

# TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2019 - 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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**State Deputy's Report**  
**T. Mark Evans,**  
**State Deputy**

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

Mary and I welcome you to the 116th Annual Knights of Columbus Texas State Council Convention. Even though our convention to be held in Dallas was canceled, I want to thank the Convention Co-Chairs Reed and Donna Fontenot and Mike and Karen Courtney and the entire Convention Committee for all the hard work and time that was put into the planning for that convention.

At the time of this writing, we are in the middle of the COVID-19 crisis and our thoughts and prayers are for all of our Texas Knights of Columbus family. We do not know when the all-clear will be issued, but we do know that during this stressful time, the Knights of Columbus are standing up and answering the call to service. We are stepping into the breach. My pride in this brotherhood continues to exceed my wildest dreams. You guys are the best!

This convention is dedicated to Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan and Past State Deputy, Floyd Tafelski. Two wonderful men and Brother Knights that truly lived the vision of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. Their work in our Order and our Catholic community was an inspiration for all of us to strive to be better Knights.

On behalf of the Texas State Family, I also want to give special thanks and gratitude to Most Reverend Joseph E. Strickland, Bishop of the Tyler Diocese, for serving as our State Chaplain and to Reverend Monsignor Louis Pavlicek for serving as our Associate State Chaplain. Thank you also to our Assistant to the State Chaplain, Deacon Clarence Blalock and his wife Kathy for their spiritual guidance. Thank you for all that you do for the Church and the Knights of Columbus.

During this fraternal year, we had many of our brothers go to their eternal reward. We are indeed thankful for the inspiration and leadership of all our departed Brother Knights. All our deceased Brother Knights will be remembered in our Memorial booklet and I ask that we all remember them in our prayers.

Many of our Brother Knights and Councils have obtained some outstanding accomplishments this fraternal year and will be receiving their awards at a later time. But, all of our Brother Knights who helped grow the Order in one way or another and whether they won an award or not are winners. It is because of every Knight's involvement that Texas continues to grow the

Order to better serve the Church, our community, and do more for charity. Even though we have reached some of our goals, we still have almost 8 weeks to accomplish all the goals that we set at the beginning of this fraternal year.

The theme for the year is "Let Your Light Shine." It doesn't matter who you are or what position you hold with the Knights of Columbus you have a talent that we can use and we must work together to have a successful year. If we do work together as a team, we will accomplish our goal.

Texas is very fortunate to be represented at the Supreme level by our Supreme Director and PSD Terry Simonton and his wife Estelle. Thank you, Terry and Estelle, for your many years of friendship, your guidance, and your support.

We must also extend a very special welcome and thanks to all of our wives and other family members. Without your support and encouragement, we could not succeed in meeting the challenges given to us by our Founder, the Venerable Father Michael Joseph McGivney, a young priest who uniquely called us to care for each other. We cannot do this great work without your assistance. Thank you so much.

We have a committed and talented group of men serving as your State Officers this year. Their hours of dedication and loyalty to our great Order are virtually endless. Together, we have worked tirelessly to honor, preserve and advance the trust you have placed in us. We hope our efforts to support your work and recognize your achievements across Texas have earned us the confidence we need to continue our mission.

State Secretary Alfredo and Rosa Vela, State Treasurer Diego and Pia Pena, State Advocate Bob Goss, State Warden Pat and Mary Henz, Immediate Past State Deputy Doug Oldmixon and Jo-Dee Benson - thank you for traveling to all the corners of this great state to serve the interests of over 109,000 men, their wives and the families who are the heart of our beloved Order in Texas. Your constant efforts to attend to the countless duties and myriad details of correspondence and budgets, rules and traditions, protocols and guidance are an inspiration to all of us and are acknowledged and appreciated by your Brother Knights. Words can hardly express the gratitude we owe you for your dedication to our success.

And we are grateful to all of the Past State Deputies and their wives who have served Texas so faithfully and so well. We continue to rely upon your advice, guidance, insights, and inspiration to assist the officers in leading the Order to higher levels of service.

Every day in every one of the 15 dioceses across this great state, more men and their families are invited to join us in our core mission and high calling to develop strong, engaged and faithful Catholic citizens; more families are organized and motivated to carry out more great works of love and charity to build up a culture of life and a civilization of love; more local councils and assemblies are formed or reactivated to become the focus for our efforts to develop leaders to support our parishes and communities; more great programs are initiated and events planned and carried out to provide more opportunities for men to serve, more

men are educated and trained to become more effective as servants and leaders; and more of these local efforts are documented and recognized to provide more inspiration to one another, and other men and other families, to join in and grow these efforts in a continuous outreach to every Catholic man, and to provide every Catholic family with the same opportunities.

Thank you for a group of dedicated Major Directors and the dozens of dedicated volunteers who comprise their outstanding teams. Membership Director Bill and Karen Elliott, Charity Director Boyd and Patricia Burris, Council Growth Director Tony and Madeline Fontanelli, Programs Director Ron and Margo Alonzo, Education and Training Director Reed and Donna Fontenot, and Star Council Awards Director Reggie Vasquez and Patricia Gutierrez all work together to provide leadership to a team of chairmen and committeemen who carry out the steady work of building upon the strong foundations laid by others and also find new ways to be more effective in expanding the reach of our Order. The State Directory, which is found on our website, has the names and positions of every person who has agreed to serve in some appointed role in one of these six major areas of emphasis. Please take the time to review it and become more familiar with the many initiatives sponsored and carried out by Texas Knights all across this great state. We are blessed to have so many great programs started and sustained by you, and directed each year by great volunteers. We thank them sincerely for diligently carrying out the many duties that make Texas successful each year. Round Tables, College Councils, Squires, the Silver Rose, traveling Icons, ACE wings, Shield a Badge with a Prayer, Keep Christ in Christmas, Forty Cans for Lent, the American Wheelchair Mission, Ultrasound initiatives, Emergency Response efforts, blood drives, food pantries, and dozens of more projects provide many opportunities for men and their families to make a positive impact in their communities. A big thank you to two of our very successful projects is in order. One to Bill Weber for our Wheelchair program. Texas continues to set records each year in the number of wheelchairs provided to many locations in the world. A wheelchair helps not only the person receiving it but also their family by providing mobility. And of course, Andrew Clark for continuing to oversee our Ultrasound initiative. We continue to experience significant growth in the number of machines that our local councils are raising funds to purchase. It is said that each machine “saves” two babies a week.

The first principle of our Order is Charity and our sincerest gratitude must go to all of the charitable programs carried out by our councils, assemblies, circles, and auxiliary units. The single most effective effort now raises over a million dollars each year, 70 percent of which is dedicated for the 15 Bishops to support programs as designated by them. Since its inception, over \$11 million has been donated to our Bishops through this program. Also, significant funds have been raised locally and donated to support Catholic education, seminarians, RSVP, scholarships, Special Olympics, the Cardinal Medeiros Fellowship, crisis pregnancy centers and the Order’s Ultrasound Project, the Archdiocese for the Military Services and many other worthy causes. Special thanks are owed to the members of the State Council Charities Board of Directors who oversee the fundraising operations and coordinate distribution of the results of many of these efforts, along with the tens of

thousands of volunteers who donate their time. Also thank you to our Emergency Response team, headed by the able Harry Storey, and assisted by regional coordinators.

In our online directory, you will also find the names and contact information for our 15 Diocesan Deputies with their Assistants and local Team Leaders, and seven Diocesan Chapter Presidents, and the over 200 District Deputies who act as coaches for the officers and members of over 800 councils and 150 assemblies in every corner of Texas. Contact information for all of these regional and local leaders is available on our website so they are always available to you. Seek them out and tell them how much you appreciate their time and talents. Many other special volunteers assist us with key programs like the Football Sweepstakes, Legal Affairs, and Audit committees. Thank you all.

We all realize how important the fraternal benefits and insurance programs of our Order are to the effectiveness and success of so many of our initiatives. The strength and value of our financial products are highly competitive, and the service second to none. We are blessed to have eight great General Agents leading over 100 Field Agents in serving our members with advice and counsel. We welcome and thank Tony Rangel, John Regan, Tommy Supak, Mike Payne, Will Britten, Juan Carlos Carlin, Chris Stark, and our newest General Agent, Mickey Dougherty who covers San Antonio. A special thanks to Brother Chris Stark for also having the role of our Insurance Liaison. Their work is so fundamental to advance the vision of Father McGivney and crucial to the success of our mission that we must acknowledge their tireless efforts and express our gratitude to them regularly for their constant assistance. This year, Texas is conducting a pilot program with our insurance partners. Councils are encouraged to host “Fraternal Benefit Nights” that are open to any Catholic gentleman. This is designed to provide information about our great insurance programs and at the same time is a wonderful recruitment tool for the host council.

On just about any day throughout the year, men in Texas are experiencing the impressive ceremonial rites of Admission, Formation, Knighthood or patriotic citizenship as each man advances through the degree levels of our Order. Teams of exceptional volunteers conduct these ceremonies and exemplify for the edification of those in attendance the foundational principles of our Order – Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Effective this past March 1st, we now have a new exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity that is a combined ceremony. The veil of secrecy with regards to these ceremonials has now been lifted and we invite and encourage our wives and family members to witness this occasion.

As we usher in an exciting new era for the Knights, I would be remiss if I did not offer our thanks and gratitude to our Ceremonials team. Under the able direction of our Ceremonials Chairman Phil Apgar, a dozen special officers over many years have traveled to all parts of our great State and along with District teams conferred each degree upon the men who completed the ceremonies, in both English and Spanish. We are incredibly grateful for the extraordinary commitment of these talented and dedicated volunteers. We thank them for their service.

At many of our larger gatherings, at special parish events, and at any time our Bishops request an escort, the Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree provide a special dignified ceremonial presence. Perhaps the most visible and recognizable aspect of our Order, their witness, and service are an indispensable piece of the Order's identity. We owe profound gratitude to Vice Supreme Master David Roewe of the Guadalupe Province, the six District Masters of Texas, and our special liaison Former District Master Sir Knight Joe Rodriguez, along with the Texas Knights who are members of our patriotic degree corps.

We continue to recognize and honor those who serve us, especially our clergy and religious, our military and veterans and our law enforcement and other first responders. We asked each diocese to host one or more clergy and religious appreciation events and invite all of them to join us and be celebrated for their service, and to ensure all our diocesan seminarians are supported. We asked for a special outreach of cooperation with local Catholic War Veterans posts, many of whose members are also Brother Knights. Because all that we do is inspired by the faith that we share, and because our families are under extreme pressure, we asked our Bishops to host an annual Mass for the Celebration and Protection of Families – many did; and more are needed. Our Immediate Past State Deputy, Doug Oldmixon continues the Knights of Columbus Faith and Freedom Minute podcast on Catholic radio stations nationwide and also is serving as our Historian, offering insights and ideas as we strive to make sense of the unique challenges to religious liberty facing us in this time of profound cultural transition. We often turn for our inspiration to the work of Archbishop Lori who is one of the most respected voices of our era on this vital topic. How fortuitous that he also serves our Order as Supreme Chaplain! Thank you, Archbishop Lori!

Our State Office in Austin is staffed by three talented individuals and a host of amazing volunteers throughout the state. Our Executive Secretary Mike McLaughlin heads up the team. Our key staff consists of Kari Jordan our accountant, and Kathleen McLoughlin who manages council records, as well as Mark Johnson who manages our website, publishes the Texas Knight newsletter and keeps our technology humming. All of them are supported by a dedicated group of volunteers for major events. Other contributors include Mary Maresca, who manages our Fraternal & Celebrations Correspondence, Patti Bettge who manages our Prayer Line, Terry and Beth Fruge who along with Deacon Clarence and Mrs. Blalock coordinate our Liturgies, and Chris and Elena Rodriguez who coordinate hospitality for our gatherings. These and dozens of other volunteers make the operation of our State Council office possible. Please make sure and offer them your thanks.

We continue to use technology by having more and more documents that are available online through our website. This makes for easier access and helps lower costs. We have instituted online charitable donation options via our website and consolidated our banking to lower fees where we have long-standing relationships. We have placed all of our discretionary investment funds with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors to ensure our investments are made consistent with Church teaching and moral business practices. We expect to roll out additional upgrades to our website

and database tools soon and we will continue to explore more ways to use technology to enhance our operations. As we continue to grow in Texas, it remains a great challenge to keep our expenses in check and find ways to be more efficient while also enhancing our effectiveness. The effective use of technology will be key. As we continue to expect more of our current staff, we also recognize the need to acquire some new skills.

All that we can accomplish within the Texas State Council is only possible because of each of you. Dedicated Knights and their families all across this great state step up each day to help us to grow in membership, increase our charitable outreach, expand and refine our programs and find new ways to support our parishes and communities. Officers in our local councils and assemblies step up to leadership roles to be of greater service. We ask a lot of our Knights, and we provide the support and training required to help us all become better men, better husbands, better fathers, better Catholics, and better citizens. Working closely with our Pastors and priests, we build up the domestic Church while strengthening our parishes. Encouraging and equipping men to be faithful and resourceful strengthens families, and inevitably also our parish faith community. Integrating our efforts to support the pastoral plan for each parish builds up the community of faith.

So, thanks to each of you for your efforts in your local councils and assemblies. Your dedication to each other is what makes this work so well. It is you who get up early to assist at Mass, staff the BBQ grill or the kitchen griddle, decorate the Church, maintain or repair a home or facility, staff the youth or family activity, donate blood, visit at the VA, say the rosary, visit someone who needs a smile, or any of a hundred other small acts of service or kindness that makes a difference. You do this most often with the full support, assistance and often in the company of your wives, and even your children. We Knights must fully acknowledge that only a very small portion of what we do could be accomplished without the active support of our wives and the cooperation of our family members. It is a debt we can never fully repay. It is one of the hallmarks of our Order to intentionally build up the family. Only then can we truly say we are living up to the vision of our beloved Founder; Father McGivney. You are my heroes. Thank you for letting me serve you as your State Deputy. It has been my privilege and distinct honor to do so.

And last, but certainly not least, let me thank my lovely wife, Mary. 44 years ago, she committed to be my partner on this journey back to the God who gave us both life and, in His time, brought us together. Through it all, she has remained calm and faith-filled and my inspiration. Thank you, Mary, for always being there for me. You are my rock. Mary's selection of the Cosponsored Seminarian Program of the Archdiocese for the Military Services as her focus for the Texas Ladies Project is the perfect blend of values and virtue. We ask that you please be generous in supporting this effort.

As we go about our daily lives we must always be cognizant that the world is watching our actions. We must continually recommit ourselves to achieve the goals we set for Texas this year. By our actions let us continue to "Let our Light Shine." God bless you all and God bless Texas.

Vivat Jesus!



**State Secretary's Report**  
**Alfredo Vela,**  
**State Secretary**

**W**elcome to Dallas, Texas and the 116th State Convention of the Knights of Columbus in this great State of Texas. The state convention marks the beginning of the end for another fraternal year. We should all be proud of what the Knights of Columbus in Texas have done during the year.

I would like to thank our State Directors for all their efforts this fraternal year. Membership Director, Bill Elliot, and his team continue to grow the Order with their membership recruitment.

Star Council Director, Reggie Vasquez, and his team will answer any and all questions when it comes to your council's requirements and achievement of Star Council.

Our Council Growth Director, Tony Fontanelli, and his team are in charge of the task of making Fr. McGivney's vision a reality, a council in every parish. Once a person joins the Knights of Columbus what is going to keep him in the Knights? Answer: our programs. If you have any question on program activities around your area or around the state, contact Ron Alonzo, our State Programs Director.

If your council and or district have any question on the "how" of doing things, please call Reed Fontenot, our Education and Training Director. He will make sure you get the resources needed for your training. Boyd Burris, our State Charities Director, and his team have a tall task this fraternal year. With your help, we will surpass \$1,000,000,000 in Charities, again. Keep in mind, 70% of these funds go back to your Bishops.

As you can see, we have it covered. Whatever it might be, if you have any questions, please contact any of the directors above. They are willing to help you and your council succeed.

I would be remiss, if I did not give a shout out to all of our General Agents and Field Agents. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we have an insurance company that is second to none, bar none. What would it take for your family to be taken care of if you pass away? I cannot answer that, but, if you do have a question about you and your family's financial future, contact your Field and/or General Agent.

So, what are my duties as State Secretary? The first one is to take the minutes of all State Officers' meetings. This helps to record and preserve the decisions made by the State Officers. These minutes are officially approved by the State Officers and kept on file at the state office.

Second, is to receive and make the officers aware of all correspondence received. At every meeting, all correspondence is presented to the state officers. The correspondence is dealt with

by forwarding to appropriate personnel who could take care of it.

The State Secretary is also in charge of Council's State Per Capita. A big thank you to Paul Bettge for his efforts in making sure we are kept up to date on State Per Capita. Keep in mind, our major source of income at the state level is the per capita received from the local councils. Each of your councils is mailed a notice on amount due for State Per Capita. If it has not been paid, a reminder is sent. Please make sure you program it into your budget and pay your per capita as early as possible.

One other nice duty that I have is to represent our State Deputy at a function when he is not able to make it. This year has not been different. We, Rosa and I, have had the pleasure of traveling around the state to attend some functions. It is these travels that give us the opportunity to meet you all and make new friends. And for that, we are greatly appreciative.

I want to thank our office staff, Mike McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin for all their help. They really make our jobs a little easier. If you see them around, please tell them thank you, they really deserve it.

Thank you to our State Officers for the opportunity to work with them this fraternal year. Our State Deputy, Mark Evans, and the rest of the officers, sacrifice time and effort to make the Texas Knights of Columbus the best it can be.

A BIG thank you to my family. My wife, Rosa, and our kids, Amanda and Armando, are very patient when we do this KC thing. I could not be able to do it without their understanding.

Finally, a huge thank you to you, our council officers and members of the local councils. The successes Texas has ever had is because of you. There is no way the Texas Knights of Columbus would enjoy its success without you. You are the ones that make it happen. And, for that, THANK YOU.



**State Treasurer's Report**  
**Diego J. Peña,**  
**State Treasurer**

**G**reetings & Salutations! Welcome to Dallas and our 116th annual Texas State Council Convention.

For me personally, this has been a very busy and challenging fraternal year. Last year, I retired from Southwestern Bell/AT&T to set up my own arbitration and mediation business. When not traveling for arbitrations or mediations, I've been with family or doing KofC business. This past year, I've been traveling to Georgia to assist my 94 year old Uncle Ciro—a brother Knight. Many of you have asked about Pia's MS diagnosis; fortunately, her MS appears to be under control. We thank everyone for their continued prayers for Pia and my uncle.

I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Mark Evans and First Lady Mary Evans for their hard work and leadership. We still have two months to hit and surpass our Membership, Charities and Star Council goals. Let's do all we can to achieve Circle of Honor!

I also want to thank our Worthy State Secretary Alfredo Vela, our Worthy State Advocate Bob Goss, our Worthy State Warden Pat Henz and our Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy Douglas Oldmixon for their hard work and dedication to the Order. I also want to recognize and thank our Major Directors, Bill Elliott, Reggie Vasquez, Boyd Burris, Ron Alonzo, Tony Fontanelli and Reed Fontenot and their teams.

The by-laws of the Texas State Council require the State Treasurer to oversee the financial activities of the Texas State Council and Texas State Council Charities. Along with the State Deputy, I review and approve each payment voucher. Working with our State Office, I reconcile all accounts at the end of each month. Ms. Kari Jordan compiles and maintains the reconciliation and other financial reports. Kari and I go over these reports regularly. Compliance with the process ensures that our financial reports are transparent and accurate.

Our compliance with that process is reviewed by the Audit Committee chaired by Roy Rabenaldt. The other members of the State Audit Committee are Vincent Matocha, Joe Marusik, Mark Ulrich and Lloyd Waguespack. The Audit Committee works with our outside accounting firm to insure that our books accurately reflect the financial health of the Texas State Council and State Council Charities.

