate Membership Initiative program to assure compliance.

Pastor Relations, Arlie Markusen, Coordinator

Too often, we hear from councils “Father doesn’t want or like the Knights”. In this situation, special attention is needed. There is either a poor understanding on the part of the pastor of what the Knights can do for him OR something wrong with that council such that Father has issues with them OR both. These things can, and have, been fixed. This coordinator is a resource to help District and Diocesan Deputies identify these problems and develop strategies to address them.

College Council Coordinator

This coordinator helps ensure effective college council and college programs across the State. He also works to ensure continuity within councils to sustain summer breaks. Also, he helps start new college councils and reactivate those that have gone dormant. The coordinator also helps arrange the annual College Council Conference in the spring.

Communication

The committee will share these ideas and aids via a variety of methods, including newsletter and website articles. Monthly webinars are also planned to give the council the ability to interact and ask questions about the topic being presented.

Incentives

Over the course of the fraternal year, there will be many membership incentives, including a number of weekend trip getaways to a destination to be announced.

These incentives will be announced and advertised over the course of the year to support specific growth goals at specific times of year.

Star Council

STAR COUNCIL TEAM MEMBERS

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STAR COUNCIL AWARD

The Star Council Award is the highest Supreme Award earned by councils for outstanding achievement in the areas of membership, insurance, safe environment, and service program activities. The Star Council Award is a unit of measure for successful councils. It is a positive health check point that the council has growth in membership, focus on insurance programs, compliant with Safe Environment, and a commitment to a variety of programs in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life.

All Councils begin every fraternal year as Star Council. With proper planning and leadership, every council can maintain that status all year long.

To earn the Star Council Award:

1. Earn the **Father McGivney Award** for membership growth by June 30. The council quota can be found on the Membership tab in Officers Online. There is no application to complete for the Father McGivney Award, as the Supreme Council automatically determines eligibility. Goals are set at 6% growth with a minimum of 5 and maximum of 15.
2. Earn the **Founder's Award** for insurance growth by June 30. Each Council will participate in at least two Fraternal Benefits Events (FBE's) for current and prospective members and their spouses during the fraternal year. For Councils with 99 or fewer members (based on your July 1 Roster) you are required to have a total for the year of 10 members or member eligible men at your events. For Councils with 100 or more members (based on your July 1 Roster) you are required to have a total for the year of 14 members or member eligible men at your events. Grand Knight to submit on-line form #11077 within seven days of the event to receive credit. Form is available at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7322809/Fraternal-Benefits-Event-Council-Report-v2>.
3. Earn the **Columbian Award** for Faith in Action Programs (Form SP-7) by June 30. Conduct at least four programs in each of the four Faith in Action categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Columbian Award application can be submitted at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=SP7C.02>.

Membership number and email address are required to complete the form.

Note: June 30 is a hard deadline. You can submit the SP-7 as early as the 1st of March, Supreme will not accept this form after June 30. Submit the form early to verify the SP-7 will be accepted or if corrections need to be made.

4. Complete and send the **(2) required forms** to Supreme ***and*** the Texas State Office.
 - Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) due by July 1. Form can be completed at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/forms/365.html>
 - Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) due by January 31. Form can be completed here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=1728C.02>
 - Forward the confirmation PDF copy to the Texas State Office.
 - Both forms in "PDF" format can be found at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/council-forms.html>. However, on-line submission is preferred.
5. **Safe Environment.** Councils must be compliant with required training and background checks. All men in the following positions must complete the Safe Environment training modules within 30 days of receiving email from Supreme. Men in the Family or Community Director's position must also provide authorization for a background check. The positions required for training are:
 - Grand Knight
 - Program Director
 - Family Director (background check required)
 - Community Director (background check required)
 - Columbian Squires Counselors (if applicable) (background check required)

Some positions also have access to the Praesidium Academy administration dashboard to view council compliance status. Once completed, training is good for three (3) years.

The Service Program Personal (Form 365) will be recorded as received when the following required roles have been appointed - Program Director, Community Director, Family Director, Membership Director, and Retention Chairman. The Grand Knight can hold one of the Director's positions; however, (2) two other unique men must hold the other Director roles.

Accurate emails must be reported on Form 365. Praesidium will use these email addresses to send notifications to those men to complete Safe Environment training and to provide authorization for a background check. There should be no general email specific to council name, position, etc., - it must be a unique email address to the individual. The email the member will receive from Supreme will include their username and password to access the training website.

Safe Environment training can also be completed by those without Internet access. The Office of Youth Protection (OYP) can mail the training materials to a Knight. He then can read the training, complete the paperwork, and mail back in. Contact the OYP (info below) for more details.

The Star Tracker will provide training status as required to achieve 100% compliance. Grand Knights and District Deputies are expected to monitor these reports for Safe Environment Compliance for their councils. Grand Knights and District Deputies can also monitor progress in Officers Online. They should work to ensure that each council is 100% compliant as soon as reasonably possible.

Timeline is as follows:

- Once the completed Form 365 is received by Supreme an email will be sent to the men who need to complete training. Individuals will have 30 days to complete the training and provide background information. Those without Internet access need to contact the OYP.
 - An email reminder will be sent after 2 weeks if not completed.
 - If not completed within 30 days, the director's positions are automatically vacated by Supreme and another individual needs to be assigned.
 - Completing the online safe environment training modules shows commitment to protecting children and vulnerable members.
 - DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE UNIQUE AND SEPERATE FROM THE KNIGHTS. BOTH MUST BE COMPLETED. PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING LINK: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/safe-environment-program/safe-environment-trifold.pdf>
- Safe Environment Requirements can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program/index.html>. All inquiries about the program should be directed to the Office of Youth Protection via email to youthleader@kofc.org or by phone to 203-800-4940.**
6. Council must be current with **Supreme Assessments** twice during the year; prior to October 10 based on July 1 Roster and April 10 based on December 31 Roster.

The Texas State Council provides a District Deputy Checklist (see form at end of this section) to help achieve Star Council, Form TX21B – 24. This form is also available for download on the Texas State Website – <https://www.tkofc.org/downloads/texas-state-council-forms>

STAR DISTRICT AWARD

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

- Meet 70% of the District Membership goal.
- 50% of the Councils achieve the Founder's Award.
- Submit District Deputy Report Form 944 for each of his councils prior to September 15

- Have at least one council in the district earn Star Council

LONE STAR AWARDS

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

The requirements for the Lone Star Award for Excellence are:

1. Meet the Star Council Award criterion.
2. Submit Report of Officers - Form 185 by July 1.
3. Pay State Per Capita by March 1.
4. Meet State Charity Goal by June 30.
5. Seat at least one delegate at the State Convention in Corpus Christi, April 25-27, 2025.
6. Submit Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit by August 15 & February 15.

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

1. Meet the Star Council Award criteria.
2. Submit Report of Officers Form 185 by July 1.
3. Pay State Per Capita by December 31.
4. Meet State Charity Goal by December 31.
5. Safe Compliant by December 31.
6. Participate in (1) FBE by December 31.
7. Seat one delegate at the State Convention in Christi, April 25-27, 2025 for Councils with 99 or fewer members or Seat two delegates at the State Convention in Corpus Christi, April 25-27, 2025 for Councils with 100 members or more.
8. Submit Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit by August 15 & February 15.
9. Submit Form 10784 for Special Olympics by January 31.
 - a. <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C.02>
 - b. (Need Membership Number & Email Address)
10. 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.

STAR TRACKER REPORT

A Star Tracker Report will be maintained and updated as data is available from multiple sources (Supreme and State). This report will track each council's progress towards Star Council and the Lone Star Awards. Reports will be by Diocese and will be in Excel and PDF form. Star Tracker will be released on the 1st & 15th of the month (or next business day for Supreme if on weekend or a holiday).

Reports will be sent to Diocesan and District Deputies via our Constant Contact email platform.

Goals For 2024-2025

Each Archdiocese/Diocese has been given a goal of 25% (minimum) of all councils within their diocese to become Star Council. Each Diocesan Deputy that meets/exceeds this goal will be recognized. Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies are asked to strive for one Star Council per district.

Goals per Archdiocese/Diocese:

DIocese/ARCHDIOCESE	No. of Active COUNCILS	GOAL
Amarillo	24	7
Austin	95	24
Beaumont	29	8
Brownsville	52	13
Corpus Christi	52	13
Dallas	61	15
El Paso	39	10
Fort Worth	69	17
Gal-Houston	134	33
Laredo	27	7
Lubbock	26	7
San Angelo	36	10
San Antonio	105	26
Tyler	30	9
Victoria	32	9
TOTAL	811	208 (min.)

SUBMISSION OF FORMS

Report of Officers - Form 185, Report of Service Program Personnel - Form 365, Survey of Fraternal Activity – Form 1728, and Columbian Award – Form SP-7 should be submitted via Officers Online in the secure sign-in area. The on-line submission process is simple, and automatically certifies that the form has been received by the Supreme Council.

One can also use the PDF form instead if needed (<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/council-forms.html>). If submitted in this fashion, please e-mail to addresses as follows:

Form 185 addresschange@kofc.org
 Forms 365, 1728 & SP-7 fraternalmission@kofc.org

Since the District Deputy and the Texas State Office are not automatically notified of form submittals, councils need to save each form as a PDF file and forward them as follows:

State Council Office forms@tkofc.org
 District Deputy (use appropriate address)
 Diocesan Deputy (use appropriate address)

The council should retain a copy of all council forms. This is our biggest challenge: getting the documentation and paperwork done right and on time. Star Council and Safe Environment compliance hinges on **timely and accurate** completion of forms.

AWARDS

District Deputy Incentive

District Deputies who get all their Council's Form 185 & Form 365 turned in at the Organizational Meeting will be entered for a \$250 gift card drawing to be given away on Sunday morning at the Organizational Meeting.

1st Star Council in Texas

Every Council that pre-qualifies for Star Council as of the April 15, 2025, Star Tracker Report, the Grand Knight will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. The Drawing will be held during the State Convention weekend.

Texas Circle of Honor Award for Diocesan Deputy

Requirements: Meet Star Council Goals for the diocese (25% of councils in the diocese).

Award: Engraved Barrel Head with Knights of Columbus emblem, Name, Diocese, & Year.



Texas State Council - Form TX21B
Knights of Columbus
Star Council Requirement - District Deputy Checklist

Council # _____

Father McGivney Award

Membership	July 1 Roster Membership No.	Goal	YTD

Founders Award

Fraternal Benefit Events	Goal	Events YTD	No. of Members at 1st	No. of Members at 2nd	Total of Members YTD
	2				

10 participants total for councils with 99 or fewer members
 14 participants total for councils with 100 or more members

Programs:

	Faith	Family	Community	Life
1 Columbian Award				
2 Form SP-7				
3 Due June 30				
4				

Fraternal Program Report - Form 10784 to be done for all Programs
 Fill in or mark off program as Council completes activity

Reports

	Done	
Form 365- Report of Service Personnel	Due by July 1	_____
Form 1728 - Survey of Fraternal Activity	Due by January 31	_____
Place date District Deputy receives form		

Safe Environment Compliant

	Grand Knight	Program Director	Family Director	Community Director
Date of Compliance				

Supreme Per Capita	1st half Amount owed: _____ (based on July 1 Roster)	Date Paid: _____
Supreme Per Capita	2nd half Amount owed: _____ (based on December 31 Roster)	Date Paid: _____
State Per Capita	Amount owed: _____ (based on July 1 Roster)	Date Paid: _____

Notes:

Programs

Programs Director, Richard S. Guzman

The Knights of Columbus, initiated in 1882 by Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, has remained successful and sustainable due to our Brother Knight's Fraternal Council Programs. This year's programs focus is enhancing the blessed acts of service that bring sustainability to our Order.

Supreme has several outlined and suggested programs for the Councils to follow, but the available programs are only limited by the depth of the Council members' innovative, Faith based, Fraternal driven imagination. Supreme has Faith in Action, which is the driving force of our Council Programs. This Fraternal year, Supreme is focused on The National Eucharistic Revival, which is promoting Eucharist processions. Please meet with your Pastor to align and promote a Eucharist procession with the congregation of your Council's Parish.

Programs as a major component of attaining Star Council are now consolidated into only two main forms that are required for submission, Form SP-7, The Columbian Award and Form 10784 Fraternal Activity Report. Please be advised of the following minimum requirements when identifying and submitting your program activities to attain the Columbian Award. Submitting 4 activities per outlined programs, Faith, Family, Community and Life for a total of 16 activities/credits.

Please strive to keep the members of your Councils active by participating in the Programs set forth. This will ensure that your Council will continue its success and growth through membership and Fraternal actions. Catholic men enjoy, correction, They LOVE working together to support the needs of the Council, Parish, and Catholic Communities. Allowing the Programs gear to function, in union with all the other Directorships, as the sustainer of our Blessed Order we allow Christ to be Our Light to guide our Councils to attain Star Council.

Faith in Action

Faith in Action encompasses Faith, Family, Community and Life. The goal therefore is for the active councils to conduct programs that will draw men closer to their faith, families, and communities. In addition, we are also called upon to defend life in all stages and in all conditions. One of the Focus Programs for this fraternal year is The Eucharist Procession program as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Though there are many activities under each category. We will concentrate on the following:

Faith:

- RSVP
- Into the Breach
- Spiritual Reflection
- Holy Hour

Community:

- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Helping Hands
- Coats for Kids

Family:

- Food for Families
- Family of the Month/Year
- Family Fully Alive
- Family Prayer Night

Life:

- March for Life
- Special Olympics
- Ultrasound Program
- Pregnancy Center Support

Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP), Dan Stoffel, Chairman

The RSVP program falls under the Faith section of Faith in Action. The RSVP program qualifies your Council for two credits as a featured program when you have met the minimum requirements. To have a successful vocations program, RSVP is just one component. The Vocations Handbook states the objective of our vocations program is Awareness, Climate and Motivation for vocations. RSVP is just a measurable item to judge Council participation. All seminarians and religious originating from your Diocese should receive support. This includes monetary support, prayer, invitations to events and greeting cards.

Your Council Faith Director should work with your Diocesan Vocations Chairman regarding the equitable implementation of the RSVP program. This is important as the rebate to the Council or Assembly for any seminarian or religious, stops when they have received \$2,000 from any source claiming the \$100 per \$500 RSVP provided. If you do not have your copy of the Vocations Handbook 1942, please order one. You can download a PDF version from the kofc.org resources. Submit your request for the \$100 rebate for each \$500 support on form 2863 from KofC.org resources.

Special License Plates to Support Retired Priests, Dan Stoffel, Chairman

This fund was newly established in 2020 and the fund is named in honor of the late Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan who served the Archdiocese of San Antonio as Auxiliary Bishop from 1998-2005 and the Texas State Council as State Chaplain from 2000-2002. This fund was established to provide for the care and welfare of those who so faithfully served us and affords grants for our retired priests. The primary way to contribute to this fund is by acquiring and displaying a Texas Knights of Columbus license plate on your vehicle. We are working to gain approval for other direct contribution options for this newly established fund. The funds contributed shall be distributed equally to the fifteen dioceses in Texas each fraternal year.

The Texas State Council first issued the KofC license plates in 2004 which means the program has been in effect for almost 20 years. Currently we are granting each diocese almost \$2,000 each year from this program. Therefore, when you multiply that by fifteen dioceses in 20 years, this means the knights have provided over \$500,000 to help our retired priests. Name another organization in the State that matches that record. We as Knights should be immensely proud of this accomplishment.

The sad news is less than 1% of the Knights in the State participate. Although I am not a big techie, I'm not sure how we can make it easier for anyone interested. Attached is a link that will take you to an ON-LINE application form.

KC License Plate Application

Print this form and take it or mail it to your local county DMV office to obtain the KofC plate for \$30 with \$22 coming back to the State Council for Infirm Priests. Another option is to access www.myplates.com and locate the Knights of Columbus plates under the section for State Sponsored Charities and Organizations. Another option to donate is to call or email the State Office to purchase a license plate frame holder for \$30!
[Donate to Knights of Columbus Vehicle License Plates](#)

Pro-Life, Tom Clark, Chairman

Congratulations on 21 years of Celebrating and Supporting the Culture of Life!

2003 Woman's Right to Know act: This bill required the physician providing an abortion to discuss specific medical risks and sources of support with the patient. It also gives the patient the right to review informational materials published by the state on the same topics.

This is a call to all Knights to help create a Culture of Life in the state of Texas and to rid ourselves of the culture of death that is pushed into our lives. This is done through prayer, civic action, organizing and participating in Pro Life events, and through donations of funds to various Pro-Life ministries such as pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes throughout the state. Please feel free to contact me or anyone in my committee for help in any of these areas... we are here to serve you and to continue to make Texas the most Pro-Life state in the country.

The ACE Wings

The ACE in ACE Wings stands for – Pro-Life without Apology, without Compromise, without Exception. To earn the ACE Wings a Knight must do 5 public Pro-Life events – a guide to these events can be found on the ACE Wing form located online at tkofc.org. Please note that only certain events can be repeated, again this is outlined on the form itself. This year's premium event will be the Texas Rally for Life held in January in Austin. This event will count for 3 of the 5 events needed to earn the ACE Wings.

In the past the ACE Wings were often thought of as an award. Please never refer to it as an award – Each set of ACE Wings represents a child that was lost to abortion – and you cannot “win” this...!! Please simply refer to them as “ACE Wings” and please wear them often, not just to KofC meetings.

It takes a real man, a brave Knight, to earn and wear the ACE Wings!

Please treat them with the same respect you would any blessed object – ACE wings are sent to you blessed. A guide for wearing the ACE Wings will be distributed to your Diocesan Pro-Life Chairman soon. He will distribute it to the rest of the Diocese.

The **Silver ACE Wings** (est. 2003) continue to be the foundation in which the Texas Knights show others that the lives of those children who were aborted would have mattered, that they would have enjoyed the same things we all enjoy. A Knight works 5 public Pro Life events and once completed turns in his paperwork to the State Culture of Life Chairman for his consideration. If a Knight earns the ACE Wings, he may elect to purchase a set for his wife and children (Children must be 10 years of age or older since these represent a child lost to abortion and they are blessed objects and must be treated with respect). The cost for the additional set of wings is \$7 each.