The State Treasurer is also required, along with our State Officers, to prepare the coming year's budgets. The proposed budgets for the 2020-21 fraternal year are in this Supplement and will be submitted to the Convention for approval. Preparing these budgets is challenging because of the shifting priorities and fluctuating operating costs.

I can assure you that your State Officers, office staff and leadership team work hard to limit our expenditures. We are always looking to cut costs and conduct business more efficiently. As of early March 2020, our actual budget versus actual expenditures is on target. For that, I congratulate our State Officer leadership team and office staff for their frugal and efficient management. We have all done our best to operate within the budget last year's convention approved.

The Texas State Council's per capita assessment serves as our primary source of income. I want to thank all the Councils that have paid their per capita early and on time.

Our secondary source of income is the Football Sweepstakes Program, managed by John Plote. The more Football Sweepstakes tickets councils purchase and sell, the less likely the Texas State Council will have to raise per capita. I urge all councils to prioritize the sale and purchase of Football Sweepstakes tickets in the coming fraternal year. Thanks to all those councils that have supported our Football Sweepstakes this past year and have committed to selling tickets in the coming fraternal year.

The Texas State Council By-Laws also require the State Treasurer to chair the Convention's Good of the Order Committee. I want to thank Tom Clark for his dedication to this fraternal service and to all the members of the Committee.

I would also like to give special thanks to our State Chaplain, Most Reverend Joseph E. Strickland and Associate State Chaplain, Reverend Monsignor Louis B. Pavlicek. Please keep all our Bishops, Priests and other Religious in your prayers. This has been a particularly challenging year for our religious shepherds, and it is imperative that we keep them in our prayers and let them know we support them.

Finally, I would like to thank Mike McLaughlin, Kari Jordan and Kathleen McLoughlin for their hard work and dedication. When you see them this weekend, please thank them.

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

We still have two months to make this the best fraternal year ever in our history. Let's do it!

Vivat Jesus!



**State Advocate's Report  
Robert B. "Bob" Goss,  
State Advocate**

**G**od Bless You, Your Family and Thank You

Welcome to Dallas for the 116th annual Texas State Council Convention. I want to thank our hosts, the Dallas Convention Committee for their hard work.

It is my privilege to represent you, my fellow Knights. So THANK YOU. I wish to express my deepest gratitude to you for allowing me to serve you as your State Advocate. Thank you! If you have a legal issue my email is bob@gosslaw.com.

Next, I wish to thank the Legal Affairs Committee members – Mikell West (Corpus Christi) and Chris Hamm (Dallas). Your dedication and legal prowess is greatly appreciated and helps so many Knights across our great state.

Of course, my deepest gratitude goes to our Supreme Director Terry Simonton, and our PSDs: Doug Oldmixon, Jim Collins, Tony Herreth, Larry Zapalac, Leo Hanus, Ron Gay, Jacob Gaona, Ken Otte, Tim Von Dohlen, Ray Neumann, and Lou Barbour, for their continued leadership and assistance. Prayers go to Floyd Tafelski and his family.

Thank you to our Texas State Council leadership team—State Deputy Mark Evans, State Secretary Alfredo Vela, State Treasurer Diego Pena, and State Warden Pat Henz, State Chaplain Most Reverend Joseph E. Strickland, Associate State Chaplain Reverend Msgr. Louis Pavlicek, for their dedication and inspirational leadership. I am truly blessed to work with such fine Knights who are totally dedicated to helping other Knights, fellow Catholics, our communities, and the citizens of Texas.

A special thank you to our TSC staff – Executive Secretary Michael McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin. Your dedication and professionalism enable the TSC to help so many people across the state. Thank you very much.

I would also like to thank our Worthy Supreme Advocate John Marrella and his legal team—particularly Brian Gedicks, Rick St. Hillaire, Matthew McGrath, and Jennifer Cordes for the almost daily support and coordination on so many issues.

I particularly want to thank our current State Directors, Bill Elliott, Tony Fontanelli, Reggie Vasquez, Ron Alonzo, Reed Fontenot, Boyd Burris, and their teams for all the heavy lifting they do. Thank you for all your leadership and action.

Most importantly, I want to thank all the District Deputies, Grand Knights and other Council officers I have assisted throughout the years; it is your dedication and hard work that really count. By strengthening your Councils and making your parishes better, it is our District Deputies and Council leaders that truly make Texas the best jurisdiction in the Order. It has been my special privilege to serve all of you.

### **Councils with Halls**

All councils with home associations are required to be in compliance with Supreme’s policy regarding home associations, the Handbook for Councils using Home Corporation Facilities (the “Handbook”). The revised Handbook can be found on the Texas State Council website.

Further, every council that has a hall is required to sign the Charitable Distribution Agreements (CDA) and Terms of Use Agreements (TUA) and return those signed forms to the Texas State Council and Supreme.

Lastly, to comply with the IRS rules used to create Home Associations / Halls - - a Hall is supposed to return ANY monies not used for Hall expenses to the Council for charity use. An example of what not to do is charge a council \$3500 / month for a business meeting. The Hall should be used to generate monies to give to the Council’s charity.

### **Councils Required to Maintain Insurance**

Every Council should protect itself by purchasing sufficient general liability insurance to cover all reasonably anticipated risks arising in connection with activities, events, and functions involving the Knights of Columbus. Many Texas dioceses and parishes require Councils to furnish proof of insurance in order to use diocesan or parish facilities for meetings or events. It is my understanding that most dioceses are asking for at least \$1 million in general liability coverage.

Neither the Supreme Council nor the Texas State Council provides insurance coverage for Councils. As a matter of prudence and responsibility, Councils must maintain their own general liability insurance. As part of their annual budgets, Councils should purchase general liability insurance at least once a year. Consider this a mandatory expense of operating on parish grounds.

Supreme has developed a Local Council Insurance Program that is administered by Lockton Affinity, LLC. For approximately \$2.40/member, a Council can purchase a \$1 million general liability policy that will satisfy diocesan requirements for insurance. Council leaders interested in getting additional information should contact Lockton by phone (1-800-496-0288), by email [Councilinsurance@locktonaffinity.com](mailto:Councilinsurance@locktonaffinity.com) or online <https://www.councilinsuranceprogram.com>. For those councils with Halls, Lockton also provides coverage.

### **Background checks & Abuse Protection – Supreme & Diocesan Compliance**

Without question, the most significant change that has occurred has been the Supreme and Texas Diocese implementation of MANDATORY Safe Environment programs. Grand Knights and District Deputies - - please make sure you and your directors do the online training or submit the background materials within 30 days after notice by e-mail. Get this done. It is a part of the job - - protect our community.

As leaders serving and protecting the Catholic Church, we as Knights must lead by example. If one brother Knight is able to stop a child or elder from being abused then all the training by every Texas State Knight is justified and worthwhile.

### **Let us take care of our Brothers and Lead**

The number one thing we as leaders of the Texas State Council along with your districts and councils must do is adapt and address these very real issues. Be a leader in your community – the best recruitment tool is to be a good Catholic and example of the principles of the Order. Parishioners - - Catholic men, encouraged by their wives, will join by observing your good work noting you are a good person, a good Catholic, and a great Knight. Lead by your good actions of charity, unity, fraternalism, and kindness – handle your foes with kindness. “Kill ’em with kindness” is hard but it deconflicts adversity and also may lead to resolution. Bring to life to your council’s Faith in Action.

### **Conclusion**

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



**State Warden's Report**  
**Pat Henz,**  
**State Warden**

The call details were not very clear, just a male subject causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. When I arrived, the male was standing by himself and not saying anything. He appeared dirty and probably homeless. There were a few people standing around but it was obvious they were not involved or engaged with the subject. As I approached him, he just stared at me but didn't say anything. He looked very angry, gritting his teeth, his neck muscles were flexing, and his hands were clenched. It was then that I noticed he was holding a knife. That's when things just went up a few notches.

I kept talking to him trying to keep him calm. I had my hand on my gun but I knew if I drew my weapon it could escalate things. I wasn't sure where my assist was or how long it was going to take for him to arrive. He was still tense yet not saying anything. I continued talking to him trying to ease any of his fears, while all along watching his eyes, his body language, and of course his hands.

It seemed like things were going in slow motion yet I had no time to think about anything else but to keep him from making a wrong decision. Then, out of the blue, I noticed a change in his facial expression and his eyes didn't look as intense. He then began to relax and he dropped the knife. He then turned around and allowed me to handcuff him and take him away with no problem.

It wasn't until later after I had a chance to "recover" and get my thoughts together when I thanked God for being there with me. It wasn't just a general "thank you Lord" but a true sincere totally grateful "THANK YOU GOD" for being with me. I also realized that I didn't have time to ask God to be with me but someone did.

I tell you this story to give you a better idea of when I say "THANK YOU" to all of you, my Brother Knights, for your support over the past two years, that it is a true, sincere, totally grateful "THANK YOU." I appreciate all the support I received from my fellow State Officers, all the State Directors, the wonderful Staff at our State Office, and of course all of YOU across this Great State. Just as important, I am so blessed with the love and support from my wife Mary who stands by me through all my adventures. It was such an honor and a privilege to be YOUR State Warden these past two years. And it makes me very proud to be a Knight of Columbus, especially from TEXAS.

Just as important, this story points out that sometimes, Officers don't have that extra second to say a prayer. However, when YOU pray for an Officer or First Responder, just know, that YOUR prayer will be answered. Thank you for all those councils who are praying for First Responders whether through the "Shield a Badge with a Prayer" program or just regular intentions under

the Good of the Order at your council meetings. It is comforting to know that God always has our backs.

God Bless You All  
 God Bless Texas

**State Membership Director's Report**  
**William Elliott,**  
**State Membership Director**

My Brothers All,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful location of our convention here in Dallas. I bring you greetings from the Membership Team. What a challenge it has been this year moving the Texas State Council forward in our quest to stay on top as the largest jurisdiction in the Americas. You know a lot of our sister jurisdictions would like to topple the achievements that Texas has accomplished over the years. All this fraternal year we have had other jurisdictions like California, Ohio, Florida, and Michigan chasing us. All I can say is we have had the great view of being in the front, and the others have been looking at our rear. We need your help to stay in front.

Texas has not been running away with the numbers we had hoped for. We have been behind all year long but the momentum has been picking up. We have been in the lead all year long in volume of new Knights joining online. As of this report we have had 669 join online this fraternal year. The Supreme Council's idea for this program was to have an average intake age of new knights that were 33 years old. Texas has been averaging 44 year old Knights. Their thoughts were that at least 40% would convert to become council members. Texas's conversion rate this year is around 29.3% that converted to Council Knights. We are sharing all the contact information about those who join online with their Diocesan Deputy for follow up with the local council. A council representative then contacts the E-Knight and welcomes him to become a member of their local council. The intake of this new program is working, but like all new programs it still has flaws. We have had 541 convert to Council Knights since this program started in January 2018.

The good old fashioned way of becoming a Knight is still my choice of recruiting. A Knight shakes hands with a Catholic man and asks him if is a Knight, and if he says no, then you tell him what the Knights stands for, how it is an important part of your life. You then ask and invite him to become a Knight. He might not give you a yes then, but you remember his name and you visit with him again when you see him next, and you give him brochures about the Knights and info about your Council. Not everything in life happens the 1st time you try, and you have to try again. This has worked for the 138 years our Order has been around. Not all who joined the Knights asked to join; most all Knights were invited to join. Some are not joiners, some do not visit with others, but all who are greeted with a smiling face and a firm handshake will feel welcomed. Our successful recruiters do not give up; they keep approaching until they close the deal. I have been blessed to be able to recruit 170 men into the Knights over my 33 years of membership. I have been told "Maybe", or "I will think about it", a bunch of times, but I still persisted. I

have had a few who told me they were not Catholic; I invited them to talk to me about becoming a Catholic. Do not give up, just keep asking. For those who just want to think about joining, invite them to visit [www.KofC.org/join](http://www.KofC.org/join) for more information on why they should become a Knight.

As of this report we have brought in 2,361 Knights this year and with the online E-Knights we are credited with 2,799. We have 51 councils who have met or exceeded their recruitment goal, with 19 councils who have also met or exceeded their insurance goal. So it can be done. Where does your council stand? Please do not be one of the 300 councils that have not recruited a new Knight this year. We have close to 109,568 Knights in Texas at this time. In 2,000 which was 20 years ago we were just breaking the 85,000 Texas Knights level. That was 25,000 Knights ago. Yes, the world has changed over the last 20 years. Yes, the modern technology has helped, but it has also hurt us in some areas. But the facts are the same now as then. A man wants to be a part of a group that is visible by performing good works. There is an old KC saying "By the good works of our Order, we shall be known". Our works of Charity, performed in Unity, by men of Fraternity is what we stand for. We have asked you this year to "Let Your Light Shine". Have you done your part? Have you shined your light on the memory of our Founder Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney? Well, it is not too late to do your part. Ask another man to become a Knight. Share who we are, what we do, what we stand for, and how we need every Catholic man to become a Knight. Take stock in our Order by helping to grow the Order.

God bless you all, Let your Light Shine.

**Recruitment:**  
**Tom Oaks, Chairman**

As of the end of February, we have 60 District Deputies across all dioceses that have either not recruited a new member or has a negative net gain this year. We have 398 dormant and non-dormant councils that have not recruited a new member this year. I encourage ALL District Deputies and 280 of those 398 councils to become recruitment active before the end of this fraternal year and that ALL active councils recruit two additional new Knights in May and in June. There are many eligible Catholic gentlemen just waiting for someone to ask them.

Additional Action Steps:

- Ensure that the District Deputy schedules an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in May AND in June.
- Schedule a recruitment drive at the Council's home parish in the last two months of the recruiting year.
- Emphasize to the community the Order's involvement in the Parish through the Faith In Action Program.
- Ensure that the council receives and follows up with a list from the parish office of all new parishioners.
- Contact the new RCIA Catholic men while we are still in the Easter Season.

- Make an attempt to sign up every young Catholic man headed off to college before he leaves.
- Refer the new college age member to the on campus Knights of Columbus Council at his college.
- Make follow up calls to inactive insurance members to see if they are open to reinstating their membership.
- Contact parishioners completing ACTS or CRHP retreats and invite them to become Knights. It is a great fit with the call to service in these retreat programs.

**MEMBERSHIP RETENTION**

**Dennis Trainor, Chairman**

It is with hope that the retention process continues to compliment the recruitment process for bringing in AND keeping members in the local councils.

Over the past year I have gotten down in the trenches with various District Deputies, Financial Secretaries, Grand Knights and council members in doing the true work of retention. That is, saving brothers and bringing them back into fold. Slowly but surely, the attitude towards brothers who are no longer participating in council activities or keeping up with their fiduciary responsibilities is changing. As with a coin, there are two sides to the retention issue.

While each brother is encouraged to participate to the level he can, the council also has a duty to ensure that each brother has that opportunity. When I first took this position, I had assumed that brothers did not pay dues or participate because they had no interest. However, the reality I found is that many brothers who enter the order go through the Admission Degree and then are left to fend for themselves in the council. Many this year that were retained were done so by bridging that gap and helping the council identify ways of spreading the word to ALL brothers.

There are times, however, when a council should sever its ties to a brother. When a brother is no longer a practical Catholic as understood by the Church, or has been convicted of a felony – yes, the council has a duty to itself and the Order to suspend the brother.

When a member decides he no longer wishes to keep his membership current, the council needs to find out the reason and try to offer to the brother a way of dealing with his objection to continuing in the Order. With the new direction the Order is going with the Faith in Action programs, we are focusing more on the ideals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Change in the Order is usually met with resistance because "that's not the way we did it". But we are the men who 'Stand in Solidarity' with our clergy and need to focus on our leadership to bring those changes to fruition and make us stronger as an Order, as the Jurisdiction of the Great State of Texas, of our councils, and most importantly - as the strong Catholic Gentlemen that are the Knights of Columbus.

## Ceremonials

**Phillip E. Apgar, Chairman**

Brother Knights, as we gather in Dallas for the 116th Annual Convention of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus, I want to thank all of you for your hard work this year in convincing Catholic men to join our Order and in helping them achieve full Knighthood. This year has certainly been one of tremendous change in how we conduct our Ceremonials and I will admit that I will miss the Fraternity of being part of a team which taught the lessons in the Admissions, Formation and Knighthood degrees and that helped to form these Catholic men in the knowledge of our Faith and our Order. I never anticipated the magnitude of the changes made, but I have come to appreciate the quality and simplicity of the new exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. I hope you will join me in exemplifying this new Ceremonial and also in remembering our Order in your prayers that it may ever grow and bring the message of hope that our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney did so well.

If you are a Grand Knight this year, I want to challenge you to embrace this new exemplification of our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. You and your Council have been empowered to control your own destiny as a Council and make the Knights of Columbus known for what we stand for in your Parish and community. Imagine what can be done just by inviting someone to view this ceremonial to learn more about what the Knights are all about. Invite your parishioners to attend if they want to learn more about us.

To borrow some words from "I am a Knight", "It's one thing to say who you are. It's another to live it. To put your values into action. That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus. That's who we are."

To all my Brother Knights who have served on Admissions Degree Teams, as Major Degree Team Captains, Major Degree Team members and Conferring Officers, I want to thank you and to express what an honor it has been to work with you through the years! I hope that you will join me in embracing this new exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and taking an active part in it.

### Report of the 4th Degree:

**SK Joe Rodriguez, Master of the Sword**

My Brother Knights all,

I bring you greetings from the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province. Our Worthy Vice Supreme Master David Roewe is unable to be with us this weekend. I would like to report to you that the 4th Degree in Texas stands at 20,156 Sir Knights with more that came in during the months of February and March that have not been processed at the time of this report. I would like to ask any 3rd Degree Knight to become a 4th Degree Knight and help us support all areas of Patriotism.

For 120 years we have been here to salute our Veterans and to support our Country and what it stands for. Every day we are thankful for the freedom and liberty that we sometimes take for granted as Americans. We the Sir Knights of our Order stand ready to support and defend our rights as Catholic American citizens.

We also understand that we must do our part to invite and encourage all Catholic men to become members of the Knights of Columbus. If they do not become 1st Degree Knights, we will never see them become 4th Degree Knights. We will do our part to support our councils in their actions to recruit new Knights.

The 4th Degree is going thru some changes in what and how we do things but our principals and our charge has not changed. I would like to thank our Texas Masters for their hard work and dedication to our Order. District 1 Master Kenneth Oradiegwu, District 2 Master Herman Poothong, District 3 Master Pat Conway Sr., District 4 Master Dan Norman, District 5 Master Tony Schillo, and District 6 Master Don Ream. They stand ready to help the Texas State Council and all of our Texas Councils were ever they can.

Again, we invite all to become a Sir Knight of our Order.

### Membership Director's Final Comments

As we come into the last 2 months of this fraternal year, I must ask all councils to push to make their assigned membership intake goal. A council needs new Knights to keep the dreams of the Venerable Servant of God Fr. Michael McGivney's dream alive. We must grow our councils, grow our State Council and grow our Order. Our Church, our communities, and our families need the Knights of Columbus. Just as we need new Catholic men.

I would like to thank our Grand Knights, District Deputies, Diocesan Deputies and State Council Directors, Committeemen, Field Agents and General Agents, and the State Officers for their leadership and commitment to our Order. A big thank you to Michael McLaughlin, Kari Jordan and Kathleen McLoughlin in our State Office for all they do make the Texas State Council the great operation that it is. I really appreciate our Membership Team, Tom Oaks Recruitment Chairman, Tom Watters Parish Drives & Blitz Chairman, Dennis Trainor Membership Retention Chairman and his team members Jack Schooley and Kenneth Thies, Brad Meyer Membership Intake Tracking Chairman, Phil Apgar Ceremonials Chairman, Fred Guillory Membership Committeeman and Joe Rodriguez Master of the Sword. They along with our Insurance Liaison, General Agent Chris Stark have helped steer the Membership Ship on a straight course to sail across the finish line with Texas in the lead.