Special Forces ACE Wing (SFAW) (est. 2017). The SFAW is black with the gold precious feet in the middle. These are to be presented to Knights in a Council that are often on the front lines defending the preborn... these are the men a Council calls upon.

When a Pro-Life event needs to be staffed, when volunteers are needed for 40 Days for Life, when Marshals are needed to protect Marchers at the Texas Rally for Life, or any of the March for Life events held across the state... to name just a few items.

How do you get the SFAW? The Grand Knight, in cooperation with the Council Pro Life Chairman, can choose up to 10 members of their Council per year to receive the SFAW. The Council will submit a form to the State Culture of Life Chairman for his consideration. The cost of each wing will be \$5 – including shipping. The funds for the SFAW must be paid for in advance. The Knight must have already earned his Silver ACE Wings.

Spouses may also receive the SFAW if the Knight so elects. (\$5 cost)

Children of Knights and Squires are NOT eligible to receive the SFAW, but they are still eligible to receive the Silver ACE Wings if a Knight so elects – the \$7 charge for these remains the same.

The **Gold ACE Wings** (2013) are part of our ACE Wings system to recognize those Knights (Knights only please – however consideration will be given to non-Knights on special cases – Abby Johnson is a Gold ACE

Wing recipient) whose constant and fearless love for the preborn have helped babies to live and Pro-Life ministries to thrive. Gold ACE Wings are presented to Knights that have been recognized for their outstanding Pro-Life efforts year in and year out by the Diocesan Deputy in each of the 15 Diocese's in Texas. Each Diocesan Deputy is allowed to present up to two Knights and their spouses the Gold ACE Wings each year. The Gold ACE Wings can only be earned once. The Gold ACE Wing form is also available at www.tkofc.org.

Pregnancy Resource, Andrew Clark, Chairman

Saving lives by helping women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers. This initiative is funded by Knights of Columbus state and local councils with matching grants from the Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund.

The Knights of Columbus work together as an organization to purchase ultrasound machines for qualifying pregnancy centers. Discounted prices for select machines are offered through preferred pricing agreements arranged by the Supreme Council. The list of preferred machines is provided to sponsoring councils after the pregnancy center is approved for funding by the local diocese and the Supreme Council.

After the state and/or local council raises 50% of the cost, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will provide the other 50% to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound.

Here are the steps for Ultrasound support for your identified Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC):

- Notify Andrew Clark, the State Pregnancy Resource Chairman of your intention to participate in the Ultrasound Program.
- Form 10715 must first be filled out and approved by the Diocesan Right to Life Office (Bishop's Office, not the KofC Diocesan Pro-Life Chairman).
 - Once the form is completed send it to Andrew Clark (digitally)
- Brother Clark will forward it to Supreme, expect a response for approval in about a week. Once approval is received fundraising may begin.
- While fundraising, have the PRC obtain a quote for an ultrasound machine, this can be through Supremes' preferred pricing or on their own.
- Once funds are raised, the Form 10716 needs to be filled out and sent to Andrew Clark along with the quote, the PRC W-9 and the PRC's Statement of Faith (if applicable)
 - Once I make sure all is well, I will get the State Deputy to sign the application and I will send it to Supreme.
- Supreme Board of Directors will vote on the funds and a check will be issued to the Pregnancy Resource Center – usually takes 6 to 12 weeks once the 10716 is sent in.

Veterans Affairs, Angel Luna, Chairman

The Veterans play a significant role within our Order, not only have they played a role in preserving our country's freedom and our way of life, but they also bring many attributes that are reflective of their military training, like service to country and community. The question is, what are we doing for our veterans? Are we actively recruiting more veterans and are we guiding them as they join our councils?

When we invite the veterans to join our councils, we are gaining members with exceptional attributes that they have acquired through their military training, such as leadership, sense of service, teamwork, high moral and ethical values, discipline, and initiative. Veterans followed through on all activities, thus enhanced by their cross-functional skills.

Visiting them in their times of need particularly at the Veteran's Hospital is a valued and honored tradition. Please visit and support our veterans.

Please remember our veterans and honor their sacrifices, especially the ones that made the ultimate sacrifice.

Pilgrim Icon Program, Edvardo Garcia, Chairman

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. More than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979. For Pilgrim Icon Program resources, visit www.kofc.org/pilgrimicon.

Spread devotion to St. Joseph with a Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service.

Silver Rose Program, Edvardo Garcia, Chairma

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Athletics

Let's continue to have FUN, as we gather for our Fraternal Athletic Activities. Please contact the following Chairmen for this Fraternal Year.

- State Golf Tournament - Rickey Meyer, Chairman
- State Free Throw Championship - Jesse Aguilar, Chairman
- State Bowling Tournament - Michael Cook, Chairman
- State Cornhole Tournament - James Halfmann, Chairman



State Council Charities

“Follow Me”

MESSAGE FROM THE CHARITIES DIRECTOR

Joe Jacobo, State Charities Director, (432) 638-5578 or JoeJacoboKofC@yahoo.com

Our State Council theme resounds very well, “Follow Me”. Our Bishops and Priests need the Knights of Columbus now more than ever! The first principle of our Order is Charity, and it is the basis for all we do as Brother Knights. Charity is at the heart of all the work we do and our faith — and it always has been. For the Knights of Columbus, charity means supporting a boundless variety of projects. Together, we make a difference. This is our path, and our faith leads the way.

Brothers, this fraternal year each of you are called to be inspired with the true spirit of charity and discharge our full duty to God, to our neighbors and to ourselves. We grow together in friendship with the Lord through our fraternity, and this friendship is lived and cultivated by our practice of charity. Membership in the Order offers a wide variety of opportunities for men and their families to grow in their faith and serve those in need.

Whether with gifts of money or works of service, the Knights must continue their staunch support within their communities through initiatives and programs, such as American Wheelchair Mission, Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund, Cardinal Medeiros Fund, Disaster Response, Educational Grants, Special Olympics, Thanksgiving Masses, and more. Knights recognize our mission, and our faith in God; it compels us to action and calls us to Christ and his call to “Follow Me”.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING TEAM

Josh Gomez, Chairman, (972)-313-5398 or JoshGomezKofC@gmail.com

The Charity Fundraising Team, led by Josh Gomez, is fundraising with our Brother Knights, our Councils, Districts, and each Diocese. They will be inspiring our members to contribute to State Council Charities.

The Fundraising Committeeman:

- Bob Schmidt: 281-798-0817 or rhsch03@aol.com
- Thomas Oaks: 956-648-0463 or major.oaks_1995@att.net
- Mario Mallari: 915-373-5794 or mpogie10@gmail.com

Josh and the members of the fundraising team will instill in our Brother Knights that while Charity begins at home, it must not stop there. In fact, if we are to truly give witness to Fr. McGivney's vision, it cannot stop at our local boundaries. While Charity is the first principle of our Order, it is only when implemented in conjunction with our two other founding principles of Unity and Fraternity can we realize our full potential. United with the Councils across each Diocese and with our Brother Knights throughout the state, we will be able to help those in need, wherever the need arises.

Every year, your Council is given an opportunity to earn awards by reaching their State Council Charity goal. The goal is derived by requesting \$10.00 per regular member, as reflected on your Council membership roster on July 1, 2024. Remember, the Bishop of your Diocese will receive 70% of your Council's charity contribution. The remaining 30% is retained by the State Council Charity Board to be used for statewide charitable purposes. If your Council exceeds their goal, 100% of all monies exceeding your Diocesan charity goal will be returned to your Bishop. To ensure your Council receives proper credit, please make your checks payable to "State Council Charities" and ensure the Council Number is listed on the check.

Mail your check to:

Texas State Council Knights of Columbus • 6633 Hwy 290 East, Suite 204 • Austin, Texas 78723-1157

OR you can pay online via the Texas State Website: www.tkofc.org then click on Pay State Charities Online at the top of the home page. You can pay State Per Capita Dues as well!

The Charity Pin

Whenever a Brother Knight or family member donates \$20.00 or more, they are eligible to receive one of the beautiful, limited edition, State Council Charity lapel pins. By completing the Charity Contribution Form, the member's Council is given credit for the contribution towards its assigned goal.

State Council Charities

Donations of \$20.00 or higher will be recognized with a State Charities Lapel Pin. Thank you for your generosity and assisting the Texas State Charities Program as well as supporting our Bishop's selected Diocesan charities.

Please include your pledge or contribution. Make checks payable to:

State Council Charities
6633 Highway 290 East Suite 204
Austin, TX 79723-1157

Name: _____ Council _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Lapel Pin Presented (Y/N): _____

Thank you for your generosity – State Officers and State Charities Team



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The Pledge Letter

We are asking your council to make a pledge to contribute toward your TSC Charity goal this fiscal year that ends on June 30th, 2025. Can we count on your council? Your decision will help us to plan at the state level to maximize donations for our Texas Bishops. Please present this pledge to your council in the months of July through October, then submit this pledge to your District Deputy before Nov. 15th, 2024.