A big thank you to all of our members who have served as a part of our Ceremonial teams. Their dedication to teaching and sharing the lessons of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism to all of our Knights is a great challenge. They are the unsung heroes of our Order. They are still needed to help keep Fr. McGivney's dreams alive.

I would like to thank my wife, Karen and my family for letting me spend the time needed to help our State Council. I have put in 33 years as a dedicated Knight. I have served the Texas State Council and my diocese for 30 years and now it comes to an end as I plan to only serve in my council. I thank all my Brother Knights across the State for their help and support over all these years. We keep this going to pass it on to ones like my Columbian Squire Grandson T.J. Henigan.

Make your light shine, by helping shine the spotlight on Fr. McGivney.

## State Council Growth Director's Report

**Tony Fontanelli**

**State Council Growth Director**

**T**he Theme of the Council Growth Team is "Boots on the Ground"

Our Success or Failure is determined by our Diocesan, Assistant Diocesan, and District Deputies hard work and perseverance, along with that of their Council Grand Knights, Officers, members and Field Agents working together with our pastors and other clergy.

You are our "Boots on the Ground".

The mission of the Council Growth Team is to bring to reality the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney's vision of a Knights of Columbus presence in every Roman Catholic community in Texas. This can be accomplished by establishing or maintaining a Council or a Round Table in these communities. Our team's mission is to establish new councils, re-activate dormant / suspended councils, and to merge members from suspended councils into active councils, and to ensure that active councils remain that way by paying their Supreme Council Per Capita and other required assessments. We also support the establishment of new Round Tables or the re-establishment on an annual basis of existing Round Tables. Our team also assists in all of these areas in primarily Hispanic or college communities. Our team is composed of these Chairmen; Round Tables is headed by Pat Poskey, New Council Development by James DeGhelder, Reactivations and Mergers by Bill Tillotson, per Capita Reporting by Paul Bettge, Council Retention by Tony Hernandez, Hispanic Council Development by Chairman Jacob Gaona, and Assistant Carlos X Martinez. All areas of Council Growth are supported by Outreach Chairman Pat Poskey. A summary of our fraternal year to date activity in each of these areas follows.

### Round Tables

**Pat Poskey**

Without question, the fastest way to establish a Knights of Columbus presence in a Parish or mission is by forming a Round Table from a nearby council. In these communities that are not large enough or strong enough to support a council, a Round Table can be established with only one member from the council attending that parish or mission. This is a great opportunity for nearby Knights to support the pastor and the community as it grows. You can also create a Round Table in a multi-cultural parish. Our goal for the fraternal year is to establish (or re-establish) 200 Round Tables. Our status as of March 1st is 147 Round Tables established and nine dioceses meeting or exceeding their goals. Those Dioceses are Amarillo, Beaumont, Brownsville, El Paso, Fort Worth, Lubbock, San Antonio, Victoria, and Tyler. If you had Round Tables in place last year, please ensure they are re-established by completing & submitting form 2629 by the end of the fraternal year, although our goal each year is to have met our Round Tables goal by the Midyear meeting.

## New Council Development

"The Missionaries Grew the Church in the New World.  
So too must we as Knights of Columbus Grow the Order"

**James DeGhelder**

Our objective in developing new councils is to ensure that when a parish community achieves sufficient size to support a council (20 members required) we are prepared and positioned to make that happen. This can occur as a progression from a Round Table to a council or by direct formation of a new council. This process requires a significant effort with a broad team, including the parish priest, the parish community, and our Diocesan and District Deputy, the General or Field Agents, existing Round Table members, members of nearby councils (recruiting help and transfers into the new council) and the Council Growth Team. As of March 1st Texas has been blessed by the addition of 6 new councils this year against our goal of 10. Those councils and the Brother Knights responsible for their establishment are:

- Council 17404 Holy Trinity Parish in Azle (Fort Worth Diocese)  
Diocesan Deputy Bruce Mallory, District Deputy 29 Bill Mechura, and Field Agent Bob Hoholick
- Council 17410 Inmalcudo Corazon de Maria in Fort Worth  
Diocesan Deputy Bruce Mallory, District Deputy 25 Obie Obregon, and Field Agent Luis Hernandez
- Council 17420 Hermanos San Francisco de Assis Parish in El Paso  
Diocesan Deputy Joe Grillo and District Deputy 5 La-Don Moten
- Council 17449 San Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Parish in El Paso  
Diocesan Deputy Joe Grillo and District Deputy 2 Art Aguirre
- Council 17470 Holy Trinity Parish in Jarrell (Austin Diocese)  
Diocesan Deputy Ed Tydings, General Agent Will Britten, and Grand Knight Josh Jacobs
- Council 17492 University of Texas San Antonio  
Diocesan Deputy Derek Rabey, Chaplain Father Jason Martini, and Assistant Diocesan Deputy Mike Buecher

There is sufficient activity underway throughout this great State that I can be confident in stating I believe we will reach or exceed our goal by activating at least four additional new councils this fraternal year, at least one of which by this very convention date. Thanks to all involved to date and for the remainder of the fraternal year for your time and leadership in establishing these new councils! Well done.

**Reactivations & Mergers**  
**Bill Tillotson**

Reactivating a dormant council brings a Knights of Columbus presence back to a parish that once had one. As of March 1, three Councils have been reactivated – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 6280 in Corpus Christi, Father Anthony Weber Council 10294 in Gatesville (Austin Diocese), and Saint Stephen Council 13198 in Salado (Austin Diocese). Several other councils continue in work. Councils become suspended for many reasons, and an effective reactivation requires overcoming those reasons. We are grateful for the Brother Knights throughout Texas who work to bring dormant councils back to life by re-engaging former members, recruiting new members and rebuilding relationships with pastors and parish organizations.

At times, a dormant council cannot be reactivated for some reason. In those cases, the council is merged with another council in order to give those men the opportunity to remain active Knights. As of March 1, four Councils have been merged in Texas (three in the Fort Worth Diocese and one in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese) with several others in work. As of March 1, there were 109 Texas Councils Suspended by Supreme. It is important to reactivate or merge these councils so that the members regain their fraternal benefits. If you are aware of a suspended council you believe can be reactivated – please reach out to your District Deputy or Diocesan Deputy. Also feel free to contact Bill Tillotson at [william\\_tillotson@yahoo.com](mailto:william_tillotson@yahoo.com) and we will help you reactivate or merge that council.

**Per Capita Reporting and Council Retention**  
**Paul Bettge and Tony Hernandez**

Knights of Columbus Councils that do not pay Supreme Council Per Capita and other Required Supreme Assessments by due dates (10/10 and 4/10) are suspended by Supreme. When suspended, they are not able to participate in State Council sponsored events such as the convention, State athletics, and State youth programs. Suspended councils also forfeit automatic benefits from Supreme Council that are paid to every member – such as the \$2,500 accidental death payment for a member or his spouse. The Retention Committee reviews Supreme Financial Status and Pending Suspension reports to intercede with councils pending suspension before it is too late. Our Chairman will reach out to local leadership including Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries to work to ensure payment is made before suspension occurs. We opened the year with 104 Suspended Councils but were at 109 on March 1st due to additional councils suspended in October. Many of those have paid and we are working diligently with the others to get them current and active again. Additionally, there are numerous councils in various stages of reactivation and merger with nearby active councils. We do have outstanding prospects to accomplish our goal of 74 Suspended Councils for the year, but we will need to ensure that most of the councils suspended during the last fraternal year and on October 10th reactivate by making their back due payments to Supreme and that a very minimal amount of additional suspensions occur in April.

**Hispanic Council Development**  
**Jacob Gaona and Carlos X Martinez**

Our Supreme Knight continually reminds us of our moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights to any practical Catholic gentleman. Our demographic composition in Texas is broad, but it is hard to overstate the importance of outreach to our Hispanic Brothers in growing our beloved Order. Accordingly, we have in place a Chairman and an Assistant whose role is to provide any assistance they can to anyone requesting help in establishing Hispanic Round Tables, new councils, reactivations or retention. Please do not hesitate to reach out if they can assist you in any way from a council growth perspective, or for that matter any other aspect of Knights operations with Hispanic or predominantly Hispanic councils. We are pleased to report the formation of three new Hispanic Councils so far this fraternal year and look forward to multiple more new Hispanic Councils from this effort to accomplish Fr. McGivney's vision of a Knights of Columbus presence in every Catholic parish.

**COLLEGE COUNCILS**  
**Position Currently Vacant**

The objective of the Texas College Councils program is to foster excellence and growth in established councils, and to establish Round Tables or new councils on campuses where a Knights of Columbus presence does not yet exist. One primary activity of this team is to coordinate an annual conference for Texas' College Knights. The 2020 Texas College Councils Conference was held at Baylor University in Waco and provided an opportunity for students to come together and develop leadership skills as young Knights, and to exchange ideas with leaders of other college councils. The College Conference was an outstanding success this year with over 35 participants from 10 of the fourteen active college councils in Texas. One of the major objectives that came out of the conference is the planned establishment of a dedicated social media platform for our college council Knights. Plans for next year's conference are already being discussed and we hope that the turnout will be even greater and that all of our college councils will be able to send representatives. Thanks to our college Knights throughout Texas for your witness to your faith and the good works that you do!

**CONCLUSION**

I extend the appreciation and thanks of the Council Growth Team to Mike McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin, in our State Office. Their diligence, willingness to teach and share makes our job so much easier. I also send a hearty thank you to the members of the team this year. Without your unselfish assistance to me and those Brother Knights we served throughout Texas, none of this would have been possible. I owe a tremendous thank you to my wife Madeline for her patience and understanding so I could do "Knights" stuff as much and as often as I do. God has richly blessed me with Madeline and I am very grateful for her love and companionship. And finally, the Council Growth Team gives a big thank you to our Diocesan Deputies, Assistant Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Special Assistants in the Dioceses, and local council members, for the untold hours you committed to growing our Order in this great state! Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey! The eyes of Texas and of the Order are upon you! And you have responded well!

## State Star Council Director's Report

**Reggie Vasquez,**

**State Star Council Director**

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and Faith in Action program activities. In order to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards. Additionally, the council must submit its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), its Service Program Personnel Report (#365), and remain in good standing with Supreme Council assessments.

\*To be eligible for the Star Council Award in the United States councils must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements. \*

(Note: all membership and insurance transactions must be received, processed, recorded and released at the Supreme Council office by June 30.)

The sources specifying the criteria for achieving Star Council each year can be found in the Texas State publication "Star Guide", the KofC publication "Safe Environment Program Information Guide" and "Faith in Action Guidebook" as well as the official [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) the Knights of Columbus website. Any changes to the criteria are transmitted through the State Deputy to the various councils within the jurisdiction. Texas goes a step further as described in the Star Guide and recognizes councils who meet even more criteria and become eligible for the Lone Star Award for Excellence and the Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction.

This past fraternal year we piloted a new qualification for the Founder's Award regarding the Insurance quota. In its place was the scheduling and execution of a Fraternal Benefits Night wherein at least 10 insurance eligible prospective members, their families or members (non-insurance) and their families were invited to a Fraternal Benefits Night. This is intended to be not only an informative session regarding Knights of Columbus benefits but also a recruitment opportunity, especially in regard to e-membership. Electronic or online membership (e-membership) is now an option for prospective members until they join a council via the vetting and degree process. We have also now introduced a new Degree of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity that is open to the entire Catholic community. We want our families and communities to know who we are, what we do, and what we believe.

Because of changes with the concerns and pressing issues regarding Safe Environment compliance with youth and the most vulnerable among us, Star Council achievement for the State took a dip for the last two fraternal years. Now, with better communications and training, the prospect of achieving Star Council is an attainable goal for all councils. We need to reach a goal of over 100 Star Councils. The most positive move a council can make is to achieve Star Council. It means putting our Faith in Action, reaching goals, and inviting Catholic friends and families into an Order of faith and charitable action. Star Councils have been around for quite a while, but now they are taking on new criteria for eligibility. Make no mistake, making Star Council requires a council to take action, be motivated, be positive, and

pay attention to detail. We take seriously a Safe Environment in all of our Catholic communities and will expect that all councils positively engage in the requirements by following the proper guidelines of the Knights of Columbus and our diocesan ordinaries. A word of encouragement regarding getting reports, forms, and information in on time. Yearly the State publishes a Star Guide with a forms deadline checklist included, please use that. Don't get discouraged and frustrated, forms can be submitted on-line or via member management. And be aware that there are new forms now, especially related to Faith in Action programs reporting and the new Degree of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity report (form 450). If forms are not submitted in a timely manner, how can we possibly validate all we do for our Church and communities? So, let's be proud of what we do, and let everyone know what we are doing! Change can be scary, but we Knights are up to the challenge and we can do many things and do them well. Listen to your leadership and be the leaders of our communities. Texas and the world needs who we are.

Vivat Jesus

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## Star Councils in Texas for 2019-2020 Fraternal Year

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	CITY	DIOCESE	COUNCIL	DISTRICT	CITY	DIOCESE
638	1	El Paso	El Paso	5656	106	Dallas	Dallas
16041	1	El Paso	El Paso	11716	106	Plano	Dallas
12084	2	El Paso	El Paso	17111	109	Dallas	Dallas
16778	3	El Paso	El Paso	6065	111	Plano	Dallas
14584	4	Ft Bliss	El Paso	10523	115	Grand Prairie	Dallas
14413	5	El Paso	El Paso				
7175	20	Burleson	Fort Worth	7058	121	Lumberton	Beaumont
16042	20	Cleburne	Fort Worth	16464	122	Beaumont	Beaumont
14679	25	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	8806	131	Gun Barrel City	Tyler
16663	25	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	10524	131	Athens	Tyler
10930	26	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	11978	131	Canton	Tyler
16393	27	Denton	Fort Worth	12253	131	Malakoff	Tyler
6269	28	Arlington	Fort Worth	15174	132	Holly Lake Ranch	Tyler
17024	29	NAS Fort Worth	Fort Worth	16078	132	Emory	Tyler
17196	29	Aledo	Fort Worth	2771	133	Longview	Tyler
8493	30	The Colony	Fort Worth	11026	133	Carthage	Tyler
13408	30	C Carrollton	Fort Worth	6699	136	Dangerfield/Mt Pleasant/Pittsburg	Tyler
17304	30	Prosper	Fort Worth				Tyler
9868	31	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	1502	137	Tyler	Tyler
17039	31	Fort Worth	Fort Worth				
10240	40	San Antonio	San Antonio	11015	142	Waco	Austin
10940	42	Boerne	San Antonio	3205	146	College Station	Austin
16748	45	Seguin	San Antonio	10624	146	College Station	Austin
9681	46	Converse	San Antonio	10373	150	Pflugerville	Austin
786	47	San Antonio	San Antonio	10463	151	Lago Vista	Austin
9291	49	San Antonio	San Antonio	12642	152	Rockne-String Praire	Austin
10090	51	San Antonio	San Antonio	14055	155	Austin	Austin
				9796	156	Austin	Austin
				10333	156	Austin	Austin
				12522	161	Andice	Austin
16103	75	Fulshear	Gal/Hou	10677	167	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi
11343	76	Sugar Land	Gal/Hou	11107	168	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi
17060	81	Houston	Gal-Hou	14739	171	Port Aransas	Corpus Christi
8293	82	Houston	Gal/Hou	2791	176	San Diego	Corpus Christi
8024	87	Houston	Gal/Hou				
8771	90	Houston	Gal/Hou	1682	192	Cuero	Victoria
11438	92	Houston	Gal/Hou				
12320	92	Kingwood	Gal/Hou	8298	207	McAllen	Brownsville
14512	93	Spring	Gal/Hou	11070	208	Harlingen	Brownsville
13166	94	New Caney	Gal/Hou	15262	209	Edinburg	Brownsville
17225	99	Houston	Gal/Hou	3367	212	Roma	Brownsville
				16917	213	Weslaco	Brownsville
830	101	Denison	Dallas	9283	216	Raymondville	Brownsville
1289	101	Sherman	Dallas				
10879	101	Bonham	Dallas	16451	243	Lubbock	Lubbock
8954	103	Richardson	Dallas				
11862	103	Garland	Dallas				
799	104	Dallas	Dallas				
11937	104	Dallas	Dallas				

**2019-2020 LONE STAR AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE**

<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
16042	20	Cleburne	Fort Worth	16078	132	Emory	Tyler
8024	87	Houston	Gal/Hou	10677	167	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi
7058	121	Lumberton	Beaumont				

## State Programs Director's Report

**Ron Alonzo,**

**State Programs Director**

### FAITH IN ACTION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

All Knights of Columbus meetings are temporarily canceled. So are sporting events, major conferences, and conventions for every vertical industry imaginable. Restaurants, bars, and movie theaters have been ordered closed by city officials. Theme parks have shut down, and the fate of the summer Olympic Games in Tokyo is up in the air. Entire countries are being placed under quarantine, and people are hoarding supplies.

#### Welcome to the brave new world of COVID-19.

While it is too early to assess the damage caused by this global pandemic, there are signs that it will permanently change the way society functions. From its impact on the global economy to our daily lives, COVID-19 will leave an enormous impact on how we consume, how we learn, how we work, and how we socialize and communicate.

Streaming becomes the new way forward for content consumption.

We have implanted this into our business, and it allows those to attend without being physically present. I strongly advise that your councils begin researching and educating yourselves on using Social Media to keep in touch. Get your council a Facebook page, go live with your events, etc.

Thanks to our information network, many of us will continue to connect despite our isolation, while those who lack access to the internet will fall behind. Regardless of the duration and severity of COVID-19, it will have a lasting impact on our society.

So, take advantage of this time and upgrade your council into the information network and use social media to evangelize to the membership and community.

You have done a great job so far, but the fraternal year is not over. Take advantage of the time left to complete your councils' programs to receive the Columbian Award, which is one step closer to achieving Star Council. Get those forms in and Stay Safe.

#### 2019-2020 Program Committee Members

- RSVP – Vocations Chairman – Alvin Kulcak
- Silver Rose and Marian Icon Chairman – Tom Krueger
- Faith, Family, Community Chairman – James Torline
- Softball Chairman – Stanley Pesek
- Bowling Chairman – “Skipper” Arsenaault
- Golf Chairman – Ricky Meyer
- Free Throw Chairman – Michael Rademacher

- Culture of Life Chairman – Tom Clark
- Ultrasound and Pregnancy Resource Center Coordinator – Andrew Clark

### RSVP & VOCATIONS – Alvin Kulcak, Chairman

Texas Knights proudly support our Seminarians.

Throughout the great state of Texas, Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies are supporting Seminarians and other men and women in formation as they pursue their vocations. These men and women are learning as they follow their calling to serve the Church and their communities. Helping to ease their financial burdens gives them more mental and physical energy to put into their education. This will help make them better priests and religious brothers and sisters.

Councils and Assemblies in Texas have given over \$350,000 to our Seminarians and others in religious formation. These Councils combined received over \$88,000 in refunds from Supreme.

It is vitally important for the Church that these men and women focus on their education, and the Knights of Columbus are committed to helping them do so with fewer concerns about their finances.

The Texas State Council thanks every Council and Assembly who have committed to support our future priests and religious, and for allowing each of them to “Let your Light Shine”.

### MARIAN ICON – Tom Kruger, Chairman

We saw the 18th image introduced at the Supreme Convention since the inception of this program in 1979. The Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Icon is available for use in every Diocese in Texas. The Marian Prayer Booklet (#5050) and Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Prayer Card (#10740) can be ordered at <http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/faith/marian-icon-prayer.html#>

The prayer service held in your Council or parish is very flexible and can be as short as 20 minutes or for an hour as you determine the content with your clergy. See your District Deputy for more information.