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Worthy Grand Knight,

State Council Charities Board of Directors (SCC) leadership would like to ask for your council's pledge to support Your Bishop's charity of choice through our Diocesan State Charities goal, of which 70% comes back to support your Bishop. Any amount over 100% goes directly to your Bishop. Your Council can help your Bishop's charity of choice and SCC with Special Olympics, Disaster Relief, College Catholic Centers, Front Line Faith, Habitat for Humanity, and other requests that are brought to Texas State Council for consideration.

We are asking your council to meet their goal in the fiscal year that ends on June 30th, 2025. **Can we count on your council?** Your decision will help us to plan at the state level to maximize donations for our Texas Bishops. Please present this pledge to your council in the months of July through October, then submit this pledge to your District Deputy before Nov. 15th, 2024.

My Council will provide the following support

State Council Charities 2-step: My Council will contribute at or above 120% of our goal in two steps!

Step #1: 100% by December 31, 2024*

Step #2: additional 20% or more by June 30, 2025

My Council will contribute at or above 100% of our goal by December 31, 2024*

My Council will contribute at or above 100% of our goal by TSC Convention April 25th.

My Council will contribute \$ _____ toward our goal by TSC Convention April 25th.

No support, but we wish the Texas State Council well in this endeavor.

Signed by GK _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Council # _____

This free-will pledge is not legally binding. It is an aspirational goal of your diocese. *100% goal met with 100% TSC per capita paid, qualifies your council for "Quick Start."

BISHOPS DESIGNATION FOR THEIR CHARITY FUNDS

Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, Amarillo

Secondary Catholic Education in the Amarillo Diocese

Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, Austin

Catholic Schools

Bishop David L. Toups, Beaumont

Seminarian Fund

Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Brownsville

Deaf Ministry/Disabled Program

Bishop William Michael Mulvey, Corpus Christi

Farm of Hope (Fazenda da Esperança)

Bishop Edward J. Burns, Dallas

Persons with Disabilities and Deaf Ministries

Bishop Mark J. Seitz, El Paso

Vocations

Bishop Michael F. Olson, Fort Worth

Deaf Ministry and Seminarian Support

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Galveston/Houston

Retired Priests Pension Funds

Bishop James A. Tamayo, Laredo

Evangelization/Outreach Charity & Seminarian Support

Bishop Robert M. Coerver, Lubbock

Vocations/Seminarian Support

Bishop Michael J. Sis, San Angelo

Seminarian Education

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, San Antonio

Propaedeutic Program at Assumption Seminary

Tyler

Seminarian Education & Training

Bishop Brendan Cahill, Victoria

Continuing Education for Priests, Extension of Lay Ministry and Evangelization



WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

Bill Weber, Chairman, (214) 405-8023 or yankeesweb@tx.rr.com

Brian Nelson, Assistant Chairman, (210) 275-7921 or abn091951@gmail.com

The Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission, raise funds to support the purchase of wheelchairs for distribution worldwide, including in the USA. It is estimated that over 100 million people worldwide need a wheelchair and cannot afford one. It is also estimated that each wheelchair delivered changes and improves an average of 10 lives. Our Worthy State Deputy has continued to set a goal for each Council to donate at least \$150 for the purchase of one wheelchair. To achieve this objective the Council's budget should reflect this amount as a line item. The Grand Knight should regularly include the wheelchair ministry on the agenda of the monthly Council meeting.

Make checks payable to the American Wheelchair Mission and mail to: American Wheelchair Mission, Attn: Dan Moberg, 2600 E. Solstice Way, Suite A172, Post Falls, ID 83854-7991. Please do not mail checks to anyone else. To donate online, visit <https://amwheelchair.org/donate/> and select "Knights of Columbus" in the Campaign field and enter your Council Number in the Organization/Council field.

The most effective way to raise funds for this program is to conduct a weekend parish wide fundraiser called Wheelchair Sunday. This gives parishioners an opportunity to join in this ministry and is quite easy to conduct.

Preparing for a Wheelchair Sunday:

- Get approval from your Pastor to hold a Wheelchair Sunday and to read a 2–3-minute pulpit talk and/or show a video at all the Masses. If you do not get approval from your Pastor for a pulpit talk or video, you can still hold a Wheelchair Sunday.
- Once approved, schedule 1 or 2 weekends for your Wheelchair Sunday that does not compete with other parish fundraisers.
- Obtain a sample pulpit talk and donation envelopes, or forms, from the Wheelchair Chairman or Assistant Chairman.
- Advertise up to 6 weeks in advance in all parish media and include instructions on how to donate online.
- Obtain needed materials and supplies such as a display wheelchair, Certificate of Thanks, donation envelopes, newsletters, DVDs, pins, display board, pens, clipboards, baskets, and Our Lady of Guadalupe lithographs. If you do not have lithographs available to give to donors of \$500 or more, a lithograph can be shipped to them. We can bring all these materials and supplies if we are available to be there to help.

Conducting a Wheelchair Sunday:

- Setup at least 1 table in the narthex or outside, depending on space and what your Pastor will allow.
- Read the 2–3-minute pulpit talk and/or show a video at all the Masses.
- After each Mass: make sure all the exits are covered, collect cash/check donations in baskets and hand out donation envelopes.
- Checks must be made payable to American Wheelchair Mission.
- Parishioners should fill out a donation envelope if: requesting a Certificate of Thanks (\$150 or more donation), requesting an Our Lady of Guadalupe lithograph (\$500 or more donation), or using a credit card.
- Credit card readers are available where the funds go directly to the American Wheelchair Mission.
- If a lithograph is given out, please write "Took OLG" on the donation envelope. One lithograph per donor.

Tasks after Wheelchair Sunday

- For loose cash, your Council will write a check for the total amount.
- For cash in donation envelopes, be sure to write “Cash” at top of each envelope and write a personal check for the total amount or include this amount in the Council check.
- Mail all checks and envelopes to American Wheelchair Mission, Attn: Dan Moberg, 2600 East Seltice Way, Suite A172, Post Falls, ID 83854-7991 via FedEx. We can give you a FedEx Number to use.

Wheelchairs are shipped in small and large containers. The small container costs \$16,500 and contains 110 wheelchairs and the large container costs \$42,000 and contains 280 wheelchairs. Only large containers are shipped to other countries. American Wheelchair Mission manages all arrangements for procurement and shipment of containers.

An organization raising funds sufficient to fill either a small or large container may designate the location for distribution. Volunteers wishing to assist in a distribution may do so at their own expense.

Holding a Wheelchair Sunday will not only raise funds but will also present an opportunity to recruit new members. Emphasize that Charity is being demonstrated as the first principle of our Order. If it is not possible to conduct a Wheelchair Sunday, then Grand Knights should direct efforts to assure that their Council donates at least \$150 for one wheelchair.

“CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MOBILITY”



BISHOP THOMAS J. FLANAGAN FUND - GRANTS FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

Dan Stoffel, Chairman, (469) 682-1046 or danstoffel@yahoo.com

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

Ensuring the care and welfare of those who so faithfully served us is vitally important. There is no better way to do so than by contributing to the newly established Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund. This fund has been established to provide grants for our retired priests.

The first way to contribute to this fund is one all our members should be familiar with. It is by acquiring and displaying a Texas Knights of Columbus license plate on your vehicle. This proudly proclaims you are a Knight, a Catholic, and the fact America is “One Nation Under God”! What better statement could you make to those seeing your vehicle on the road? By purchasing or renewing a K of C license plate, you have an opportunity to take care of our Infirm Priests. The price of this specialty license plate is an additional \$30.00 annually added to your registration fee, however, Texas DMV may increase this fee. When a member chooses to proudly display one of these on their vehicle, \$22.00 of this fee is returned to the State Council Charities for the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund.

A set of the Texas Knights of Columbus license plates may be obtained for automobiles or trucks and are available with the handicap logo. Personalization of the specialty plate is available for an additional \$40 annually.

If you currently have a set of Texas Knights of Columbus license plates on your vehicle (s), thank you for your support! If you do not, and you would like a set, it is as easy as logging onto the Texas DPS website.



Go to: <https://www.myplates.com>

You can also print the following two pages and bring the completed form to your local DMV.

The second way you can make a difference in the life of a retired priest is by making a direct contribution to this fund with the State Council Charities. Go to the Texas State Council website, Fundraising Page, <https://www.tkofc.org/fundraising/>. On the Fundraising Page click on the “Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund” link and follow the on-screen instructions. Anyone making a direct contribution of at least \$30.00 will be eligible to receive a Custom, Chromed License Plate Frame, to proudly display on their vehicle to show support for our Retired Priests!

All funds contributed to this fund shall be distributed equally to the fifteen dioceses in Texas each fraternal year.



Application for Specialty License Plate

For County Use Only	
License No _____	
Mo/Yr of Exp _____	
Date Issued _____	

Instructions

Submit completed application; payment in the form of a personal check, money order, or cashier's check; and any required attachments to your local county tax assessor-collector's office. **Do not mail cash.** The specialty plate fee is \$30 or \$40 per year, as indicated on page 2, in addition to the annual registration fee. License plates may be personalized for an additional \$40 fee; make your choice below. **Fees are not refundable.**

When the specialty plate is issued, additional fees may be collected to establish a single expiration date for both the specialty plate and the vehicle registration. If you order by mail, contact your county tax assessor-collector's office in three weeks to verify your plate is ready.

The vehicle must be for personal use only and have a Texas title and registration in your name. If the vehicle is not titled in your name, attach a statement affirming that you have legal right of possession and control of this vehicle at all times. If you recently submitted an application for title, attach a copy of the title application (VTR-500 RTS) receipt. If the vehicle is leased, attach a copy of the lease agreement. Submit a separate application for each vehicle. Contact your county tax assessor-collector if you have any questions.

Applicant Information

First Name Your Name	Middle Name	Last Name Your Name	Suffix	County Your County
Address Your Address		City Your City	State TX	ZIP 00000
Email Your.email@Your.com			Phone Number	

Vehicle Type: Passenger car Truck Motorcycle/Moped Trailer

Personalize Your Plate – If you would like to personalize your specialty plate, there will be a \$40 fee per year in addition to the annual registration fee.

- Show personalization(s) exactly as you want them to appear on your license plate(s). You may list more than one option in the event the personalization you have chosen is already issued.
- A personalization that has been issued, is deemed offensive, or conflicts with the regular license plate numbering system cannot be approved.
- Enter your desired personalized letters, numbers, and/or symbols in the blocks below. The available symbols include: a period, a dash, a blank space, a Texas silhouette (use an asterisk "*" to indicate), a heart (use an at "@" to indicate), and a star (use an ampersand "&" to indicate).
- Passenger car, truck, and trailer plates are limited to five (5) characters total, including punctuation characters. The Alamo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and Keep Texas Beautiful plates may be personalized with up to six (6) characters due to the plate design.
- Motorcycle and moped plates are limited to four (4) characters total, including punctuation characters. The Alamo and Keep Texas Beautiful plates may be personalized with up to five (5) characters due to the plate design.
- You are not required to use all the blocks provided.
- The International Symbol of Access " ♿ " counts as two (2) characters and will be located at the beginning of the plate number. If you are disabled and applying for personalized specialty plates, the plate may consist of only three (3) characters (or two (2) if it is a motorcycle/moped). Use a percent "%" to indicate the International Symbol of Access.

1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice

International Symbol of Access

To display the International Symbol of Access on your license plate, attach a signed *Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Placard and/or License Plate* (Form VTR-214) to this application to show your eligibility. The International Symbol of Access is only available on motor vehicles that have a gross vehicle weight of 18,000 lbs. or less. Contact your county tax assessor-collector's office for more information.

Application for Specialty License Plate

Specialty Plate Choices – All plates are available for passenger cars and trucks. Plates available for motorcycles/mopeds are indicated by (M). Plates available for trailers are indicated by (T).

Circle your specialty plate choice below or enter your choice here: **Knights of Columbus**

- 4-H
 - A Fine Cause for Unknown Cancer (M) (T)
 - Adopt a Beach (M) (T)
 - Air Force Association
 - Alamo (M) (T)
 - American Quarter Horse (T)
 - Animal Friendly
 - Autism Awareness (M) (T)
 - Be A Blood Donor
 - Big Bend National Park (M)
 - Big Bend Fossil (M) (T)
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters
 - Boy Scouts of America
 - Buffalo Soldiers (M) (T)
 - Burn Pits 360 Veterans Organization (M) (T)
 - CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocate (Lone Star Proud for Kids)
 - Childhood Cancer Awareness (M) (T)
 - Coastal Conservation - Redfish (M) (T)
 - College for All Texans (M) (T)
 - Conserve Texas Quail (M) (T)
 - Conserve Water (M) (T)
 - Cotton Boll
 - Daughters of the American Revolution (M) (T)
 - Ducks Unlimited (Blue Heron) (M) (T)
 - Ducks Unlimited (Classic) (M) (T)
 - Ducks Unlimited (Three Dogs) (M) (T)
 - Eastern Star (M) (T)
 - El Paso Mission Valley
 - Fallen Law Enforcement Officer (M) (T)
 - Family First
 - Fight Terrorism (M)
 - Girl Scouts
 - God Bless America (M) (T) - \$40 fee
 - God Bless Texas (M) - \$40 fee
 - Houston Audubon (Birds and Habitat) (M) (T)
 - Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
 - I Love Texas (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
 - In God We Trust (M) (T)
 - Insure Texas Kids (M) (T)
 - Juneteenth (M) (T)
 - K9S4COPS (M) (T)
 - K9S4KIDS (M) (T)
 - Keep Texas Beautiful (Don't Mess with Texas) (M) (T)
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Love Honey Bees
 - Make-A-Wish
 - March of Dimes
 - Marine Mammal Recovery
 - Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M)
 - Native Texan (Daughters of the Republic of Texas) (M)
 - Organ Donor
 - PGA Foundation (M) (T)
 - Read to Succeed
 - Red Grapefruit (Texas Citrus Industry)
 - Register to Vote
 - Rotary International (M) (T)
 - San Jacinto Texas Historic District (M) (T)
 - Save Texas Ocelots (M) (T)
 - Sea Turtle (M) (T)
 - Share the Road Y'all (Bicycle) (M) (T)
 - Sheriffs' Association of Texas (M) (T)
 - Sickle Cell Disease Awareness
 - Smile Texas Style
 - Smokey Bear (Prevent Wildfires) (M) (T)
 - Sound of Freedom (M) (T)
 - Space Shuttle Columbia
 - Special Olympics
 - State Capitol
 - Stop Child Abuse (M) (T)
 - Stop Human Trafficking (M) (T)
 - Take Care of Texas (M) (T)
 - Texans Conquer Cancer
 - Texas Aerospace Commission
 - Texas is Home (M) (T)
 - Texas Lions Camp
 - Texas Masons (M) (T)
 - Texas Master Gardener (M) (T)
 - Texas Master Naturalist (M) (T)
 - Texas Medical Center (M) (T)
 - Texas Music (M) (T)
 - Texas, Our Texas (M) (T)
 - Texas Reads
 - Texas Realtors Working for You (M)
 - Texas Trails (M) (T)
 - Texas Wildflowers (M) (T)
 - Texas Young Lawyers (And Justice for All)
 - Texas. It's Like a Whole Other Country
(Texas Department of Economic Development)
 - United States Olympic Committee (Olympic Spirit)
 - United We Stand
 - Urban Forestry
 - YMCA
- Texas Parks and Wildlife – Conservation**
- Bighorn Sheep ("Wild Texas") (M) (T)
 - Bluebonnet ("Texas State Parks") (M) (T)
 - Camping ("Texas State Parks") (M) (T)
 - Horned Lizard ("Keep Texas Wild") (M) (T)
 - Hummingbird ("Keep Texas Wild") (M) (T)
 - Largemouth Bass ("Fish Texas") (M) (T)
 - Monarch Butterfly (M) (T)
 - Rattlesnake ("Keep Texas Wild") (M) (T)
 - Roadrunner
 - Texas Rivers (M) (T)
 - White-tailed Deer ("Hunt Texas") (M) (T)
- Professional Sports Teams**
- Houston Astros
 - Houston Texans

CARDINAL MEDEIROS FUND

Leo Saenz Jr., Chairman, (512) 831-8516 or leosaenz@gmail.com

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund was established in 1981 and incorporated into the State Council Charities program. Humberto Cardinal Medeiros was the Bishop of Brownsville, Texas from 1966 until 1970. He served as the Texas State Council Chaplain 1969-1970. He was named the Archbishop of Boston on September 8, 1970, and created a Cardinal on March 5, 1973.

The Cardinal Medeiros Fellow Program was started in 1998 to increase the principal in the trust fund. The interest earned is used to exclusively fund our educational grants. An increase in the interest income facilitates and permits additional educational grants.

A Cardinal Medeiros Fellow may be ordered for a Knight of Columbus or for a Knight's wife. Additionally, it may be ordered in memory of a deceased Knight or for a deceased Knight's wife. This is a marvelous way to honor an individual, while at the same time providing a gift that keeps on giving through scholarship grants. With a contribution of \$1,000, the honoree is awarded a plaque, a lapel pin and their name is engraved on the Honor Roll which is on display at the State Council Office. The Honor Roll is displayed each year at the Texas State Council Convention.

The Cardinal Medeiros Sustaining Member Program was established to allow greater participation. The entry level into this program is \$100.00, with the balance payable in installments. An attractive lapel pin designates the contributor as a Sustaining Member. The Fellow is awarded when the full \$1,000 contribution is completed.

To become a Medeiros Fellow Sustaining Member, visit the Texas State Council website:

<https://www.tkofc.org/starguide/charities/cardinal-medeiros-fund> and follow the application instructions.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Leo Saenz, Jr., Chairman, (512) 831-8516 or leosaenz@gmail.com

Ken Orze, Assistant Chairman, (678) 656-3911 or k.orze@yahoo.com

State Council Charities maintains two Education Grant Programs that are funded by the interest received on the Cardinal Humberto Medeiros and Christopher Trust Funds managed by the Supreme Council. These two programs are the Catholic School Grants and the individual student Educational Grants.