The current Icons have been in circulation throughout our state for the past two years. If you are in possession of an Icon at the end of this fraternal year, please return them to Texas State Council Office.

### SILVER ROSE – Tom Kruger, Chairman

The Knights continue to carry the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe through North America with the Silver Rose Prayer Program. Texas started July 15, 2019 and we anticipate a similar start date this year to allow all Diocese to host this program. Texas hosted 5 of the 8 Supreme Roses this year. The first International Rose started in Anchorage Alaska in March and traveled through the Yukon, British Columbia, down the West Coast, Arizona, New Mexico and transferred in El Paso to Juarez Mexico. Additional International Roses entered from Oklahoma,

Louisiana and Arkansas. One of the International Roses was transferred to Mexico in Laredo in December to arrive at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey for the Feast Day December 12. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for the 51st anniversary of the “Running of the Rose” in the city this originated, Laredo December 12, 2020. Watch for more details as we get closer to December 2020.

**SOFTBALL – Stanley Pesek, Chairman**

The State of Texas Knights of Columbus, 48th Annual Daryl Entrop Memorial 2020 Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020, in Schulenburg, Texas. We are looking forward to seeing many familiar teams. We are also looking forward to some new teams.

**BOWLING – Skipper Arsenault, Chairman**

The 56th Annual Texas State Council Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament dates are April 18th – 19th and April 25th – 26th, 2020. Location: Max Bowl Port Arthur, 3500 Regional Drive, Port Arthur, TX 77642

**GOLF – Ricky Meyer, Chairman**

The 46th Annual Johnny Lopez Knights of Columbus State of Texas Open Golf Championship will be held the weekend of August 28th – 30th, 2020, at River Bend Golf Course, 101 Club Dr., Floresville, TX 78114 and Pleasanton Country Club, 1801 McGuffin Dr., Pleasanton, TX 78064.

**CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES – Tom Clark, Chairman**

The Culture of Life continues to be in the forefront of Council activities in the great State of Texas. Thanks to all who have participated in the Programs and by doing so have helped to save many babies from the horrors of abortion. Knights and their ladies have taken the Culture of Life message back to their Diocese, Districts, Councils, and communities and lives are being changed, and many babies have been saved.

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

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

To date (March 2020), 230 ACE Wings have been earned in Texas. Of these 141 ACE Wings earned 52 went to our ladies who worked alongside of our brothers defending life. Another 10 Councils presented ACE Wings to thank individuals in their communities for their Culture of Life efforts. I hope these numbers will increase significantly through the end of our fraternal year.

The Special Forces ACE Wings continue to grow in popularity. To date 72 SFAW have been sent out to Knights with 11 of these going to spouses.

The Gold ACE Wings, the Texas State Council Pro Life Hall of Fame, is doing well with the majority of Diocesan Deputies taking great care to choose a worthy candidate. We now also have 25 “At Large” Gold ACE Wings that any member may nominate a Pro Life Warrior, who is a Knight, to receive.

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

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

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

**PREGANCY RESOURCE – Andrew Clark, Chairman**

This fraternal year has been a good year for the Ultrasound Initiative. We were able to provide seven machines to bring our total to 80 since the introduction of the program. We also have seven more machines in the works as well. Great job Texas! I believe one of the best things we can do as a state to increase our ultrasounds next year is by looking at our past. I would encourage all councils to reach out to pregnancy centers who have received an ultrasound machine from this program and see if an update is needed. These machines are always being updated and top end ultrasound machines 5 years ago are not as clear as the machines that are currently out. Remember, a mother is more likely to choose life if she sees an ultrasound of her baby! This is a great way to keep in contact and show continued support for our pregnancy centers around our Great State.

I want to thank and congratulate these councils who were able to obtain an ultrasound machine this past year for a pregnancy center.

Our Lady of the Gulf 3253 out of Victoria Diocese, Santa Rosa de Lima 12522 out of Austin Diocese, St. Jude’s Council 6269 and Ranger Council 2123 out of Fort Worth Diocese, Father W.P. Pechal Council 11721 out of Dallas Diocese, St. Lawrence Council 9641 and St. Stephen Council 12657 out of San Angelo Diocese. Many thanks to councils who have helped with these initiatives or are finishing up current ones!

This is a great step forward for the ultrasound initiative, congratulations to all involved. However, there is much more work to be done! Let’s make this fraternal year a better one.

God Bless

**CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR**

This year the Texas State Council will award the first Monsignor James M. Kirwin, Chaplain of the Year Award to a Council Chaplain in grateful recognition of their exemplary commitment to provide extraordinary service and inspirational leadership as chaplain, mentor and guide.

**FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

Each year, the Texas State Council recognizes one special family from among many. The family will go on for possible selection as the Supreme Family of the Year. Congratulations!!

**FREE-THROW – Michael Rademacher, Chairman**

The State Free Throw contest was held at Lopez Middle School on March 7, 2020. We had over 100 participants at the Free Throw contest. Well done! Thank you to all the participants and parents who took the time to come to San Antonio.

2020 Texas Free Throw Winners

<b>Girls 9</b>	<b>Council#</b>	<b>Boys 9</b>	<b>Council#</b>
1st Reagan Domel	2500	1st William Walker	8771
2nd Madilynn Noriega	4554	2nd Justin Conlon	11716
3rd Paige Hatzman	11169	3rd Evan Garza	10240
<b>Girls 10</b>	<b>Boys 10</b>		
1st Sahrah Dee	4771	1st Jaydon Garcia	10240
2nd Aliya Rodriguez	10090	2nd Jayden Schindler	2433
3rd Jaylee Trussell	3295	3rd Joseph Balgos	10995
<b>Girls 11</b>	<b>Boys 11</b>		
1st Summer Sodek	3295	1st Jaydon Garcia	10240
2nd Amy Hannigan	1459	2nd Brayden Conlon	11716
3rd Ava Salanas	16275	3rd Max McCormick	9708
<b>Girls 12</b>	<b>Boys 12</b>		
1st Savannah Rodriguez	10240	1st Brogan Smith	12327
2nd Jayda Brown	16202	2nd Isaiah Medina	7265
3rd Jeadra Escobeda	2917	3rd Ryan Casas	2791
<b>Girls 13</b>	<b>Boys 13</b>		
1st Amelia Schneider	10240	1st Joaquin Hinojosa	7016
2nd Elyssia Brooks	12153	2nd John Ward	1329
3rd Alexis Rynders	10816	3rd Casey Coley	10995

<b>Girls 14</b>	<b>Boys 14</b>
1st Samara Martinez	13520
2nd Emma Vallejo	10240
3rd Samiah Ybaria	7975
1st Rhiley Madamba	10995
2nd Andrew Estrada	16275
3rd Branden Hays	13520

**Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Winner</b>	
<b>8th Grade</b>				
Gal/Houston	4204	Richmond	Patrick J. Krall 1st place	
Fort Worth	9868	Forth Worth	Abby Cawyer 2nd place	
Victoria	2153	Weimar	Kelly McAfee 3rd place	
<b>9th Grade</b>				
Gal/Houston	4204	Sugar Land	Lucille Newcomb 1st place	
Tyler	10524	Athens	Olivia Gonzalez Gutierrez 2nd place	
<b>10th Grade</b>				
Gal/Houston	4202	Richmond	Ikeobasi Ezike 1st place	
<b>11th Grade</b>				
Gal/Houston	4204	Richmond	Chidubem Ezike 1st place	
<b>12th Grade</b>				
Gal/Houston	4202	Richmond	Christina Nguyen 1st place	
<b>Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest</b>				
<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>Age 5-7</b>				
Austin	12642	Rockne-String Prairie	Sophie Hammons	1st Place
Corpus Christi	1202	Corpus Christi	Mackenzie Goller	2nd Place
Austin	13902	Westphalia	Aubrey Meyer	3rd Place
<b>Age 8-10</b>				
Beaumont	3195	Port Arthur	Rosanne Magana	1st Place
Tyler	11093	Longview	Jasmine McKerley	2nd Place
Corpus Christi	7290	Corpus Christi	Liliana Ortega	3rd Place
<b>Age 11-14</b>				
Tyler	11093	Longview	Nathan Perkins	1st Place
Fort Worth	11905	Lindsay	Mary Gomulak	2nd Place
Corpus Christi	11107	Corpus Christi	Maximus Rodriguez	3rd Place

State Council Service Program Awards: Refer to the Convention Awards Booklet for complete details of the 2020 Program Winners.

## CONCLUSION

I would like to thank my fellow Directors who have made this an enjoyable year; the Programs team who have worked so hard this year; the officers and leadership at the diocesan, district, and council levels; the knights and their families in the local councils who do all of the work. I also would like to thank Mike, Kari, and Kathleen for their support.

Finally, the most important thank you goes to my wife Margo and my family for their encouraging words and supportive action which is another way of helping me to succeed.

### State Education and Training Director's Report, Reed Fontenot, State Education and Training Director

The mission of the Texas State Education and Training Team is to provide leadership training and resources in the State of Texas. The primary audience are the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies and Diocesan Deputies. We also offer consistent resources to supplement Supreme materials and these are available for download on the State Website ([www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org)). Spanish Financial Secretary training materials are now available. Click on the following icon on the home page.



Every Knight in Texas is our customer so we are looking for feedback on how we can improve our training products.

In addition, we are actively working to increase our social media presence, mainly through our State Facebook page. Our goal here is to increase the visibility of our charitable work and to promote e-membership.

### District Deputy Training State Organizational Meeting, Dallas, TX – July 2019

Every year, the District Deputies are recommended by the State Deputy but appointed by the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. Texas is unique because of our size. We are the only jurisdiction in the order where the District Deputy does not report directly to the State Deputy. Instead, we have 15 Diocesan Deputies which report to our State Deputy and the 200+ District Deputies report to them.

Supreme developed required District Deputy training to be completed through the Supreme website training portal for this fraternal year. We were successful in transforming this online training program into a training deck that was rolled out during our Organizational Meeting. Over 85% of District Deputies completed their basic training responsibility as a result. District Deputies who did not make the meeting were able to complete

their required training afterwards at the Officer Training Website. The Officer Training Website is open to all - <https://goo.gl/fFrac9> (DD, GK, DGK, FS, New Officer training, Personal Recruitment Skills). Many new initiatives were reviewed and trained by the respective State Directors to include e-membership and the 'Faith in Action' program model. Safe environment training requirements were also reviewed. Our Financial Secretary Training team manned a table offering many printed resources to all attendees in addition to individual Q&A sessions.

### District Deputy Training State Mid-Year Meeting, Houston, TX – December 2019

District Deputy training was rolled out with a main focus during this meeting to review planning for a successful conclusion of the Fraternal Year with a strong emphasis on membership. We trained on the role of the Council Prospect Landing Page. This is a resource where each council can request to have a customized website for their council. The ideal way to sign up a new member is now through e-membership via a smart phone, iPad or laptop. If a member is not quite ready for this commitment than their information can be entered into the Council Prospect Landing Page. This is a medium which will allow weekly email follow-up and a funnel of candidates that are nearly ready to commit. This will help you keep your target lists organized following your recruiting events and not allow prospective members to fall through the gaps.

### Summer and Winter Diocesan Conferences

Post State Training meetings, all Dioceses held Summer and Winter training conferences. Our team provided a combined and pared down training deck of all State Director presentations for the Diocesan Deputies. These meetings would ideally have been followed by local District Deputy meetings with their council officers.

### Financial Secretary Training

We have six Financial Secretary trainers available in the state and they are assigned to specific Dioceses. The basic FS training session lasts approximately three hours and we now offer our training resources in Spanish! This class is open to all council and assembly officers as well as district deputies. We consider this to be a 'Best in Class' model for the Order. Financial Secretary trainers will also be able to offer one-on-one and WebEx training as requested. What follows is the list of Financial Secretary trainers, their assigned Dioceses and their contact information.

- Craig Modrzynski, [craigmod@verizon.net](mailto:craigmod@verizon.net) – Dioceses of Dallas, Fort Worth and Tyler.
- Robert Hernandez, [bobbyrh@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbyrh@yahoo.com) – Dioceses of Austin and Amarillo.
- Peter Donahoe, Jr, [pldjr4287@gmail.com](mailto:pldjr4287@gmail.com) – Dioceses of San Antonio and Lubbock.
- Robert Alcala, [ralcala.js@live.com](mailto:ralcala.js@live.com) – Dioceses of Beaumont, Houston and Victoria.

- David Solis, dsolis4027@aol.com – Dioceses of El Paso and San Angelo.
- Michael Murphy, michaelmurphy9@gmail.com – Dioceses of Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Laredo.

**Publications** – Mark Johnson – State Webmaster for the Texas State Council ([www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org)). Also, he is the Editor of the Texas Knight (<http://www.texasknight-news.net>). Submit articles and photos to Mark at [mjohnson@creatdev.com](mailto:mjohnson@creatdev.com)

**Social Media** – Austin Thurman – Austin serves as our point person with all Social Media activities in the State. We are primarily focused on increasing views, likes, shares, etc. on our State Facebook page. In order to increase our footprint in the State, we added a Diocesan Coordinator for each Diocese. These men have full administrative rights to our Facebook page after having been trained on our Supreme Social Media Policy. We have piloted e-membership ads and paid for boosts to reach more people. Our traffic at our page dramatically increased.

**Reed Fontenot** manages our Flocknotes emailing system, to include all distribution lists. We support this tool at the State level only, however all Diocesan Deputies and District managers are welcome to use at their discretion. This is a fantastic tool at the State level to ensure we get important and timely information to all key officers in the State. We recently completed a project to add all members in Texas (with an email address) to a distribution list for our State Deputy. We now have the ability to reach over 80,000 Knights in Texas!

**Presentations** – Greg Brown – Greg has done an outstanding job putting together and managing our presentations and audio-visual system for our three major meetings annually (Organizational, Mid-Year and Convention). We now have more music and video intertwined throughout than ever before. Through his expertise, Greg adds a great deal of professionalism to our meetings.

### Summary

Since the men of our Order bring a wide variety of skills and backgrounds to their councils, it is essential for the State Education and Training program to be applicable and timely. The primary function of our team is to provide information and to assist in the Education and Training of the leadership in Councils, Assemblies, Districts, and each Diocese in Texas. As in the past, this has been done through the Organizational and Mid-Year meeting for the DD's, Diocesan Conferences, Publications, the State Website, Social Media, and Financial Secretary Training sessions. This year we are continuing to expand the Social Media footprint.

Your role is to attend and actively participate in the Training programs and to take this knowledge back to your council so each council can use these tools to be more successful. We invite you to send us your feedback with regards to improvements that can better provide training and communications across our great State. The goal of every council should be to achieve Star Council. The training that we provide can be the very thing to bring your council to that level.

I would like to personally thank the members of the Education and Training team for their hours of service to their jobs. We could not be of service without their sacrifice!

I extend my thanks to the State Office Staff (Mike McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin) for their support throughout the year. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as we all work to elevate the Knights of Columbus in Texas and do God's work! Finally, without the Blessing of my wife Donna I could not serve. She is my rock and I thank her for being there for me!

### State Charities Director's Report Boyd Burris, Director

Charity is the number one principle of our Order. We are comprised of over 108,000 Brother Knights with various talents in our great State. Each of us can find a program to use those talents to help contribute toward expanding our charitable footprint in our communities and parishes, such as Promoting Special Olympics, Global Wheelchair Mission, volunteering as an Emergency Response Coordinator, various fundraising events, Clergy and Religious Appreciation Banquets, Blood Drives, Blue Masses, Infirm Priest Fund, and Medeiros Fellowship Program which ultimately assists in Education Grant Recipients and Catholic School Grant Program.

This year our theme is "Let your Light Shine". This simple phrase encompasses the whole concept of charity.

It is that commitment to service that has our State of Texas, as a whole, in a very good position to achieve 100% of our Charity Goal. At this point in our fraternal year we have twelve Dioceses that are ahead dollar wise over last fraternal year. Across the State, we have 53 Districts that all Councils have achieved a 100% or better. In addition, we have increased our performance in Quick Start Councils (436). To the councils that have made their goal or just contributed whatever they could, we give a hardy thank you!

The State is doing well but now is NOT the time to slack off in Charities.

Every year we have several dioceses that achieve 100% of their charity goal. So far this fraternal year we have the Tyler Diocese, led by Diocesan Deputy David Zeigler, continuing their streak of meeting their charity goal, this year before December 31. This will be their 27th year. Likewise, the Fort Worth Diocese led by Bruce Mallory, is racing toward their 25th consecutive year of achieving their charity goal.

This year, our State goal is \$997,860. As of February 29, 2020, we have collected \$761,678, or 76.3% of our goal. We still have some work to do, but I think the big hearts in our Brother Knights in Texas will bring us over our goal.

### CONCLUSION

In closing, I thank our Worthy State Deputy and the State Officers for putting their trust in me and affording me the honor of being your Texas State Charity Director. I would thank our State Office staff, Michael McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin for their help and knowledge. I thank the Charity Board, Fundraising and Charity Programs Chairmen and their Committee members for their efforts to make Fr. McGivney's dream come true. We must also thank David Zwingman for the great work he does behind the scenes in keeping all of the reports and records on the history of the Texas State Charities. I offer a very big thank you to my wife Patricia and my family for their

support and help. And finally, thank you to all my Brother Knights in Texas. It is your support at the local council level that makes all of this possible. Your generosity and your commitment to charity is the difference.

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Carlos Ortiz – Chairman

We are celebrating the 51st year that the Knights of Columbus in Texas has supported Special Olympics. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

### **Our Athletes Deserve...**

- To receive appropriate instruction and encouragement
- Consistent training and coaching performed at a professional level.
- Opportunities to compete with athletes of equal abilities.
- New opportunities for life-changing experiences.

### **Benefits for Athletes...**

- Demonstrated increased performance at work, school, and home that correspond directly with the length of time an athlete spends in a Special Olympics program. (Yale University Study -1995)
- Significantly improved attitudes toward school and physical education activities after participation in Special Olympics. (Texas Tech University Research Study)

### **What Roles Do Volunteers Fill?**

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

### **Unified Sports**

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

Special Olympics Unified Sports is breaking down stereotypes about people with intellectual disabilities.

### **Partnership Profile with Special Olympics**

The Knights of Columbus Partnership Profile with Special Olympics (Form 4584 – to be submitted by January 31) details our councils' involvement with the Special Olympics events. These details include events attended, man hours donated, and dollars contributed. Supreme Council awards up to \$9,000 to Special Olympics Texas based on council involvement in Texas. It is critical that all councils submit the Form 4584 to maximize the Supreme contributions. This year 101 Councils representing 14 of our 15 Diocese submitted the Form 4584. The 101 Councils represent only 13% of our active Councils but they were able to report working 3,134 hours and contributing \$32,185. Only 47 out of the 101 Councils financially supported Special Olympics. Financial support is essential to maintaining and enhancing the programs for the Special Olympics athletes.

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

Chic O'Connor was a proud and honored member of the Knights of Columbus supporting Special Olympics in Texas. Criteria includes: leadership, volunteering, fundraising, and community involvement for 44 years. He was instrumental in starting Special Olympics in Gregg County (Longview). His involvement in Special Olympics began because of his daughter, Monica. The O'Connor family has been everything from timers, to huggers, to chaperones, pizza providers, and much, much more for the entire Gregg County delegation and area events. The Charles "Chic" O'Connor Annual Award recognizes a Brother Knight for his exemplary contributions. This year's winner of the Chic O'Connor award is Martin Warborg, Wylie Council 12300 in the Dallas Diocese.