Catholic School Grants

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

Individual Educational Grants

The Texas State Council will award at least one \$1,000 Educational Grant per diocese and two more \$1,000 At-Large Educational Grants. The total number of grants for each Diocese will be determined using a formula based on the number of Regular Members, on July 1, in each Diocese. Applications for these grants are due March 1. Winners will be announced at the State Convention.

Who Is Eligible for the Individual Educational Grant?

An applicant must be a Knight of Columbus member in good standing of a Council located in Texas, his wife, son, or daughter. A granddaughter or grandson of a member in good standing in a Council in Texas may apply if their father is not a Knight or is not in good standing. Descendants of deceased members or grandfathers who were in good standing are also eligible. Any graduating senior of a Catholic High School in Texas is eligible when sponsored by a local Council in Texas – even when the student’s parent or grandparent is not a Knight.



Educational Grant money is to be used for education in a University, College, Junior College, Technical School, Business School or Seminary.

The application must be completed and received by March 1.

The sponsoring Council’s Supreme and State per capita must be paid in full and the Council may not be suspended by the Supreme Council.

Guidelines for the Educational Grant Application are found in the application, which is available: at the Texas State Council website <https://www.tkofc.org/assets/uploads/docs/Fillable-A-Educational-Grant-Form-2024-revised-jul2-23.pdf> in the Star Guide, from your District Deputy or by email from Educational Grant Chairman Leo Saenz, Jr., at leosaenz@gmail.com

The formula for determining numbers of grants is one per Diocese, plus one additional grant for reaching each increment of 7,500 Knights in the Diocese as of July 1 each year.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1 OF THE GRANT YEAR.

**A completed application counts as an award write-up
toward the Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction.**



Special Olympics

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Chris Hofer, Chairman, (903) 736-5309 or choe6482@aol.com

The mission of Special Olympics Texas is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. These activities give them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Volunteers

Special Olympics Texas could not have been created and would not exist today without the time, energy, and the dedication of thousands of volunteers. Over 38,000 volunteers dedicate their time helping athletes with intellectual disabilities achieve their dreams. We as volunteers take an oath:

“I promise to give the time of my life, so that Special Olympics Athletes can have the time of their life. I promise to support Special Olympics not just as an expression of charity, but as a form of respect for my fellow human beings. I promise to spread the word of volunteerism because in giving, I receive so much more in return.”

Partnership with Special Olympics (Form 10784)

EVERY Council should fill out a Form 10784, reporting Partnership Activities with Special Olympics, which details your Council’s involvement - events attended, dollar contributions and manpower hours devoted to various Special Olympics competitions. Those Councils who participate in State Council Charities may report 2.5% of the Councils State Charities donated amount. The report is to be submitted whether a Council was actively involved in Special Olympics or not. We need every council to submit this report. These reports are due January 31 of each fraternal year to Supreme. Please also send a copy your council’s completed Form 10784 to Texas State Council Office at forms@tkofc.org.

Charles ‘Chic’ O’Conner October 9, 1919 –April 22, 2010

Chic was a proud member of the Knights since 1943. He was very instrumental in starting Special Olympics in Gregg County (Longview). He became involved because of his daughter Monica. The O’Conner family has done everything from being Timers, Huggers, Chaperones and Pizza Providers for the entire Gregg County Delegation and Area events. The Texas State Council approved the Charles ‘Chic’ O’Conner Annual Memorial Award in his honor. This award will recognize a Brother Knight for his exemplary contributions in supporting Special Olympics Texas. Criteria includes Leadership, Volunteering, Fundraising and Community Involvement. Deadline for the submission of this form is January 31, each fraternal year.

Nomination forms can be e-mailed to Chris Hofer at choe6482@aol.com or Joe Jacobo at JoeJacobokoC@yahoo.com

We will have Special Olympic lapel pins available for purchase this year! This will be a limited edition and additional details will be forthcoming!

“LET ME WIN, BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT”



State Council Charities Charles “Chic” O’Connor Memorial Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____

Council Number _____

Council Name _____

Years in Knights of Columbus _____ Years Involved in Special Olympics _____ (10 points)

1. Describe the Nominee’s Involvement in Special Olympics Activities. (20 points)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Harry Storey, Chairman, (214) 557-2923 or hss@storeycorp.net

REGIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATORS:

Ron Kwiat – Northeast – Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler
(619) 368-5996 or rpkwiat48@gmail.com

Edward Cantu – South – San Antonio, Laredo, Corpus Christi, Brownsville
(361) 855-3440 or edwardcnt@gmail.com

Larry Pellerito – Central - Austin, Beaumont, Galveston/Houston, Victoria
(281) 224-3728 or kcpellerito@gmail.com

Harry Storey – West – Amarillo, Lubbock, El Paso, San Angelo
(214) 557-2923 or hss@storeycorp.net

For information on the Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Program: www.KofC.org/prepare

For disaster assistance and grant information, e-mail: EmergencyResponse@TKofC.org

TEXAS STATE COUNCIL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM

The mission of our emergency response program is to provide GUIDANCE and ASSISTANCE to our brothers and councils before and after disasters.

Utilizing our statewide network of Emergency Response Coordinators (ERC), we provide GUIDANCE to councils and Knights, thus allowing a concerted effort for all involved. Our relief ASSISTANCE comes through charitable giving from our brothers and councils.

2024-2025 TEXAS STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATORS

Position	Name	Phone	E-Mail
State ERC Chairman	Harry Storey	214-557-2923	hss@storeycorp.net
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- Austin Diocesan ERC	Kevin Brinkman	512-574-7855	kabrinkman78613@gmail.com
- Galveston/Houston Diocesan ERC	“G” Giegerich	281-610-6507	jlglogs@gmail.com
- Victoria Diocesan ERC	Scott Strnadel	361-550-3207	sstrnadel@ktconstruction.com
- Beaumont Diocesan ERC	Rick Thomisee	409-454-6593	rlthomiseekc@gmail.com
Northeast Regional ERC	Ron Kwiat	619-368-5996	rpkwiat48@gmail.com
- Dallas Diocesan ERC	Eduardo Valenzuela	469-782-7076	eduardo.valenzuela@kdrp.com
- Ft. Worth Diocesan ERC	Sam Simon	817-455-7955	ssimon46@hotmail.com
- Tyler Diocesan ERC	Wally Embrey	402-880-8014	wallye56@msn.com
West Regional ERC	Harry Storey	214-557-2923	hss@storeycorp.net
- Amarillo Diocesan ERC	Michael Peterson	512-636-5232	Go.diesel@yahoo.com
- Lubbock Diocesan ERC	Robert Leal	806-781-9875	rleal1971@yahoo.com
- El Paso Diocesan ERC	James Weber	915-244-4849	jamesweber1940@yahoo.com
- San Angelo Diocesan ERC	Jeff Wheaton	432-528-7931	jturbotime@aol.com
South Regional ERC	Edward Cantu	361-855-3440	edwardcnt@gmail.com
- Brownsville Diocesan ERC	David Salinas	956-560-3890	davmar727@icloud.com
- Corpus Christi Diocesan ERC	Eloy Ozuna	361-396-2680	mpbchurchfacilities@gmail.com
- Laredo Diocesan ERC	Julian Luna, III	956-645-0539	jlunaiii3@gmail.com
- San Antonio Diocesan ERC	Bill Havlic	210-584-3046	whavlic@satx.rr.com

CHARITIES AWARDS – 2024-2025

Council Awards:

Quick Start Honor Roll	Plaque	Meet 100% of goal and pay State per capita by 12/31.
Honor Roll	Plaque	Meet 100% of goal and pay State per capita by 06/30.
Joseph G. Murphy	Plaque	Highest % or Highest \$ Amount (Council can only qualify for one award) and State per capita paid by 6/30.
Hall of Fame	Plaque	5 consecutive years of 100% and State per capita paid by 6/30.
Emil E. Ogden	Plaque	10 consecutive years of 100% and State per capita paid by 6/30.
Mike Brown Award	Plaque	15 consecutive years of 100% and State per capita paid by 6/30.
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo	Plaque	20 consecutive years of 100% and State per capita paid by 6/30.
Saint John Paul II	Plaque	25 consecutive years of 100% and State per capita paid by 6/30.
Judge Ricardo H. Garcia	Plaque	30 consecutive years of 100% and State per capita paid by 6/30.
PSD Javier Martinez	Plaque	35 consecutive years of 100% and State per capita paid by 6/30.
Kevin Cardinal Farrell	Plaque	40 consecutive years of 100% and State per capita paid by 6/30.
200% Club	License Plate (or BTJF Fund Contribution) and Statue for Grand Knight	200% of Goal and State per capita paid by 6/30.
300% Club	License Plate (or BTJF Fund Contribution) and Statue for Grand Knight and License Plate (or BTJF Fund Contribution) for 1 additional member	300% of Goal and State per capita paid by 6/30.

District Awards:

District Deputy Quick Start	TSC Commemorative Knife	All Councils in the District meet 100% of charity goal by December 31.
District Deputy Honor Roll	K of C License Plate (or BTJF Fund contribution)	District meets 100% of District Charity goal with each Council Contributing a minimum of 25% of Council's charity goal.

Diocesan Awards:

Diocesan Deputy Quick Start	TSC Commemorative Knife	25% of assigned DD's achieve DD Quick Start in the Dioceses or 70% of active councils achieve Quick Start Honor Roll by December 31.
Diocesan State Charities Consecutive Year Award	Plaque	Significant years (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35) of consecutive State Charity goal at 100%.
Diocesan Deputy Hall of Fame	Ring	Diocese attains 100% of charity goal.
Charles 'Chic' O'Conner Annual Memorial Award	Plaque	In recognition of exemplary contributions in supporting Special Olympics Texas.

Education, Training & Communication

Education, Training & Communication

Chad M. Sandwell, Director

The mission of the Education, Training, and Communication team is to provide training and education effectively and efficiently to the leadership of the Knights of Columbus in Texas. We will support the other directorates to ensure the overall success of Texas.

Our website and social media outlets are designed to pass along valuable information and to show the great work performed by Knights across Texas. *The Texas Knight* will, once again, be published quarterly and the *Finish Line* will continue to be published monthly. We will highlight the successful programs that Diocesan and district leaders have seen, so that other dioceses and districts might find fresh ideas.

Our Financial Secretary Trainers will continue to provide training for all officers and those interested in learning more about one of our council's most vital positions. These training sessions will also assist new and established financial secretaries with how to perform their role more effectively.

To foster fraternal competition, we will be keeping track of the Diocesan Deputy and District Deputy of the Year awards. The progress toward these awards will be made available to diocesan and district leadership monthly.

Constant Contact is the official email platform for the State Council. We maintain distribution lists for Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and others.

Financial Secretary Training

David Solis, Chairman

The Financial Secretary is vital to the success of a council. Our Financial Secretary Trainers will be providing training to new and existing financial secretaries. It is the goal of our Trainers to conduct at least 2 training sessions per diocese during the upcoming fraternal year plus several one-on-one virtual training courses on an as needed basis. The basic training takes about three hours. When arranging the training sessions, Diocesan Deputies are reminded that stable internet is a requirement when they arrange an in-person training session. These classes are open to all council and assembly officers and District Deputies. Trainers are also available to conduct video training via Zoom. The following Trainers are available for the following dioceses:

Austin and San Antonio – Peter Donahoe, Jr.

El Paso, San Angelo – David Solis

Beaumont, Tyler – Ed Juno

Galveston-Houston, Victoria – Jerry Giegerich

Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Laredo – Michael Murphy

Dallas, Fort Worth– Victor Garza

Lubbock, Amarillo – Steve Webb

Social Media

Anson Geisel, Chairman

The Multimedia Chairman is responsible for overseeing all social media platforms officially associated with the Texas State Council. The Texas Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood of Catholic men dedicated to faith, charity, and community. We will engage in social media content to feature inspiring stories, provide educational resources, promote upcoming events, and provide opportunities to strengthen your faith while serving others.

We encourage all diocesan deputies to appoint a social media coordinator to work with the state chairmen to post relevant information on both diocesan and state social media platforms. There is a Supreme social media policy with which each coordinator must comply.

Our media platforms include:

Texas State Council Website – www.tkofc.org

Texas State Council Facebook page – www.facebook.com/txkofc

Texas State Council Twitter page – <https://twitter.com/txkofc>

Texas State Council Instagram page – <https://instagram.com/txkofc>

Texas State Council YouTube – www.youtube.com – search “Texas Knights of Columbus”

Texas Knight and State Photographer

Mark Johnson

The communications team is always looking for articles to share worthy news with our brother Knights across the State. Articles, including pictures, are needed to have successful publications. If you post articles on one of our social media sites, be sure to also send a copy to Mark Johnson (mjohnson@creatdev.com) who will post on www.tkofc.org. This will help increase the visibility of those who are not on social media sites. Anyone who attends a local Council, District, or Diocesan event should look to take digital photos, write a short story, and submit them for publication. Typed articles are appreciated. Photos should be sharp and captioned. Emailed articles and photos are preferred. Be a Texas Knight Reporter! We will give you a byline. Deadlines for the quarterly Texas Knight are August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1.

Archived Photos from all State Events can be found on the State Council website at the bottom of the page on FLICKR. Photos can be downloaded and enjoyed.

Awards – Scorekeeper

Lupe (Rod) Rodriquez

District Deputy and Diocesan Deputy of the Year

For those leaders that meet certain monthly goals for required forms turned in: membership, charities, attendance at Diocesan Conferences, etc., a score card will be kept and reported monthly (starting in September) to the Diocesan Deputy to forward to the District Deputies. Each award will be based on the results at the end of the fraternal year (June 30). Note the Awards will not be awarded until after the Star Councils have been announced at the Supreme Convention in August of the following fraternal year. This award will be awarded at the State Midyear Meeting of the following fraternal year or will be hand delivered by the State Deputy. The top Diocesan and District Deputy and their wives will receive a trip.

Texas Knight Reporter Award

For outstanding reporting of local Knights of Columbus events to the Texas Knight. Submit the Texas Knight article with any additional background or outcome information about the event. The reporter is expected to submit a minimum of one article per edition of the Texas Knight. Your application is the article. Prizes are still to be determined.

Presentations

Anson Geisel, Chairman

Anson Geisel arranges all Texas State Council presentations.

Important Deadlines

Form 185 Report of Officers – June 30

Form 365 Report of Program Personnel – June 30

Form 1295 Semiannual Audit (January – June) – August 15

Form 2629 Report of Roundtables – September 30 (Texas only)

Form 1728 Fraternal Survey – January 31

Form 10784 Special Olympics - Life Activity – January 31

Form 1295 Semiannual Audit (July – December) – February 15

Form 10784 Fraternal Programs Report Form - June 30 (except Special Olympics due Jan 31)

Form SP-7 Columbian Application – June 30

Form 2630 Roundtable Annual Report – June 30

IRS Form 990 or 990-n - Non-Profit Organization Tax Return---Due based on Fraternal Year (November 15) or Calendar Year (May 15)

Safe Environment Compliant – May 1 (Texas only)

Evangelization and Faith Formation

Gregory Brown, Director

Blessed McGivney had several reasons why he began the Knights of Columbus, but chief among them, was “to form its members in Catholic faith and virtue,” & “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. His zeal for the salvation of souls was a driving force in his life and ministry. Today, we as Catholic men, more than ever, are called to renew the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney to make Jesus Christ the source and summit of all that we do. To 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 disciple others towards the Kingdom of Heaven. We are firm in our understanding that this goal is accomplished through *prayer*, *formation*, and *fraternity*.

To aid in this mission, under the leadership and behest of our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, the Knights of Columbus have begun a comprehensive Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative. The purpose of the EFF initiative is threefold; **Encounter**, **Strengthen**, and **Commission**. A life of faith begins with an **encounter** with Jesus Christ that calls us to repentance and a radical reorientation of our lives because of His immense love poured out upon the Cross. We then, **strengthen** our relationship with God through our personal prayer, study of our Catholic faith and virtue, and share in a fraternal brotherhood that holds us accountable. Lastly, we respond and accept Christ’s **commission** as in Mark 16:14-16 and Matthew 28:18-20; to be sent out as disciple makers to share Jesus Christ with others so they may encounter God and His radical life-giving love.

As a priest and pastor of souls, evangelization and faith formation were at the heart of Blessed Michael McGivney’s vision for the Knights of Columbus. He recognized the immediate need to form men in their faith and provide the opportunity and means to keep them faithful and active within the Church. The Supreme Council seeks to further strengthen this purpose of the Order through the Evangelization and Faith Formation department. The first element of EFF is COR.

COR is Latin for HEART and the root word for COURAGE. At the heart of every Knight of Columbus, is a deep relationship with Jesus Christ, knowing that God loves us, He died for our sins, and the need to radically reorient our lives to strive for Heaven. At the heart of every Knight of Columbus, is our Catholic faith, which invites us to seek holiness through our Baptism and daily prayer. At the heart of every Knight of Columbus, is a desire to build the Kingdom of God by being a disciple of Jesus Christ; therefore, having the courage to share with others the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church.

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 is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to strive to be more Christ like, to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood, and to prepare for the courageous mission of evangelization.

COR essentials:

COR is not a program to be completed by your council, but a ministry within the council for men of the parish. COR is led at minimum monthly by a brother Knight, the council EFF Director, and is open to ALL men to join in prayer, formation, and fraternity:

- **Prayer**: reciprocal relationship between God and man where man responds to God’s invitation, then encounters the Creator
- **Formation**: lifelong process where we become more like Christ through knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith.
- **Fraternity**: sharing in a common mission, faith, and brotherhood

Your Texas State Council EFF team is here to provide direction, coaching and support to Diocesan EFF Coordinators, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council Chaplains and Council Evangelization and Faith Formation Directors as they strive to form men in their Catholic faith, virtue and identity; building up the Kingdom of God and strengthening them to better serve their families, Church and communities. The TSC EFF Team works with the TSC Officers and Directors to integrate Evangelization and Faith Formation opportunities into all State Council initiatives and strategic planning. Our team is available to assist your councils in beginning COR, to help men of your parish grow in their Catholic faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

With gratitude,

Gregory Brown

ggb@me.com

Texas State Council Knights of Columbus

Evangelization and Faith Formation Director

Texas State Council EFF Committeemen:

John Danley: El Paso, San Angelo, Lubbock, Amarillo

John Plote: Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler, Beaumont

Jose Ramos: Laredo, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, San Antonio

Will Britten: Austin, Galveston-Houston, Victoria

Our Promises as Knights of Columbus

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

Vivat Jesus!