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

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

**WHAT BETTER WAY TO DESCRIBE WHO SPECIAL  
OLYMPICS ATHLETES ARE!**

### **WHEELCHAIR**

Bill Weber, Chairman

The Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission, raise funds to support the purchase of wheelchairs for distribution worldwide. Many have been distributed in the USA. Our Worthy State Deputy continues to set a goal for each Council to donate at least \$150 to purchase at least one wheelchair. Council's budget should include this as a line item. Grand Knights should include the Wheelchair Ministry as an agenda item on monthly meetings. Checks should be made payable to the AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION and mailed to Dan

Moberg, American Wheelchair Mission, 2600 E. Seltice Way, Suite A172, Post Falls, ID. 93854-7991. Please Let Bill Weber know about your donation via email or phone, yankeesweb@tx.rr.com, 214-405-8023.

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

Here is what needs to be done:

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

Wheelchairs are shipped in either a small container of 110 or a large container of 280. A small one requires \$18,700 while a large container requires \$42,000. All arrangements for procurement and shipment of wheelchairs are managed by the American Wheelchair Mission.

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

The State Charities Team wants to thank all of those Councils and Parishes who supported the American Wheelchair Mission by raising enough funds to purchase 2,051 wheelchairs as of February 29, 2020. The Dallas Diocese leads the State, again, raising \$264,652. The San Antonio Diocese has raised \$18,228, El Paso \$0, Fort Worth \$3,605, Austin \$7,199, Galveston/Houston \$4,127, San Angelo \$150, Beaumont \$675, Victoria \$3,900, Lubbock \$900, Tyler \$3,700, Laredo \$0, Corpus Christi \$450, Amarillo \$150 and Brownsville \$0. Dallas and Tyler were the only Dioceses who showed an increase from last year at this time.

**“A WHEELCHAIR IS A LIFE CHANGING GIFT OF MOBILITY”**

### **INFIRM PRIESTS FUND**

Joe Govea, Chairman

“One Nation Under God” – That statement on the bottom of your vehicle license plate, along with displaying the Knights of Columbus emblem, proclaims your belief in and support of the Knights' principles. Your proclamation has an underlying purpose: \$22 of the \$30 fee for each plate is returned to Texas State Council Charities. The Texas State Council Charities Committee, in turn, allocates \$22 to the Infirm Priests Fund for each K of C license plate issued. As of February 29, 2020, 1,115 K of C license plates were on the road. This is a reduction 190 participants. This was among a membership of 108,000 amounting to just 1% participation. How many members in your district or council have a K of C license plate? As a leader within the Order, you should have a K of C license plate on your car. Visit the Texas DMV “specialty plates” website or Texas State K of C Website. By increasing the number of participating Brother Knights, we ensure the comfort and support of our current and future infirm priests, while proclaiming we are truly “One Nation Under God” MEDEIROS FELLOW PROGRAM

Joe Govea, Chairman

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund, named in honor of former Bishop Humberto Medeiros (State Chaplain 1969-1970) was established in 1981. In 1998, the Cardinal Medeiros Fellow Program was established in order to augment the fund's principal. The interest earned funds the educational grants available from Texas State Charities. These educational grants benefit not only our Catholic students pursuing an education in secondary schools, but also the Catholic schools of each diocese. Refer to the “Aid to Education Report” in this supplement for further information as to determination and allocation. Your participation in becoming a Cardinal Medeiros Fellow or in bestowing this honor upon a Knight, spouse or deceased Knight, Bishop or Priest will ensure the continued support of a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter in their pursuit of an advanced education. It is, in essence, the “gift that keeps on giving”. Three new Fellows have been added to the membership roll through February, bringing the total membership as of February 29, 2020 to 274. A “Fellow” designation is based upon the one-time payment of \$1,000. A “sustaining membership” is available, with an initial submission of \$100 and subsequent contributions until \$1,000 is reached. All Fellows are awarded a plaque and a lapel pin. The Fellow's name is engraved on the honor roll at the State Office. This honor roll is displayed at the annual State convention. To initiate a Fellow or Sustaining Member designation, go to the Texas State Council Web site, download and complete the application.

### **2019 – 2020 Recipients are:**

Beverly Szalwinski  
Sam Szalwinski  
Enrique “Henry” Acosta

**Fundraising Report**

David Keating, Chairman

The Texas State charity goal for this fraternal year is \$992,640. As of February 29, 2020 we have received contributions totaling \$761,678 which represents 76.% of the goal. 436 Councils have achieved their Quick Start award, meeting their charity goal by December 31, 2020. History has shown us that we will see this grow by the end of the fraternal year. Will your council be among those successfully meeting their goal?

Diocese	Active Councils	Above 100% to 199% (as of Feb 29, 2020)
Galveston/Houston	120	77 +3
San Antonio	97	55 -4
Austin	85	52 +3
Ft. Worth	60	49 +5
Dallas	59	37 -2
Corpus Christi	49	12 -5
Brownsville	41	11 +1
Victoria	32	26 +1
El Paso	32	19 -1
Tyler	31	30 +3
San Angelo	31	16 +2
Beaumont	27	16 -1
Amarillo	23	13 -3
Lubbock	25	11 -1
Laredo	16	3 -1

There are councils that go above and beyond, when it comes to the first principle of our Order. They do not stop after achieving 100% of their goal. They understand that need never goes away. Several councils have contributed 200%, 300%, 400% and more. Congratulations to the following councils that have achieved at least 200% of their goal.

Council	City	Contribution	Goal	200%+ (as of Feb 29, 2020)
11420	Aransas Pass	\$1,460	\$690	212%
15105	Houston	\$ 540	\$270	200%
10224	Industry	\$2,760	\$690	400%

We also recognize the top three councils in dollars contributed (as of Feb 29, 2020).

1) Council 799	Dallas	\$16,190
2) Council 6878	Humble	\$11,490
3) Council 2574	La Grange	\$ 5,780

At the District level, we had 44 Districts make 100% of their goal with all councils at 100% or more of their goal by December 31, 2019. (See list on following pages). We thank all of those District Deputies for their leadership in earning this prestigious mark. As of February 29, 2020 we have had 53 Districts that made 100% of their goal with all councils making at least 25% of their goal. To those DD's that have worked to make their goal, we thank you.

As of this report, we have 292 councils that have contributed 0 or less than 100% to Texas Charities. That is a decrease of 9 Councils. Hopefully they are planning to help in this very impor-

tant cause. Even if 100% of a council's goal cannot be attained, we appreciate any contribution.

As the Charity Fundraising Chairman, I would like to thank my team: Bill Kennedy, Terry Sullivan, Greg Thompson, Joe Hernandez, and Tony Scarpa for their support as Fund Raising Committeemen. But most of all, I want to thank my wife, Linda, for her support and understanding during the many hours that this position requires.

**AWARDS**

There are a number of Awards that provide recognition and incentive to Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and members in order to promote Charity contributions. The awards include:

**We Got Your Back Pin** – Diocesan Deputy and District Deputy whose Diocese or District made 100% of their goal with all Councils at 100%.

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

**Honor Roll Award** - Councils that meet or exceed their Charity goal by June 30th of a fraternal year.

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

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

**15 Year Award** - Councils meet or exceed their Charity goal for 15 consecutive years.

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

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

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

**District Deputy Award** - District Deputies whose councils have met 100% of their cumulative goal with all councils having contributed at least 25%.

**BISHOPS DESIGNATION FOR THEIR CHARITY FUNDS**

- Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, Amarillo - Secondary Catholic education in the Amarillo Diocese
- Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, Austin -Vocation Fund/Emergency Funds for the Priests
- Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, Beaumont -Infirm Priests Fund
- Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Brownsville - Deaf Ministry/ Disabled Program

- Bishop William Michael Mulvey, Corpus Christi – Catholic Charities
- Bishop Edward J. Burns, Dallas - Persons with Disabilities and Deaf Ministries
- Bishop Mark J. Seitz, El Paso - Vocations
- Bishop Michael F. Olson, Fort Worth - Deaf Ministry and Seminarian Support
- Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Galveston Houston - Archdiocesan Catholic Schools
- Bishop James A. Tamayo, Laredo - Evangelization/ Outreach Charity & Seminarian Support
- Bishop Robert M. Coerver, Lubbock - Vocations/ Seminarian Support
- Bishop Michael J. Sis, San Angelo - Seminarian Education
- Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, San Antonio - Deaf Ministry
- Bishop Joseph E. Strickland, Tyler - Seminarian Education & Training
- Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, Victoria - Continuing Education for Priests, Extension of Lay Ministry and Evangelization

## District Deputies with 100% and all councils at or above 100% as of 12/31/19 “Got Your Back” Pin Recipient Quick Start Districts

**Austin**

District 143, William Tartaglia  
 District 151, Richard J. Skrok  
 District 154, Darris Chapple  
 District 155, Pat Ortiz  
 District 156, George Scott  
 District 158, Kevin Russel

**Beaumont**

District 123, Bobby Wilson  
 District 126, James Langford

**Dallas**

District 103, Kevin Quinn  
 District 106, Dan Stoffel  
 District 107, Robert Repka  
 District 109, Bill Dover  
 District 111, Edward J Stankunas  
 District 114, Michael Steffens

**Fort Worth**

District 17, Kenneth Coy  
 District 20, Walter Hoelsing  
 District 24, Mark Hesselgrave  
 District 26, Gerald Hightower  
 District 27, Archie Wright  
 District 28, Anson Geisel  
 District 29, William Mechura  
 District 30, Robert Daleo  
 District 31, Adrian Romero

**Galveston-Houston**

District 68, Dennis Doherty  
 District 69, Robert Guerrero  
 District 71, Jerry Moch, Jr.  
 District 79, Samuel Gonzalez  
 District 85, Patrick L. Russek  
 District 86, TBA  
 District 92, Bob Schmidt  
 District 93, Daniel Armbruster  
 District 97, James Hatcher  
 District 99, Mervin Albert

**San Angelo**

District 227, Michael Murray

**San Antonio**

District 40, Daniel Aguilar  
 District 41, Jaime Piedra  
 District 43, William Torres  
 District 45, Joe L Hernandez  
 District 46, Hermilo Silva  
 District 63, Derek Rabey

**Tyler**

District 131, Lawrence Pfeifer  
 District 132, Christopher Dux  
 District 133, Corky Valentine  
 District 134, Chris Oldmixon  
 District 135, James Kennerly  
 District 136, Travis Desjarlais  
 District 137, Jeffrey Allen  
 District 138, Alan Mebes

**Corpus Christi**

District 175, Ervey Martinez

**Victoria**

District 188, James Kocurek  
 District 190, William Schuette  
 District 192, Lukas Janak, Jr.

**Amarillo**

District 196, Ron Railsback  
 District 198, Richard Romero

**El Paso**

District 4, Giovanni Hyppolite  
 District 6, Mario Mallari

## QUICK START COUNCILS 2019-2020

**Diocese of El Paso**

1	638	El Paso
2	7563	El Paso
2	10420	El Paso
2	12084	El Paso
3	2592	El Paso
3	16778	El Paso
4	4497	El Paso
4	9129	El Paso
4	10862	El Paso
4	14584	El Paso
5	12160	El Paso
6	8044	El Paso
6	11613	El Paso
6	15017	El Paso
8	7720	Pecos
8	10256	Monahans
9	5096	Alpine
10	11864	El Paso

**Diocese of Fort Worth**

16	8464	Mineral Wells
17	7264	Weatherford
17	9748	Granbury
17	10816	Stephenville
17	15320	Glen Rose
18	759	Keller
18	7641	Bedford-Eules
18	15882	Fort Worth
19	7736	Mansfield
19	9299	Arlington
20	7175	Burleson
20	10375	Hillsboro

20	11230	Abbott
20	16042	Cleburne
21	1459	Muenster
21	11905	Lindsay
21	14339	Bowie/Henrietta/ Montague/Nacona
22	1473	Wichita Falls
22	7371	Burkburnett
22	16522	Wichita Falls
23	1766	Rhineland
23	1824	Windthorst
24	7099	Grapevine
24	9884	Lewisville
24	15789	Colleyville
25	2813	Fort Worth
25	14679	Fort Worth
25	16663	Fort Worth
26	8512	North Richland Hills
26	10930	Fort Worth
26	13470	Arlington
26	16258	Fort Worth
27	4771	Denton
27	9644	Decatur
27	12553	Denton
27	16393	Denton
28	6269	Arlington
28	8895	Arlington
28	14549	Arlington
29	4101	Fort Worth
29	17024	Fort Worth
29	17196	Aledo
30	2045	Pilot Point

30	8493	The Colony
30	13408	Carrollton
30	17304	Prosper
31	7458	Fort Worth
31	9868	Fort Worth
31	17039	Fort Worth
<b>Archdiocese of San Antonio</b>		
36	2687	Del Rio
37	5192	Devine
37	8327	Pearsall
38	4786	San Antonio SW
38	5262	San Antonio
38	9682	San Antonio
39	11596	San Antonio
39	11599	San Antonio
40	7983	San Antonio
40	8306	Helotes
40	10240	San Antonio
40	16730	San Antonio
41	9765	Fredericksburg
41	15240	San Antonio
41	16180	Comfort
42	10258	Bandera
42	10940	Boerne
42	14690	Leon Springs
43	7613	San Antonio
43	7965	San Antonio
43	8521	Bulverde
43	9967	San Antonio
44	7016	San Antonio
45	3412	Seguin
45	4183	New Braunfels

## QUICK START COUNCILS 2019-2020

45	7347	Canyon Lake	80	10995	Houston	110	16202	Commerce
45	16748	Seguin	81	7230	Houston	111	6065	Plano
46	5090	Gonzales	81	15105	Houston	111	7850	Plano
46	6856	Selma	82	4550	Houston	111	12480	Frisco
46	9681	Converse	82	6527	Houston	111	13044	Allen
46	12208	La Vernia	82	8293	Houston	112	16375	Dallas
48	6358	Schertz	83	803	Houston	112	16820	Dallas
48	8807	San Antonio	84	14700	Houston	113	13322	Dallas
48	10181	San Antonio	85	6950	Katy	114	9903	McKinney
49	4298	San Antonio	85	9759	Katy	114	11293	Allen
49	8067	San Antonio	85	12564	Pattison	114	12021	Richardson
49	9291	San Antonio	85	12955	Katy	114	12153	McKinney
50	6833	San Antonio	86	3793	Wallis	<b>Diocese of Beaumont</b>		
51	7265	San Antonio	86	9268	Bellville	121	5789	Vidor
51	9463	San Antonio	86	10224	Industry	121	7058	Lumberton
52	10002	San Antonio	86	12558	Frydek	121	8594	Silsbee
52	10593	La Coste	87	8024	Houston	121	11151	Sour Lake
54	8789	San Antonio	87	13357	Houston	122	2461	Port Neches
54	15343	San Antonio	87	13615	Houston	123	12809	Port Arthur
54	16854	San Antonio	88	2917	Houston	123	14355	Port Arthur
55	10270	San Antonio	88	12475	Houston	124	1680	Orange
56	2618	Poth	90	8096	Houston	124	13825	Orange
57	3266	Jourdanton	90	8771	Houston	125	6763	Fannett
57	8001	Pleasanton	90	10720	Houston	125	14473	China
57	10431	Poteet	91	10861	Spring	126	3201	Liberty
58	6757	San Antonio	91	13629	Houston	126	8871	Dayton
58	14190	San Antonio	92	6878	Humble	126	9564	Livingston
59	7323	San Antonio	92	9794	Huffman	126	10405	Cleveland
59	9902	San Antonio	92	11438	Houston	<b>Diocese of Tyler</b>		
63	17314	San Antonio	92	12320	Kingwood	131	8806	Gun Barrel City
<b>Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston</b>			92	13166	New Caney	131	10524	Athens
66	3365	Freeport	93	6557	Spring-Woodlands	131	11978	Canton
66	6812	Lake Jackson	93	10872	Spring	131	12253	Malakoff
66	9686	Clute	93	11472	Tomball	132	7696	Paris
67	9978	Galveston	93	14512	Spring	132	8975	Sulphur Springs
68	3217	Dickinson	94	6456	Conroe	132	15174	Holly Lake Ranch
68	5236	La Marque	95	11866	Magnolia	132	16078	Emory
68	9310	League City	95	12327	The Woodlands	133	1422	Marshall
68	10393	Hitchcock	96	3313	Sealy	133	2771	Longview
69	5155	Angleton	99	8492	Houston	133	3952	Kilgore
69	6403	Alvin Manvel	99	17225	Houston	133	11026	Carthage
69	9817	Danbury	<b>Diocese of Dallas</b>			133	11093	Longview
71	2788	Baytown	101	830	Denison	134	3404	Lufkin
71	6234	Nassau Bay	102	5211	Corsicana	134	7553	Nacogdoches
71	7206	Baytown	102	8417	Waxahachie	134	10790	Nacogdoches
71	9708	Houston	102	12964	Ferris	134	10875	San Augustine
72	3700	Pasadena	103	8954	Richardson	135	11462	Henderson
72	10574	Deer Park	103	9337	Rockwall	135	11530	Jacksonville
72	16218	Houston	103	11862	Garland	135	11865	Whitehouse
73	3229	Crosby	103	16546	Garland	135	14636	Flint
73	9041	Channelview	104	799	Dallas	136	1003	Texarkana
73	10779	Houston	105	10646	Rowlett	136	6699	Daingerfield/Mt. Pleasant/ Pittsburg
74	8960	Pearland	106	5052	Dallas-Farmers Branch	136	10660	Atlanta
74	10390	Houston	106	5656	Dallas	137	1502	Tyler
75	16103	Fulshear	106	11169	Dallas	137	11933	Mineola
76	7445	Richmond	106	11716	Plano	137	12711	Lindale
76	11343	Sugar Land	107	6887	Terrell	137	12711	Lindale
76	14617	Missouri City	107	11721	Kaufman	138	1323	Palestine
77	12818	Houston	107	13133	Talty	138	13136	Trinity
77	15322	South Houston	107	13158	Mesquite	138	17154	Madisonville
78	15949	Houston	108	13520	Dallas	<b>Diocese of Austin</b>		
79	4204	Sugar Land	108	15033	Irving	141	13005	Waco
79	7382	Houston	109	7017	Dallas	142	8135	Waco
79	7728	Missouri City	109	8157	Duncanville	142	17224	China Spring
79	16195	Houston	109	12484	Lancaster	143	3444	Temple
80	3910	Houston	109	17111	Dallas	143	7196	Belton
80	7036	Houston	110	7438	Greenville	143	7197	Temple



**EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DISASTER  
RECOVERY**

Harry Storey  
Emergency Response Chairman

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

This year the Emergency Response Committee has focused on recruiting and training the Diocesan ERCs. We now have a Diocesan ERC in each diocese in Texas. During the past year, the ERCs have assisted several brother Knights with local emergencies (flooding, tornadoes, etc.).

We strongly recommend every council select a Council ERC to work with their Diocesan ERC. For assistance or more information on the Texas Emergency Response Program, please stop by our table at the convention, e-mail [EmergencyResponse@TKofC.org](mailto:EmergencyResponse@TKofC.org), or contact your Diocesan or Regional ERC listed below:

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**Aid To Education Report**

**Giacomo R. Leone**

**Aid to Education Committee Chairman**

**Educational Grants Program**

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

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

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

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

The Educational Grant Program provides an allocated number of grants based on membership base per diocese, and for two Squires at large. All grants are \$1,000 paid to the applicant's selected institution in applicant's name. The applicant completes the Educational Grant Application and demonstrates through the application and personal essay his/her need for assistance. After the Texas State Council Convention, the monies are disbursed according to the approved winners for each Diocese. This fraternal year, the Educational Grant Program for Students provides One Grant per Diocese and an Additional Grant for each 7,500 active Knights of Columbus members within that Diocese. The Texas State Council Educational Grant Committee received 74 grants:

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

The Chair of the Educational Grant Committee wishes to thank the committee members for all their diligent work. They are: Gordon Smith, Mike Crivello and David Zwingman. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus State office and staff for their valuable assistance throughout this process, and to Boyd Burris.

We must push for even more applicants for the next fraternal year. In summary, there were no Squire Recipients, 22 Diocese Recipients and two at large recipients from the existing field for the two Squire grants for which there were no applications, for a total of 24 recipients receiving a total amount statewide of \$24,000.

Grant applications were accepted via emailed pdf attachments and a few through regular postal mail. The use of email enabled quick communication and resubmitted current forms when older forms were submitted to be replaced with the current forms. This year there was just one older form used.

The applications per diocese were a high of 18 received to a single applicant. All fifteen dioceses were represented.

**Individual Educational Grants**

The Texas State Council awards at least one \$1,000 Educational Grant per diocese and two more \$1,000 Educational Grants to members of the Columbian Squires. The total number of grants for each Diocese will be determined using a formula based on the number of Knights in each Diocese. Applications for these grants were due March 1, 2020. Winners will be announced at the State Convention. The applicants completed an Educational Grant Application including an essay that states the individual's need. After the Texas State Council Convention, the monies are disbursed to the approved winners for each Diocese. This fraternal year, the Educational Grants Program is providing one grant per diocese and an additional \$1000 Grant for each additional 7,500 active Knights of Columbus members within that Diocese.

Diocese/Squires	Council	City
<b>Archdiocese of San Antonio</b>		
1. Gonzales III, James	7983	San Antonio
2. Medina, Caroline	7265	San Antonio
<b>Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston</b>		
1. Cheslock, Jeffrey	10574	Deer Park
2. Marino, Kevin	10872	Spring
3. Otto, Margaret	8494	Friendswood
4. Zakarevicz, Rachael	8960	Pearland
<b>Amarillo</b>		
1. Schmucker, April	2654	Nazareth
<b>Austin</b>		
1. Ariza, Hector	3205	College Station
2. Corley, Allison	1358	Waco
<b>Beaumont</b>		
1. James, Marcus	16464	Beaumont
<b>Brownsville</b>		
1. Guerra, Andrew	9283	Raymondville
<b>Corpus Christi</b>		
1. Garcia, Aaron	3169	Alice
<b>Dallas</b>		
1. Edgette, Allyson	830	Denison
2. Rivas, Sarai	5211	Corsicana
<b>El Paso</b>		
1. Valadez, Alberto	11613	El Paso
<b>Fort Worth</b>		
1. DeSkeere, Jordan	8512	North Richland Hills
2. Benson, Ashley	6269	Arlington
<b>Laredo</b>		
1. Carranza, Javier	10939	Laredo
<b>Lubbock</b>		
1. Williams, Shane	12803	Lubbock
<b>San Angelo</b>		
1. McDowell, Emery	13514	San Angelo
<b>Tyler</b>		
1. Zeigler, Tyler	1422	Marshall
<b>Victoria</b>		
1. Fleener, Haley	1329	Victoria
<b>At-Large</b>		
<b>Victoria Diocese</b>		
1. Siegel, Angelette	3081	Shiner
<b>Beaumont Diocese</b>		
2. Barrera, Madison	14473	China

**Catholic School Grants**

Texas State Council Charities will award \$2,000 or more per diocese to designated Catholic Schools within each diocese. Prior to March 1, the Educational Grant Committee asked the Bishop of each Diocese, in conjunction with the Diocesan Superintendent or Director of Catholic Education, to designate schools in the Diocese to receive the funds and the amount (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.

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

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

Diocese	School	Amount	City
<b>San Antonio</b>	Blessed Sacrament Catholic School	500	San Antonio
	St. Gregory the Great Catholic School	500	San Antonio
	St. John Berchmans Catholic School	500	San Antonio
	St. Paul Catholic School	500	San Antonio
	St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Catholic	500	San Antonio
	St. Thomas More Catholic School	500	San Antonio
<b>Galveston-Houston</b>	Holy Rosary Catholic School	2,000	Rosenberg
	Our Lady of Lourdes	2,000	Hitchcock
<b>Amarillo</b>	Holy Cross Catholic Academy	1,000	Amarillo
	St. Joseph Catholic School	1,000	Amarillo
<b>Austin</b>	Santa Cruz Catholic School	1,000	Buda
	Cathedral School of St. Mary	1,000	Austin
	St. Louis Reicher Catholic School	1,000	Waco
<b>Beaumont</b>	St. Anne Catholic School	500	Beaumont
	St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School	500	Beaumont
	St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic School	500	Port Arthur
	St. Mary Cathedral School	500	Orange
<b>Brownsville</b>	St. Anthony Catholic School	1,000	Harlingen
	Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School	1,000	McAllen
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	St. Anthony School	1,000	Robstown
	Holy Family Catholic School	1,000	Corpus
<b>Dallas</b>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic	750	Christi
	Good Shepherd Catholic School	750	Dallas
	St. Mary of Carmel Catholic School	750	Garland
	St. Philip & St Augustine Academy	750	Dallas
<b>El Paso</b>	Most Holy Trinity School	1,000	Dallas
	Fr. Yermo Schools	1,000	El Paso
<b>Fort Worth</b>	All Saints Catholic School	800	El Paso
	St. George Catholic School	800	Fort Worth
	St. Rita Catholic School	800	Fort Worth
	St. Peter the Apostle School	800	Fort Worth
	Our Lady of Victory	800	Fort Worth
<b>Laredo</b>	Our Lady of Refuge Parochial	2,000	Fort Worth
<b>Lubbock</b>	Christ the King Cathedral School	1,000	Eagle Pass
	Diocese of Lubbock High School	1,000	Lubbock
<b>San Angelo</b>	Angelo Catholic School	1,000	Lubbock
	St. Mary's Central Catholic School	500	San Angelo
	St. Ann's Catholic School	500	Odessa
<b>Tyler</b>	Bishop Gorman Cathedral School	500	Midland
	St. Gregory Cathedral School	500	Tyler
	St. Mary's School	500	Tyler
	St. Patrick's Catholic School	500	Longview
<b>Victoria</b>	St. Joseph High School	1,000	Lufkin
	Nazareth Academy	1,000	Victoria
Diocesan Schools Grants total		\$37,000.00	
Individual Student Grants total		22,000.00	
Squire Grants total		2,000.00	
Total Amount Awarded for FY16-17		\$61,000.00	

## State General Agent Liaison's Report Chris Stark, FICF State General Agent Liaison

The Knights of Columbus recorded another great sales year, with over \$8.7 billion in new life insurance sold – with more than \$650 million new annuities and deposits by the members and their families in Texas. The K. of C. now has more than \$111 billion of total life insurance in force, once again ranking as a Fortune 1000 company.

In 2019 our Supreme Knight has worked to push us into the future with many new initiatives. One of the most successful of which is the launch of online membership. This has become the preferred first step to a man joining. Almost 1/3 our new members are currently joining online.

These are impressive achievements. What is even more impressive is that once again, Texas remains the #1 jurisdiction in insurance in force in the order with over \$8.5 billion of insurance in force. This represents over 125,000 policies from approximately 40,000 insured members. I want to sincerely thank all of the leaders for your help in making this great achievement possible.

But how did we get there?

There are many reasons, but among them is the fact that we got there because our members understand – just as Father McGivney did more than 138 years ago – that Catholic families need to be protected from financial ruin.

We got there because our members understand – just as Father McGivney intended more than 138 years ago – that the Knights of Columbus can provide that needed protection.

We got there because our members understand – just as Father McGivney would have wanted – that our products are top-of-the-line, while still being flexible and affordable to fit the individual member's needs.

Put simply, we got there because our members trust us.

And why do they trust us? Three reasons: our size, our stability, our standard and the fact that our business is rooted in our Catholic faith!

When it comes to size, with more than \$111 billion of life insurance in force and more than \$25 billion in assets under management, the Knights of Columbus is in the top five percent of life insurers in North America.

When it comes to our stability, one only has to examine our 138 years of steady and positive performance to witness concrete evidence of a stable and growing organization. In addition, record-breaking growth helps members see that our stability is not a “flash in the pan” kind of success, but rather a methodical and well planned program aimed at consistently meeting the needs of our members and their families.

And, when it comes to our standard, the Knights of Columbus is committed to being one of the most Catholic, ethical, and charitable companies in business. It's not just a wish, it's a duty.

We owe it to our founder. We owe it to the faith that we represent. And we owe it to you.

So, as we gather here this weekend to celebrate your tremendous achievements in the past fraternal year, what does all of this mean for you and your members?

It means that as a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, you can rest assured knowing that your most valuable fraternal benefit – our insurance program – is here for you and your family when you need it most.

There will come a time in your life – if it hasn't come already – where you will be looking for life insurance to protect your family, or retirement annuities to plan for your golden years, or long-term care insurance to make sure you're taken care of, or disability income insurance to secure your hard-earned paycheck. When that day comes, we'll be there for you. Where else can a Catholic family protect their family but at the same time do good for their Church, community, faith all at the same time, this is the Catholic difference that only the Knights of Columbus can provide.

Meet with your agent because we have the best products that will help you reach your families goals.

Meet with your agent because we have size, stability, and a standard that you can rely on and believe in.

Meet with your agent because he will give you that added comfort of knowing that your premium dollars are going to a company that is committed to its communities and to the Church.

But most of all, take the time to meet with your agent because you're a Brother Knight, and protecting Brother Knights is what we do. It's what we live for. We're Knights just like you.

This organization is your organization. This company is your company. Take advantage of it. See what we have to offer, every single family here can be helped by the products and service of the Knights of Columbus.

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

- Tom Supak: La Grange, Texas
- Tony Rangel: Houston, Texas
- John Regan: Dallas, Texas
- Mickey Dougherty: San Antonio, Texas
- Mike Payne: Lubbock, Texas
- Will Britten: Austin, Texas
- Chris Stark: Ft. Worth, Texas
- Juan Carlin: Mission, Texas

In conclusion, I want to take this opportunity to ask each of you to be advocates for this great fraternal benefit. Support from District Deputies, Grand Knights, and all the Council Officers goes a long way in helping to open the door for our hard-working Field Agents. These men are Brother Knights who are trying earnestly and honestly to carry out Father McGivney's mission to protect Catholic families. So, I thank you in advance for encouraging your councils to let the Field Agent in and to listen to what he has to say. Congratulations again on a spectacular fraternal year and I look forward to working with you. Avail yourself today and discover the Catholic difference of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

**Executive Secretary's Report**  
**Michael L. McLaughlin,**  
**Executive Secretary**

**D**ear Brother Knights:

I bid you greetings from the State Office Staff in Austin, Texas. Kathleen, Kari and I welcome you to the 116th Annual State Convention of the Texas State Council. Welcome to Dallas, Texas and to the Hilton Anatole Hotel.

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

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

Kathleen, Kari and I want to thank the members of our State Office Convention Committee. Each year they arrive at the convention a few days ahead of everyone to help get everything ready for you. They work long hours along with Kathleen, Kari and myself on banquet seating, preparing and stuffing ticket envelopes, preparing delegate packets, setting up the registration area and the computer system. During the convention they assist with delegate registration, assist people with last minute banquet ticket changes and numerous other behind-the-scene details that assure a smooth-running convention. I thank my wife Dawnn, Kathleen McLoughlin, Kari Jordan, Mark Johnson, Leonard Gruca, Ken & Therese Baker, Rich & Judy Butler and Karen & Kenny Trochta, and the Dallas Registration Committee and any newcomers that came aboard this year for their long hours, tireless work effort and friendship.

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

To them I convey my sincere appreciation. I especially want to thank each Brother Knight and Lady who served on the Dallas State Convention Committee. Each has devoted countless hours to make this convention happen. I especially want to thank the Dallas Convention Committee Co-Chairs Reed Fontenot and Mike Courtney for bringing together this wonderful group of people who did an outstanding job.

In closing I want to thank State Deputy Mark Evans and First Lady Mary, and all of the State Officers and Ladies for their support and confidence. It continues to be a privilege for me to serve as your Executive Secretary. Lastly, I'd like to again thank my wife Dawnn for her support during this last year. Knowing she was with me in my work and travels got me through the times leading to this convention.

**Minutes of the 116th Annual Meeting  
Texas State Council Knights of Columbus  
April 25, 2020**

State Deputy Mark Evans officially opened the 116th meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus Virtually on Saturday April 25, 2020 announcing that this Texas State Convention is dedicated to the Bishop Thomas Joseph Flanagan and Past State Deputy and Former Vice Supreme Master Floyd Alvin Tafelski. An opening prayer was said by our State Chaplain Most Reverend Bishop of Tyler Joseph Strickland. State Deputy Mark Evans made announcements regarding this virtual meeting. These announcements were, all the TSC & SCC minutes from last year's 115th Annual meeting, this year's Committee & State Officer reports, Resolutions and 2020-2021 Budgets were distributed prior to this meeting and were previously e-mailed to all the Councils and posted on the TSC website for review. The deadline for questions and comments for these have passed.

Our Worthy State Deputy Mark stated that the required business of the TSC will be completed today in less than 60 minutes. He further stated that many of our items have been abbreviated or eliminated. Our State Deputy Mark stated that everyone especially the Delegates needed to stay connected throughout this session. He then proceeded to ask the State Secretary Alfredo and the State Treasurer Diego to serve as the Credentials Committee and IPSD Doug to serve as the Parliamentarian.

Our Worthy State Deputy Mark then called on our Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson thanked all the current and the past Texas State Council leaders. He talked about the strength of the Knights of Columbus membership and their Families for all they have done in the past and are currently doing and will do in the future, especially in Texas. He went on to say that we have the Financial strength and highlighted the Fraternal strength with the new "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program. He also talked about the "New Degree Ceremony" live and the "On Demand" Ceremony being an incredible tool for our young people especially during this pandemic. Our Worthy State Deputy Mark thanked Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for taking time from his busy schedule to be with us. He then asked our Worthy Supreme Director Terry Simonton for his report. Worthy Supreme Director Terry thanked Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and all attending this virtual State Convention. He talked about how impressed he was with the first online Degree Ceremony that brought in 2,138 new members including 140 new members in Texas. He also talked about all the efforts of our members with the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program and urged that we continue our efforts. Our State Deputy Mark then introduced our Worthy State Insurance Liaison Chris Stark for his remarks. Chris stated that all the General Agents and the representatives had all our members and their families in their prayers and not to hesitate to reach out to them if they need any help. Chris talked about how they have implemented virtual strategies to communicate with current members and new members for any of their needs. The next report was from State Chaplain Joseph Strickland. Bishop Strickland stated that he was amazed with the vitality of the membership. He talked about Holy week and to remember not to take for granted all that we have and to stay strong in our Faith and thanked the members and their Families for their service. State Deputy Mark thanked State Chaplain Bishop Strickland

for his service as State Chaplain and for his friendship. State Deputy Mark call on the Worthy State Secretary Alfredo Vela for the Saturday April 25, 2020 report from the Credentials Committee, he reported 296 delegates. The State Deputy then submitted for approval the 2019 TSC State Convention minutes, the Committee reports and State Officer reports that were all previously e-mailed and printed and presented in the Supplement which were also posted on the website. There were no questions or comments, so they were all approved. State Deputy Mark then asked State Secretary Alfredo for an update of the credentials. State Secretary stated that one delegate was absent, making the official delegate count now 295. State Deputy Mark then appointed PSD Lou Barbour as Judge and PSD Ray Neuman as the Teller. According to the official guidelines posted to the website and distributed to the members the slate of officers were presented by State Warden Pat Henz. For State Deputy Alfredo Vela, State Secretary Diego Pena, for State Treasurer Terry Fruge, for State Advocate Bob Goss and for State Warden Boyd Burris. No other nominations were made. Our current State Warden cast one vote for all the delegates for the slate of State Officers and they were all elected as the new State Officers for the 2020-2021 Fraternal year beginning July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021. The State Deputy then began the election of the Supreme delegates and alternates for the August 4-6, 2021 Supreme Convention.

**Election of State Officers for 2020-2021**

Alfredo Vela was elected State Deputy.

Diego Pena was elected State Secretary.

Terry Fruge was elected State Treasurer.

Bob Goss was elected State Advocate.

Boyd Burris was elected State Warden.

**Election of Supreme Council Delegates**

First Delegate	Mark Evans
First Alternate	Alfredo Vela
Second Delegate	Diego Pena
Second Alternate	Bob Goss
Caucus Area 1 Delegate	Joe Grillo
Caucus Area 1 Alternate	Art Aguirre
Caucus Area 2 Delegate	Blake Krass
Caucus Area 2 Alternate	Robert Hernandez
Caucus Area 3 Delegate	Ed Davila, Jr.
Caucus Area 3 Alternate	Joshua Jones
Caucus Area 4 Delegate	Ron Alonzo
Caucus Area 4 Alternate	Humberto "Beto" Martinez
Caucus Area 5 Delegate	Mike Courtney

**Minutes of the 116th Annual Meeting  
Texas State Council Knights of Columbus  
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Caucus Area 5 Alternate	Jorge Ruiz	21. Resolution in Support of Terry Fruge	Adopted
Caucus Area 6 Delegate	Ron Frerich	22. Resolution for Endorsement for Bob Goss	Adopted
Caucus Area 6 Alternate	Kenneth Oradiegwu	23. Resolution in Support of Boyd Burris	Adopted
Caucus Area 7 Delegate	David Zeigler		
Caucus Area 7 Alternate	Bryan Pool		
Caucus Area 8 Delegate	Ronald Railsback		
Caucus Area 8 Alternate	Chris Johnson		

The State Advocate Bob Goss introduced a motion that “any and all action of any kind taken by the Officers and Board of Directors of Texas State Council since the previous meeting up to and through and including today be and that they are adopted, approved, ratified and confirmed in all aspects.” Motion was seconded and adopted. The closing Benediction prayer was given by our Worthy State Chaplain Joseph Strickland with a prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

A motion was made and approved for the election of these delegates for the 2020 Supreme Convention in Washington, DC.

State Deputy Mark Evans then adjourned the 116th State Convention meeting of the Texas State Council.

Our Worthy State Deputy then called upon our Worthy State Advocate Bob Goss for the report of the Resolutions Committee.

The Resolutions Committee led by State Advocate Bob Goss presented the following resolutions and action was taken as indicated:

1. Dedication of the Convention Adopted
2. Prayers for all the Persecuted Christians Adopted
3. Appreciation for our Bishops and Clergy Adopted
4. Memoriam Adopted
5. Appreciation of Host Committee Adopted
6. Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney Adopted
7. In Support for the Culture of Life Adopted
8. Calling for Continued Support and Participation in Pro-Life Marches for Life. Adopted
9. Support for the Institution of Traditional Marriage Adopted
10. In Defense of Religious Liberty Adopted
11. Prayer for all Governmental Leaders Adopted
12. Support for our Armed Forces Adopted
13. Support for our First Responders Adopted
14. Support for the Flag of the United States Adopted
15. To Support the Annual Commemoration of Columbus Day in the Americas Adopted
16. The Order’s Insurance Benefit Programs Adopted
17. Solicitation at State Council Activities Adopted
18. For Knights Programs to address the poverty of Native Americans. Adopted
19. Resolutions for Endorsement for Alfredo Vela Adopted
20. Council 6269 Resolution of Endorsement for Diego Pena Adopted

## Minutes of the Texas State Council Charities Meeting April 25, 2020

President Mark Evans opened the meeting of the Texas State Council Charities, Saturday April 25, 2020.

Vice President – Alfredo Vela read the roll call of Officers, all State Officers and the Board were present. The minutes of the 115th Annual meeting of the State Council Charities was adopted as published in the 2019-2020 Annual Report. State Treasurer Diego Pena presented the Treasurer's report and the 2020-2021 State Council Charities proposed annual budget. The budget was adopted as presented.

There was no unfinished business and no new business.