Texas State Council Knights of Columbus State Office

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Executive Secretary's Email: carlos@tkofc.org

<https://www.tkofc.org>

All correspondence and checks sent to the state office should be clearly identified with the council number and the person's name and title when mailing the correspondence.

Checks should be clearly marked as to their purpose. If the check is for payment of a Texas State Council invoice or billing, kindly return a copy of the invoice or billing so that your payment can be properly recorded.

Any changes of council officers, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses should be emailed immediately to the state office at forms@tkofc.org. This ensures that all state office correspondence reaches the right people.

Study the Texas State Council Star Guide. It has a preliminary listing of the Texas State Council personnel, a description of current fraternal year programs and state council award criteria.

Report of Officers in Member Management should be completed and filed promptly by the Financial Secretary each year after election of council officers. This form is due at Supreme on July 1st. It is important that a copy of this form be sent to the State Office at forms@tkofc.org. The State Office uses the information to maintain a database of all council Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, and it is from this database that the Texas State Council Directory is created.

Follow the due dates marked on each form. Two items that deserve your attention:

State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form: Each council should report their best activity in each category and submit your entry by March 1st to the Programs Director.

Each council should file the **Columbian Award Application** to the Supreme Council well before the June 30th due date.

Supreme Council Office: Most of the printed materials and visual aids are supplied by the Supreme Office. For questions, call the Webbmason toll-free line, 1-833-591-7770. In addition, you can email Supplies Online at customersupport@webbmason.com. A dedicated customer service team, specific to the Knights of Columbus, will answer that line. They work Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern time.

If you are a grand knight, financial secretary, faithful navigator, faithful comptroller, district deputy, or state council officer and are having issues with accessing Officers Online, please call the Supreme Council Customer Service Department at 1-800-380-9995 for assistance. They will operate Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern time.

Communication is important. If you have a problem or do not understand something, please contact your District Deputy or Diocesan Deputy. Remember that your State Office will also help you or see that you receive assistance.

2024 Football Frenzy Fundraiser Instructions

RETURN ALL STUBS, MONEY, AND UNSOLD TICKETS BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST.

Make checks payable to;
TEXAS KNIGHTS
Attn: **WILLIE BALERIO**
1317 S. BLUEBONNET
ODESSA, TX 79761

COUNCIL CREDIT INCENTIVES BASED ON SALES!! Councils receive \$1 for every ticket sold towards their state per capita .

WHEN TICKETS ARE SOLD SEND BACK TO WILLIE BALERIO A.S.A.P FOR CREDIT! YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TICKETS AND MONEY IN YOUR POSSESSION. RETURN ALL STUBS & MONEY BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST. **DO NOT SEND CASH!!!**

Check results online at : www.tkofofc.org

1. **FOOTBALL FRENZY FUNDRAISER:** This fundraiser follows pro football. Membership Card cost is \$10.00. Purchase of the Membership Card automatically enters you into the Football Frenzy Sweepstakes.
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Questions or Additional Tickets Contact :

WILLIE BALERIO BY PHONE OR TEXT. 432-924-0421 or email : williebalerio@yahoo.com

1. Go to www.footballsweeps.com
2. Click Order Tickets Online
3. Enter code FB24TEXAS (YOU WILL NEED TO ENTER THIS CODE FOR THE TEXAS STATE COUNCIL TO GET CREDIT)
4. Create an account or log in
5. **PLEASE NO CASH , SEND CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO : TEXAS KNIGHTS**



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**RETURN ALL STUBS, MONEY, AND UNSOLD TICKETS
BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST:**

**TEXAS KNIGHTS
Attn: WILLIE BALERIO
1317 SOUTH BLUEBONNET
ODESSA, TX 79761**

**Questions or Additional Tickets Contact Willie Balerio
williebalerio@yahoo.com**

**COUNCIL CASH BACK INCENTIVES
BASED ON SALES!!
WHEN TICKETS ARE SOLD
SEND BACK TO WILLIE ASAP FOR CREDIT!**

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TICKETS AND MONEY IN YOUR POSSESSION. RETURN ALL STUBS & MONEY BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST.

**TEXAS KNIGHTS FOOTBALL FRENZY SWEEPSTAKES
SELLER'S TALLY WORKSHEET**

Coupon Numbers: _____ - _____

WORK SHEET MUST BE RETURNED IN ORDER FOR COUNCIL CREDIT TO BE GIVEN
copies can be made

Council Name: _____ No. _____

Seller's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: H _____ W _____ C _____

E-Mail Address: _____

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CARDS. MAKE A COPY OF THE SOLD STUBS
THE TICKET STUB MUST BE FILLED OUT ENTIRELY.
INCLUDE COUNCIL NUMBER AND MEMBER NAME**

TICKET NUMBER	NAME	\$\$\$ COLLECTED

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100 BIG chances to win. 10 chances to win each week!

PLUS A GRAND PRIZE OF \$1,000 TO THE HIGHEST SCORING TICKET FOR ALL 10 WEEKS

\$12,000 TOTAL CASH PRIZES

\$1,100 given away each week!

Prizes awarded for the highest and lowest 4-team totals!

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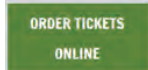
Results will be posted on Tuesdays following the dates on your ticket.

GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE NOW! SCAN NOW OR VISIT



WWW.FOOTBALLSWEEPS.COM

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\$10 Green Bee SAVINGS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP CARD

Green Bee Savings Club offers members discounted savings on the purchase of certificates from www.restaurant.com and Exclusive offers from Light Up Decals.

www.GreenBeeSavingsClub.com

Go to greenbeesavingsclub.com to take advantage of nationwide offers including our Restaurant.com certificate offers! Registration required. Membership valid until 12/31/24. Offers subject to change.

By purchasing this membership card, you are automatically entered into the Football Frenzy Sweepstakes.

FOOTBALL FRENZY

\$12,000 TOTAL CASH PRIZES

HIGHEST	.....\$	400
2ND HIGHEST	.....\$	200
3RD HIGHEST	.....\$	110
4TH HIGHEST	.....\$	80
5TH HIGHEST	.....\$	70
6TH HIGHEST	.....\$	60
7TH HIGHEST	.....\$	50
8TH HIGHEST	.....\$	30
LOWEST	.....\$	60
2ND LOWEST	.....\$	40

TOTAL WEEKLY PRIZES \$1,100 CASH PRIZES FOR HIGH AND LOW 4 TEAM TOTALS

TEXAS KNIGHTS

\$1,000 GRAND PRIZE TO THE HIGHEST SCORING TICKET FOR ALL 10 WEEKS

IF YOUR FOUR TEAMS SCORE THE MOST OR LEAST NUMBER OF POINTS IN ANY WEEK YOU WIN A CASH PRIZE! YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN EVERY WEEK FROM NOVEMBER 3 TO JANUARY 5, 2025.

YOUR 4 TEAMS EACH WEEK - TEAM CODES ON BACK

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NOV 03	NOV 10	NOV 17	NOV 24	DEC 01	DEC 08	DEC 15	DEC 22	DEC 29	JAN 05	
CIN	CHI	DAL	MIN	CLE	HOU	LAC	NOS	LAR	CAR	
WAS	LVR	SAN	PIT	MIA	BAL	ATL	SEA	BUF	TEN	
KAN	IND	TAM	DAL	SAN	TAM	NYJ	CIN	JAC	MIN	
CLE	ARZ	ATL	CAR	NEP	GBP	PHI	NYG	DET	DEN	

CHECK RESULTS WEEKLY & ORDER ONLINE: WWW.FOOTBALLSWEEPS.COM

2024 FOOTBALL FRENZY FUNDRAISER

100 CHANCES TO WIN! PLUS A GRAND PRIZE WIN!

ACCESS CODE: T6-H-P83

TICKET NUMBER: 6188

PLEASE PRINT IN INK. LABELS CAN BE USED

TICKET # 6188

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2024 FOOTBALL FRENZY

By filling out this form, you verify that you are over the age of 18.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

KC MEMBER NAME: _____ COUNCIL # _____

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TEXAS KNIGHTS

2024 FOOTBALL FRENZY

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. Open to legal residents of the U.S and D.C, 18 years of age or older at time of entry. To view Official Rules, visit website (www.footballsweeps.com). Sweepstakes begins at 12:01 AM Eastern Time on November 3rd and ends at 11:59pm, on January 5, 2025 or when the last game is over. Sponsors: Green Bee Fundraising, LLC. Void where prohibited. © COPYRIGHT 2024