The Vice President of Legal Bob Goss introduced a motion that "any and all action of any kind taken by the Officers and Board of Directors of State Council Charities since the previous Annual Board of Directors meeting up to and through and including today be and that they are adopted, approved, ratified and confirmed in all aspects." Motion was seconded and adopted.

President Mark Evans then adjourned the 116th State Convention meeting of the State Council Charities.

**Texas State Council**  
Financial Statements  
For the Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of  
Texas State Council  
Austin, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Texas State Council (nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

To the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of  
Texas State Council  
Re: Independent Auditors' Report

**Basis for Qualified Opinion**

Texas State Council does not combine a related not-for-profit organization in which it has a direct controlling financial interest. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require such combination. If the financial statements of State Council Charities had been combined with those of Texas State Council, total assets net of liabilities would have been increased by \$1,323,303 and \$1,317,042 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively and the change in net assets would increase by \$6,261 and \$53,810, respectively for the years then ended.

**Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the effects of not combining a related not-for-profit organization, as described in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Texas State Council as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

  
Briggs & Veselka Co.  
Austin, Texas

December 21, 2020

**TEXAS STATE COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019**

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	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 534,032	\$ 313,924
Certificates of deposit	250,000	250,000
Per capita receivables, net	14,845	14,115
Other receivables	263	297
Related party receivable	911	619
Prepaid expenses	<u>12,637</u>	<u>9,378</u>
Total current assets	812,688	588,333
Investments	1,593,853	1,605,197
Deposits	<u>2,789</u>	<u>2,789</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,409,330</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,196,319</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 47,373	\$ 20,587
Deferred revenue	<u>17,346</u>	<u>33,290</u>
Total liabilities	64,719	53,877
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>2,344,611</u>	<u>2,142,442</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,409,330</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,196,319</u></b>

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

**TEXAS STATE COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues			
Per capita dues	\$ 661,883	\$ -	\$ 661,883
Meeting and convention income:			
Other	220,634	-	220,634
Reimbursements from State Council Charities	98,776	-	98,776
Investment return, net	42,181	-	42,181
Program revenues:			
Football sweepstakes	91,550	-	91,550
State athletics	28,891	-	28,891
Miscellaneous income	<u>9,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,635</u>
Total revenues	1,153,550	-	1,153,550
Expenses			
Program services	801,458	-	801,458
Supporting services	<u>149,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,923</u>
Total expenses	<u>951,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>951,381</u>
Change in net assets	202,169	-	202,169
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>2,142,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,142,442</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 2,344,611</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,344,611</u>

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**TEXAS STATE COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues			
Per capita dues	\$ 675,152	\$ -	\$ 675,152
Meeting and convention income:			
Other	210,606	-	210,606
State convention	128,731	-	128,731
Reimbursements from State Council Charities	96,307	-	96,307
Investment return, net	58,622	-	58,622
Program revenues:			
Football sweepstakes	94,220	-	94,220
State athletics	16,835	-	16,835
Miscellaneous income	<u>10,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,322</u>
Total revenues	1,290,795	-	1,290,795
Expenses			
Program services	1,032,809	-	1,032,809
Supporting services	<u>145,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,432</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,178,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,178,241</u>
Change in net assets	112,554	-	112,554
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>2,029,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,029,888</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 2,142,442</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,142,442</u>

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**TEXAS STATE COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Supporting Services</u>	
	<u>Governing of Subordinate Councils</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
Meetings:			
Other	\$ 371,223	\$ -	\$ 371,223
State convention	30,804	-	30,804
Administration – personnel and benefits	148,457	98,972	247,429
Program expenses:			
Membership	83,185	-	83,185
Football sweepstakes	24,521	-	24,521
State athletics	27,597	-	27,597
Occupancy	35,531	23,687	59,218
State office	24,304	16,203	40,507
Public relations and publications	33,968	-	33,968
State officers	13,724	9,150	22,874
Miscellaneous expenses	2,867	1,911	4,778
Diocesan and district deputies	<u>5,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,277</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>\$ 801,458</u>	<u>\$ 149,923</u>	<u>\$ 951,381</u>

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**TEXAS STATE COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Supporting Services</u>	
	Governing of Subordinate Councils	Management and General	Total Expenses
Meetings:			
Other	\$ 358,583	\$ -	\$ 358,583
State convention	276,609	-	276,609
Administration – personnel and benefits	145,627	97,084	242,711
Program expenses:			
Membership	105,486	-	105,486
Football sweepstakes	27,565	-	27,565
State athletics	14,023	-	14,023
Occupancy	33,818	22,545	56,363
State office	21,023	14,016	35,039
Public relations and publications	27,924	-	27,924
State officers	15,070	10,046	25,116
Miscellaneous expenses	2,612	1,741	4,353
Diocesan and district deputies	4,469	-	4,469
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>\$ 1,032,809</u>	<u>\$ 145,432</u>	<u>\$ 1,178,241</u>

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**TEXAS STATE COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 202,169	\$ 112,554
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash and cash equivalents from operating activities:		
Net realized and unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(2,204)	44,439
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Per capita receivables	(730)	(4,697)
Other receivables	34	4,084
Related party receivable	(292)	32,867
Prepaid expenses	(3,259)	6,162
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	26,786	(151,501)
Deferred revenue	(15,944)	(2,180)
Net cash from operating activities	<u>206,560</u>	<u>41,728</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of certificates of deposit	(250,000)	(250,000)
Proceeds from maturity of certificates of deposit	250,000	250,000
Purchase of investments	(47,824)	(274,027)
Proceeds from sale of investments	61,372	222,435
Net cash from investing activities	<u>13,548</u>	<u>(51,592)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	220,108	(9,864)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>313,924</u>	<u>323,788</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 534,032</u>	<u>\$ 313,924</u>

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**NOTE 1 – NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Texas State Council (“Council” or the “Organization”) is a not-for-profit (NFP) organization created under the laws of the state of Texas. The Council governs subordinate councils in the Texas jurisdiction in accordance with the Supreme Constitution and Laws of the Order. Additionally, the Council organizes, establishes, and maintains fraternal, charitable, educational, religious, community, and civic projects in conjunction with the subordinate councils and members in the state of Texas.

**Basis of Presentation** – The financial statements of the Council have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

- **Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions** – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization’s management and the Board of Directors.
- **Net Assets With Donor Restrictions** – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity. There were no net assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2020 and 2019.

Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statements of activities.

**Use of Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** – For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Council considers all certificates of deposit purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. There were no cash equivalents as of June 30, 2020 and 2019. Certificates of deposit with an original maturity of greater than three months are recorded as certificates of deposit.

**Per Capita Receivables** – Per capita receivables represent amounts of prior year unpaid per capita membership dues from the local councils. The Council provides an allowance for doubtful accounts equal to the estimated uncollectible amounts. The Council’s estimate is based on historical collection experience and management’s review of the current status of accounts receivable. The balance in the allowance for uncollectible accounts as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$42,290.

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**Investment Securities** – Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair market values and all investments in debt securities are reported at their fair market values in the statements of financial position. Net investment return is reported in the statements of activities as an increase or decrease in net assets without donor restrictions and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, less external and direct internal investment expenses.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments** – The carrying amounts reflected in the statements of financial position for financial instruments approximate their respective fair values due to the composition and maturities of the instruments.

**Fixed Assets** – The Council capitalizes fixed asset purchases in excess of \$1,000. Fixed assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Fixed assets consist of furniture, fixtures, and equipment and are depreciated using the straight-line method based on the assets' estimated useful lives of 3 - 10 years. As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, fixed assets have been fully depreciated.

**Revenue Recognition** – Revenue is recognized when earned. Revenue and related expenses for meetings, or other fees received or incurred in the current period, but which are contingent upon future services to be provided by or to the Organization, are deferred in the accompanying financial statements and recognized in the applicable year in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

**Federal Income Tax Status** – The Council has been granted exemption from federal income taxes by the United States Department of Treasury under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the Council does not qualify as a recipient organization for a charitable contribution deduction under Section 170.

Management has evaluated the Council's tax positions and concluded that the Council had taken no uncertain tax positions. With few exceptions, the Council is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state, or local tax authorities for years before 2017.

**Functional Allocation of Expenses** – Expenses are categorized on the statements of activities as program services or supporting services. Expenditures of the Council are allocated on a functional basis among its program and support services. Program services offered by the Council include Governing of Subordinate Councils. The expenses for this program and supporting services are presented in detail on the statements of functional expenses. The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to one or more supporting services of the Organization. Those expenses include personnel and benefits, occupancy, state office, state officers, and other miscellaneous expenses and are allocated based on time and effort.

**Concentrations of Credit Risk** – Financial instruments, which subject the Council to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of cash and cash equivalents and investments. The Council places its cash and cash equivalents with a high credit quality financial institution. At times, deposits with this financial institution may exceed insured limits; however, these amounts typically may be redeemed upon demand and, therefore, bear minimal risk. In monitoring this credit risk, the Council periodically evaluates the stability of the financial institution. Credit risk associated with receivables are considered to be limited due to high historical collection rates. Investments are made by diversified investment managers whose performance is monitored by management and the Board of Directors. Although fair values of investments are subject to fluctuation on a year to year basis, management and the Board of Directors believe that investment policies and guidelines are prudent for the long-term welfare of the Council.

**Risks and Uncertainties** – During the year ended June 30, 2020, many countries around the world, including the United States, were impacted by the coronavirus (the "virus" or COVID-19) outbreak. While the virus is continuing to evolve, its implications could involve interruptions to supply chains, unavailability of personnel, and reductions in program service fees, contributions, and grant assistance, affecting results of operations and cash flows.

In addition, the Council may be impacted by the broader effects of COVID-19 as a result of the negative impact the virus has had on the global economy and major financial markets. At this time, the Council is not aware of any material risk to the financial statements and cannot quantify the extent the virus may have on the Council's financial information.

**Recently Implemented Accounting Pronouncements** – In June 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2018-08, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*. These amendments clarify and improve the scope and accounting guidance around contributions of cash and other assets received and made by NFP associations and business enterprises. The ASU clarifies and improves current guidance about whether a transfer of assets, or the reduction, settlement, or cancellation of liabilities, is a contribution or an exchange transaction. It provides criteria for determining whether the resource provider is receiving commensurate value in return for the resources transferred which, depending on the outcome, determines whether the Council follows contribution guidance or exchange transaction guidance in the revenue recognition and other applicable standards. It also provides a more robust framework for determining whether a contribution is conditional or unconditional, and for distinguishing a donor-imposed condition from a donor-imposed restriction. This is important because such classification affects the timing of contribution revenue and expense recognition. With some exceptions, the guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018.

The effects of this pronouncement are presented in the financial statements.

**Reclassification** – Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year financial statements to conform to the current year financial statement presentation. Such reclassifications have no effect on the change in net assets or net assets as previously reported.

## **NOTE 2 – UPCOMING ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue From Contracts With Customers (Topic 606)*, establishing a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. This update provides a five-step analysis in determining when and how revenue is recognized. The new model will require revenue recognition to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration a company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services and will supersede most of the existing revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. In June 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-05, *Revenue From Contracts With Customers (Topic 606) and Leases (Topic 842): Effective Dates for Certain Entities*, to defer these two standards. Under the deferral for revenue recognition rules, private companies, and private NFP associations can apply the standard to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. The ASU will require most leases to be recognized on the statements of financial position as lease assets and lease liabilities and will require both quantitative and qualitative disclosures regarding key information about leasing arrangements. Lessor accounting is largely unchanged. Under the deferral for leases rules, private companies and private NFP associations can apply the standard to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021.

The Council is currently evaluating the impact these pronouncements will have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

**NOTE 3 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY**

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statements of financial position dates, comprise the following at June 30:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Financial assets at year-end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 534,032	\$ 313,924
Receivables due in less than one year	16,019	15,031
Certificates of deposit	250,000	250,000
Investments	<u>1,593,853</u>	<u>1,605,197</u>
Total financial assets at year-end available to met cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 2,393,904</u>	<u>\$ 2,184,152</u>

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the Organization operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient contributions to cover general expenditures not covered by donor-restricted resources. The Organization has a goal to maintain cash on hand equal to 12 months of supporting services expenses, which on average are approximately \$12,000 a month.

**NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820-10 establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10 are described below:

- **Level 1** – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Council has the ability to access.
- **Level 2** – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the assets or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- **Level 3** – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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Fair values of assets measured are as follows:

	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using			Fair Value
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
<b>June 30, 2020</b>				
Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Bonds/fixed income	937,030	-	-	937,030
Stock/equities	-	656,823	-	656,823
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 937,030</u>	<u>\$ 906,823</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,843,853</u>
<b>June 30, 2019</b>				
Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Bonds/fixed income	960,966	-	-	960,966
Stock/equities	-	644,231	-	644,231
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 960,966</u>	<u>\$ 894,231</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,855,197</u>

**NOTE 5 – FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets consisted of the following at June 30:

	2020	2019
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 37,077	\$ 37,077
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(37,077)</u>	<u>(37,077)</u>
Total fixed assets, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

All assets were fully depreciated as of year 2016.

**NOTE 6 – LEASES**

The Council leases office space from a third-party under an operating lease that expires on December 31, 2021. In addition, the Council leases a copier and a postage meter under operating leases. Lease expense under these operating leases for 2020 and 2019 was \$63,029 and \$60,244, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments at June 30, 2020 under operating leases are as follows:

For the Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2021	\$ 65,042
2022	<u>30,469</u>
Total	<u>\$ 95,511</u>

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**NOTE 7 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**State Council Charities** – State Council Charities (Charities) is a related NFP organization. Total administrative expense paid during 2020 and 2019 on behalf of Charities and reimbursed by Charities was \$98,776 and \$96,307, respectively.

**Supreme Council** – Other receivables consisted of reimbursable meetings and convention expenses that the Supreme Council owed to the Council.

**NOTE 8 – RETIREMENT PLANS**

The Council maintains a 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan (the “Plan”) that covers staff employees who meet certain eligibility requirements. The Plan requires contributions of 6% of eligible salaries. The Council’s contribution to the Plan for 2020 and 2019 was \$6,476 and \$6,349, respectively. The Council also maintains a defined contribution retirement plan (Contribution Plan) that covers the Executive Secretary. The Contribution Plan requires contributions of 6% of eligible salary. The Council’s contribution to the Contribution Plan for 2020 and 2019 was \$5,097 and \$4,997, respectively.

**NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 21, 2020, the date on which these financial statements were available to be issued.

**State Council Charities**  
Financial Statements  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of  
State Council Charities  
Austin, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of State Council Charities (a Texas not-for-profit corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

To the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of  
State Council Charities  
Re: Independent Auditors' Report

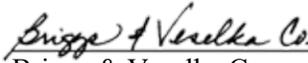
### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

State Council Charities does not combine a related not-for-profit organization which has a direct controlling financial interest in State Council Charities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require such combination. If the financial statements of the Texas State Council had been combined with those of State Council Charities, total net assets would have been increased by \$2,344,611 and \$2,142,442 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and the change in net assets would increase by \$202,169 and \$112,554, respectively, for the years then ended.

As explained in *Note 4*, State Council Charities reports certain investments at cost rather than at fair value and, therefore, does not recognize unrealized gain or losses in the statements of activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require investments to be reported at fair value. The effects of this departure are not readily determinable.

### **Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the effects of not combining a related not-for-profit organization and the difference between the cost basis and the fair value basis of investments in the financial assets, as described in the preceding paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of State Council Charities as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

  
Briggs & Veselka Co.  
Austin, Texas

December 21, 2020

**STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 108,465	\$ 89,160
Certificates of deposit	500,000	500,000
Accounts receivables	8,431	3,306
Prepaid expenses	<u>13,280</u>	<u>10,850</u>
Total current assets	630,176	603,316
Investments, at cost	1,074,141	1,069,961
Operating investments, at fair value	<u>261,862</u>	<u>260,204</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,966,179</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,933,481</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accrued expenses	\$ 641,923	\$ 615,820
Related party payable	<u>953</u>	<u>619</u>
Total current liabilities	642,876	616,439
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	239,105	244,296
Designated by the Board for operating reserve	<u>735,163</u>	<u>734,083</u>
Total without donor restrictions	974,268	978,379
With donor restrictions:		
Purpose restrictions	7,032	2,785
Perpetual in nature	<u>342,003</u>	<u>335,878</u>
Total with donor restrictions	<u>349,035</u>	<u>338,663</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,323,303</u>	<u>1,317,042</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,966,179</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,933,481</u></b>

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**STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support			
Contributions and other support	\$ 1,029,125	\$ 35,105	\$ 1,064,230
Investment return, net	103,383	-	103,383
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>24,733</u>	<u>(24,733)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support	1,157,241	10,372	1,167,613
Expenses			
Program services	1,082,786	-	1,082,786
Supporting services	<u>78,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,566</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,161,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,161,352</u>
Change in net assets	(4,111)	10,372	6,261
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>978,379</u>	<u>338,663</u>	<u>1,317,042</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 974,268</u>	<u>\$ 349,035</u>	<u>\$ 1,323,303</u>

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**STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

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	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support			
Contributions and other support	\$ 1,079,129	\$ 8,897	\$ 1,088,026
Investment return, net	89,947	-	89,947
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>15,223</u>	<u>(15,223)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support	1,184,299	(6,326)	1,177,973
Expenses			
Program services	1,047,703	-	1,047,703
Supporting services	<u>76,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,460</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,124,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,124,163</u>
Change in net assets	60,136	(6,326)	53,810
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>918,243</u>	<u>344,989</u>	<u>1,263,232</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 978,379</u>	<u>\$ 338,663</u>	<u>\$ 1,317,042</u>

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**STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

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	Program Services	Supporting Services		
	Charitable Programs	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Contributions	\$ 724,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 724,772
Financial grants	111,273	-	-	111,273
Allocated salaries and wages	79,021	14,815	4,940	98,776
Program services	144,671	-	-	144,671
Fundraising	-	-	44,998	44,998
Administrative and other	11,435	2,144	715	14,294
Contract services	-	10,300	-	10,300
Publication	9,000	-	-	9,000
Miscellaneous	2,614	490	164	3,268
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,082,786</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 27,749</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 50,817</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,161,352</u></b>

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**STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
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	Program Services	Supporting Services		Total
	Charitable Programs	Management and General	Fundraising	
Contributions	\$ 754,737	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 754,737
Financial grants	116,235	-	-	116,235
Allocated salaries and wages	77,046	14,445	4,816	96,307
Program services	83,395	-	-	83,395
Fundraising	-	-	45,822	45,822
Administrative and other	6,764	1,268	423	8,455
Contract services	-	9,554	-	9,554
Publication	9,000	-	-	9,000
Miscellaneous	526	99	33	658
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>\$ 1,047,703</u>	<u>\$ 25,366</u>	<u>\$ 51,094</u>	<u>\$ 1,124,163</u>

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**STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
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	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 6,261	\$ 53,810
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:		
Unrealized loss on operating investments	3,259	3,261
Contributions restricted to Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	(3,100)	(8,492)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivables	(5,125)	3,400
Prepaid expenses	(2,430)	347
Accrued expenses	26,103	(34,673)
Related party payable	334	(32,867)
Net cash from operating activities	<u>25,302</u>	<u>(15,214)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of certificates of deposit	(500,000)	(250,000)
Proceeds from maturity of certificates of deposit	500,000	250,000
Purchase of operating investments	(6,942)	(15,412)
Proceeds from sale of operating investments	2,025	1,947
Addition to Christopher Fund	(1,080)	(4,435)
Net cash from investing activities	<u>(5,997)</u>	<u>(17,900)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	19,305	(33,114)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>89,160</u>	<u>122,274</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 108,465</u>	<u>\$ 89,160</u>

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

**NOTE 1 – NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

State Council Charities, (“Charities” or the “Organization”) is a not-for-profit (NFP) organization created under the laws of the state of Texas. Charities’ principal function is to provide support directly to the various Catholic Dioceses in Texas and to help fund diocesan programs. It is also affiliated with the Supreme Council Knights of Columbus (Supreme Council).

**Basis of Presentation** – The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), which require the Organization to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

- **Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions** – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization’s management and the Board of Directors.
- **Net Assets With Donor Restrictions** – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statements of activities.

**Use of Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** – For purposes of the statements of cash flows, Charities considers all certificates of deposit purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. There were no cash equivalents as of June 30, 2020 and 2019. Certificates of deposit with an original maturity of greater than three months are recorded as certificates of deposit.

**Investments** – As discussed in *Note 4*, certain investments are reported at cost in the statements of financial position. U.S. GAAP requires investments to be reported at fair value. Because Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc. (a related party) manages these investments is unable to provide fair value information related to these investments, Charities records these investments at cost, and no unrealized gain or loss is recognized on these financial statements. Net investment return is reported in the statements of activities as an increase or decrease in net assets without donor restrictions and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized capital gains and losses related to operating investments reported at fair value, less external and direct internal investment expenses.

**Accrued Expenses** – The Charities records expenses using the accrual basis of accounting. As of June 30 of each year, the Charities accrues for certain expenses to be paid to the local Texas dioceses out of current year contributions. These accrued expenses are typically paid shortly after year-end.

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

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**Revenue Recognition** – Revenue is recognized when earned. Contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or notifications of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

**Federal Income Tax Status** – Charities has been granted exemption from federal income taxes by the United States Department of Treasury under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Charities qualifies as a recipient organization for a charitable contribution deduction under Section 170.

Management has evaluated the Charities' tax positions and concluded that Charities had taken no uncertain tax positions. With few exceptions, Charities is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state, or local tax authorities for years before 2017.

**Functional Allocation of Expenses** – Expenses are categorized on the statements of activities as program services, management and general, and fundraising. Expenditures of Charities are allocated on a functional basis among its various programs and support services. Program services offered by Charities are for charitable support. The expenses for these programs and supporting services are presented in detail on the statements of functional expenses. The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to programs or one or more supporting services of the Organization. Those expenses include salaries and wages, administrative expenses, and other miscellaneous expenses and are allocated based on time and effort.

**Concentrations of Credit Risk** – Financial instruments, which potentially subject Charities to concentration of credit risk, consist principally of cash and cash equivalents and certificates of deposit. Charities places its cash with high-credit, quality financial institutions which may exceed federally insured amounts at times. Charities has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe that it is exposed to any significant credit risk on uninsured amounts. Operating investments are made by diversified investment managers whose performance is monitored by management and the Board of Directors. Although fair values of investments are subject to fluctuation on a year-to-year basis, management and the Board of Directors believe that investment policies and guidelines are prudent for the long-term welfare of the Organization.

More than 90% of total support comes either directly from the Knights of Columbus members or indirectly from the members through the various Knights of Columbus subordinate councils throughout Texas Catholic dioceses. Management believes Charities is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to contributions from local councils.

**Risks and Uncertainties** – Charities maintains certain investments with the related party. Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc. invests the assets in U.S. government and agency obligations, corporate bonds, and common and preferred stocks. These investments may include securities with contractual cash flows, such as asset-backed securities, and collateralized mortgage obligations issued by the U.S. government and certain U.S. government agencies. The value, liquidity and related income from these securities are sensitive to changes in economic conditions including real estate value, delinquencies or defaults, or both, and may be adversely affected by shifts in the market's perception of the issuers and changes in interest rates. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of financial position. In addition, as stated in *Note 4*, because these securities are carried at cost, no unrealized gain or loss is recognized in these financial statements, which could have a material effect on the total assets, net assets and change in net assets in the current year.

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During 2020, many countries around the world, including the United States, were impacted by the coronavirus (the “virus” or COVID-19) outbreak. While the virus is continuing to evolve, its implications could involve interruptions to supply chains, unavailability of personnel, and reductions in program service fees, contributions, and grant assistance, affecting results of operations and cash flows. In addition, Charities may be impacted by the broader effects of COVID-19 as a result of the negative impact the virus has had on the global economy and major financial markets. At this time, Charities is not aware of any material risk to the financial statements and cannot quantify the extent the virus may have on Charities financial information.

**Reclassifications** – Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year financial statements to conform to the current year financial statement presentation. Such reclassifications have no effect on the change in net assets or net assets as previously reported.

**Recently Implemented Accounting Pronouncements** – In June 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2018-08, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*. These amendments clarify and improve the scope and accounting guidance around contributions of cash and other assets received and made by NFP’s and business enterprises. The ASU clarifies and improves current guidance about whether a transfer of assets, or the reduction, settlement, or cancellations of liabilities, is a contribution or an exchange transaction. It provides criteria for determining whether the resource provider is receiving commensurate value in return for the resources transferred which, depending on the outcome, determines whether the Organization follows contribution guidance or exchange transaction guidance in the revenue recognition and other applicable standards. It also provides a more robust framework for determining whether a contribution is conditional or unconditional, and for distinguishing a donor-imposed condition from a donor-imposed restriction. This is important because such classification affects the timing of contribution revenue and expense recognition. With some exceptions, the guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018.

The effects of this pronouncement are presented in the financial statements.

**NOTE 2 – UPCOMING ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue From Contracts With Customers (Topic 606)*, establishing a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. This update provides a five-step analysis in determining when and how revenue is recognized. The new model will require revenue recognition to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration a company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services and will supersede most of the existing revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. In June 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-05, *Revenue From Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) and Leases (Topic 842): Effective Dates for Certain Entities*, to defer these two standards. Under the deferral for revenue recognition rules, private companies, and private not-for-profit associations can apply these standards to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019.

In October 2019, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. The ASU will require most leases to be recognized on the statements of financial position as lease assets and lease liabilities and will require both quantitative and qualitative disclosures regarding key information about leasing arrangements. Lessor accounting is largely unchanged. Under the deferral for leases rules, private companies and private not-for profit associations can apply the standard to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021.

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The Organization is currently evaluating the impact these pronouncements will have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

**NOTE 3 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY**

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position dates, comprise the following at June 30:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Financial assets at year-end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 108,465	\$ 89,160
Certificates of deposit	500,000	500,000
Accounts receivable due in less than one year	8,431	3,306
Operating investments, at fair value	261,862	260,204
Less: assets unavailable for general expenditures due to donor-imposed restrictions	<u>7,032</u>	<u>2,785</u>
 Total financial assets at year-end available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	 <u>\$ 871,726</u>	 <u>\$ 845,638</u>

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the Organization operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient contributions to cover general expenditures not covered by donor-restricted resources. The Organization has a goal to maintain cash on hand equal to 12 months of supporting services expenses, which were on average approximately \$6,500 a month during the fiscal year 2020.

**NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS MANAGED BY RELATED PARTY**

The Christopher Fund is a matching fund contribution program established by the Supreme Council in 1992. Each year, the Organization may contribute to the fund up to \$5.00 per new Texas member. The Christopher Fund is managed by the Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc. (a related party). If Charities were to discontinue participation in the program and request distribution of its funds, the distribution would be at the market value or book value, whichever is less. In accordance with the terms of the Christopher Fund the market value is determined as of the Supreme Council Charities' last semi-annual audit prior to a withdrawal request. Because the market value is not determinable at June 30, 2020 and 2019, the Christopher Fund is carried at original cost. No unrealized gains or losses related to the Christopher Fund are recognized in the financial statements.

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund is also managed by the Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc. (a related party). Contributions are made to the Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund based on the amounts received by Charities from donors. Because market value is not determinable at June 30, 2020 and 2019, investments related to the Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund are carried at original cost and no unrealized gains or losses are recognized in these financial statements.

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The cost basis of the investments is as follows at June 30:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Christopher Fund		
Supreme Council match per capita	\$ 546,405	\$ 545,325
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund		
Income (without restriction – Board-designated)	188,758	188,758
Contributions (with donor restrictions)	<u>338,978</u>	<u>335,878</u>
Total Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	<u>527,736</u>	<u>524,636</u>
Total investments, at cost	<u>\$ 1,074,141</u>	<u>\$ 1,069,961</u>

**NOTE 5 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820-10 establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10 are described below:

- **Level 1** – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that Charities has the ability to access.
- **Level 2** – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the assets or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- **Level 3** – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy are based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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Fair value of assets measured as follows:

	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using			Fair Value
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
<b>June 30, 2020</b>				
Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Stock/equities	157,699	-	-	157,699
Bonds/fixed income	-	104,163	-	104,163
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 157,699</u>	<u>\$ 604,163</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 761,862</u>
<b>June 30, 2019</b>				
Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Stock/equities	161,556	-	-	161,556
Bonds/fixed income	-	98,648	-	98,648
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 161,556</u>	<u>\$ 598,648</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 760,204</u>

**NOTE 6 – OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Texas State Council is a related NFP organization and has a direct controlling financial interest in Charities. During 2020 and 2019, Texas State Council paid \$98,776 and \$96,307 respectively, in administrative costs, which were reimbursed by Charities. Total payable due to Texas State Council for 2020 and 2019 were \$953 and \$619, respectively.

**NOTE 7 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS**

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes at June 30:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose		
Disaster relief	\$ 7,032	\$ 2,785
Held in perpetuity		
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund – corpus	<u>342,003</u>	<u>335,878</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 349,035</u>	<u>\$ 338,663</u>

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, \$24,733 and \$15,223, respectively, of net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose related to the disaster relief.

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**NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Scholarships** – During the spring of each calendar year, Charities commits scholarships to Texas students. However, these scholarships are not awarded until the fall when students provide proof of enrollment. Accordingly, the liability and corresponding expense are not booked until the scholarships are awarded. The scholarships committed to were approximately \$22,000 and \$37,000 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

**NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 21, 2020, the date on which these financial statements were available to be issued.

# ByLaws of The Texas State Council

## ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

### SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

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

## ARTICLE II - STRUCTURE

### SECTION 1. NAME AND JURISDICTION:

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

### SECTION 2. LEGAL STRUCTURE:

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

### SECTION 3. PURPOSES:

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

### SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP:

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

authorized to be seated at the Convention.

### SECTION 5. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- (A) The State Deputy shall annually establish and appoint the members to the permanent Standing Committees which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  1. The Fraternal Benefits Committee shall consist of the General Agents of Texas and shall be chaired by a General Agent appointed as the Insurance Liaison.
  2. The Audit Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members, not less than three (3) of whom shall be certified or chartered public accountants. The State Treasurer and the Executive Secretary shall not be members of the Committee.
  3. The Budget Committee shall consist of the State Officers.
  4. The By-Laws Committee shall consist of at least five (5) and not more than seven (7) members, including the State Advocate who shall be the Chair.
  5. The P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall consist of all Past State Deputies who meet the requirements of Article III, Section 12(A).
  6. The Legal Affairs Committee shall consist of the State Advocate, who shall be the Chair, and at least two (2) additional attorneys who are Third Degree members and admitted to the State Bar of Texas.
- (B) The State Deputy may establish and appoint the members of the special Standing Committees.
- (C) The membership of all Standing Committees shall consist of individuals who are in good standing from Subordinate Councils.
- (D) All Committee appointments shall be for a period not to exceed the Fraternal Year, with no restrictions regarding previous service on a Committee.
- (E) All Committees are advisory in nature and make recommendations for action on topics within their jurisdictions as indicated in the By-Laws or as assigned by the State Deputy. All authority for action is reserved to the State Council assembled in Convention or to the State Officers as appropriate.

### SECTION 6. APPENDIXES:

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

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

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

## ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

### SECTION 1. STATE OFFICERS:

- (A) The officers of the State Council are: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Immediate Past State Deputy, and State Chaplain. Any Supreme Director who is a member of a Subordinate Council is an ex-officio State Officer.
- (B) Each year, the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden shall be elected to serve a one-year term by a majority of the voting membership of the Texas State Council present at the convention.

### SECTION 2. DUTIES:

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

### SECTION 3. STATE DEPUTY:

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

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

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

**SECTION 4. STATE SECRETARY:**

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

**SECTION 5. STATE TREASURER:**

- (A) The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of the State Council. He shall keep sufficient, true and accurate records of all funds of the State Council and obtain similar information on Affiliated Organizations to allow the preparation of an annual report in accordance with Section 56(b) of the Constitution. Under the direction of the State Treasurer, all funds shall be immediately deposited in the name of the State Council in depositories selected, as provided in Section 5 of Article V. He shall review all vouchers and checks signed by the State Deputy. If the voucher and the checks are correct, the State Treasurer shall sign the voucher and countersign the check. He shall be a voting ex-officio member of all State Council Committees handling any money of the State Council.
- (B) He shall give to the State Council a bond in an amount and with a surety approved by the State Officers. The premium shall be paid by the State Council.
- (C) The honorarium paid to the State Treasurer shall be \$2.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.
- (D) The State Treasurer shall be reimbursed by the State Council for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties. The State Officers shall be entitled to hire and determine the salary of a clerk at the expense of the State Council to assist in performing the duties of the State Treasurer.

**SECTION 6. STATE ADVOCATE:**

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

**SECTION 7. STATE WARDEN:**

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

**SECTION 8. STATE CHAPLAIN:**

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

**SECTION 9. ELECTRONIC VOTING AND NOTICE**

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

**SECTION 10. MEETING CALLED BY STATE OFFICERS:**

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

**SECTION 11. ORDER OF SUCCESSION**

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

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

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

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

- (C) The P.S.D. Advisory Committee may provide advice to the State Officers as to the employment or approval of an individual to fill the position of Editor of the Texas Knight or any other newsletter, bulletin or broadcast for circulation to the general membership authorized by the State Officers.
- (D) If the position of the Executive Secretary or Editor of the Texas Knight becomes vacant during a Fraternal Year, it may be temporarily filled by a person selected by the State Officers to fill said position for a period not to exceed six months until the position can be filled in the normal course of business.
- (E) The P.S.D. Advisory Committee shall vote upon the annual budget and such resolutions or amendments as are submitted under Article VI Section 7 (B) to indicate to the State Officers the Committee's advice regarding the adoption of the budget and each resolution or amendment. The vote may be conducted electronically.

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

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

**ARTICLE IV – Executive Secretary:**

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

**ARTICLE V - FINANCE**

**SECTION 1. BUDGET AND ASSESSMENTS:**

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

The Per Capita Tax to each Subordinate Council shall be based on the Subordinate Council's membership as reflected on the Supreme Council's records as of the following July 1. If no increase or decrease in the Per Capita Tax is recommended by the Budget

Committee, then the Per Capita Tax shall remain at the same rate that it was in the preceding Fraternal Year.

**SECTION 2. NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT:**

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

**SECTION 3. DEFAULTING COUNCILS:**

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

**SECTION 4. AUTHORITY FOR DISBURSEMENT:**

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

**SECTION 5. DEPOSIT OF MONEY:**

- (A) All monies of the State Council shall be deposited in depositories which have government deposit insurance. Such depositories shall be selected by a majority vote of the State Officers.
- (B) Any standard business depository procedure approved by a majority of the State Officers may be utilized by the State Treasurer or his designee to improve the efficiency and operation of the State Council.

**SECTION 6. RECORD OF FUNDS:**

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

**SECTION 7. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:**

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

**SECTION 8. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM:**

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

**SECTION 9. SPECIAL AUDIT:**

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

**ARTICLE VI - CONVENTION**

**SECTION 1. DATE AND PLACE:**

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

**SECTION 2. PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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

**SECTION 3. CREDENTIALS:**

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

**SECTION 4. TEMPORARY ROLL CALL:**

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

**SECTION 5. DELEGATE SEATING CONTESTS:**

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

**SECTION 6. MEETINGS CONDUCTED:**

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

**SECTION 7. RESOLUTIONS:**

- (A) All resolutions or petitions must be submitted in writing by either an officer of the State Council or by a Subordinate Council. The resolution or petition of a Subordinate Council shall be signed by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary with the seal of such council affixed thereto.
- (B) All resolutions and petitions, other than amendments to the By-laws, shall be submitted to the State Advocate at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention. The State Advocate shall return any resolution or petition, the adoption of which would be contrary to the Constitution or to the By-laws. Copies of all other resolutions and petitions shall be sent by the State Advocate to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the Subordinate Councils and all State Officers. The Executive Secretary shall distribute the resolutions not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention. However, any duly submitted resolution or petition received in due time by the State Advocate, as provided herein, dealing with assessments, expenditures, or disposition of money or the assets of the State Council shall be submitted by the State Advocate to the State Officers for its consideration. Each resolution and petition dealing with the expenditures of the State Council's funds shall designate the source

from which any such funds shall be obtained and the manner in which the funds shall be raised, if necessary. A copy of each such document shall be sent to the Executive Secretary for distribution with the other resolutions or petitions. Prior to distribution, the Executive Secretary shall certify that each resolution or petition submitted to the State Officers has been duly submitted by the State Advocate to the State Officers as referenced in this paragraph. Unless a resolution or petition has been timely filed with the State Advocate, no resolution or petition shall be considered by the State Council except under the following conditions:

- (C) (1) the resolution or petition is presented in writing for deliberation and recommendation at the meeting of the Resolutions Committee held in conjunction with the Convention; and
- (2) is approved for consideration by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at the Convention.
- (D) Resolutions of appreciation and memorial resolutions shall not be required to meet the provisions of Section 7 (B) and (C).

**SECTION 8. ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**The Order of Business of the Convention shall be:**

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

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

**SECTION 9. CONVENTION COMMITTEES:**

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

**SECTION 10. CONVENTION REPORTS:**

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

**SECTION 11. LEAVING MEETING:**

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

**SECTION 12. MEETINGS AND ROBERT'S RULES:**

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

**ARTICLE VII- ELECTIONS**

**SECTION 1. FORM OF BALLOT:**

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

**SECTION 2. TELLERS:**

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

**SECTION 3. INDIVIDUAL BALLOTS:**

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

**ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

**SECTION 1. PROCEDURE:**

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

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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

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

# ByLaws of The Texas State Council Charities

## ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

### SECTION 1. PURPOSE:

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes. In furtherance of those purposes, the corporation may establish centers for the dissemination of the truths of Christianity; maintain facilities for the proper physical, intellectual, and moral development of youth, and administer scholarship funds, and other grants for the benefit of deserving persons or entities.

## ARTICLE II – OFFICE

### SECTION 1. OFFICE:

The principal office of State Council Charities (the "Corporation") shall be in the City of Austin, Texas.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

### SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the Corporation shall consist of two classes of members: 1) Sustaining – These are voting members who shall be the certified delegates to the Annual State Convention of the Texas State Council for the year that they are delegates only; and 2) Associate – These are non-voting members who shall be every other member of any Knights of Columbus council in the state of Texas who is not a voting member (sustaining) as set forth above.

### SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETINGS:

The annual meeting of the members shall be held each year at the time, at the place, and on a day during the weekend of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus annual convention.

## ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS

### SECTION 1. MANAGEMENT:

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors who may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not (by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws) directed or required to be exercised or done by the members.

### SECTION 2. NUMBER, QUALIFICATION, ELECTION AND TERM:

The authorized number of directors of this Corporation shall be not less than ten (10), but not more than thirteen (13) (as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors). Each director shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified or until his death, resignation, or removal.

- A. Seven of the directors shall be the officers of the Texas State Council. They shall include: President, Vice President-Secretary, Vice President-Spiritual, Vice President-Legal, Vice President-Arrangements, Treasurer and Immediate Past State Deputy.
- B. Any Supreme Director who is a member of a Subordinate Council and an ex-officio state officer shall also be a Director of the Corporation. Each officer and any ex-officio state officer has the right to vote as a State Council Charities Director. The term of office for each director, who is also an officer of the Texas State Council, shall be concurrent with his term of office as a state officer in the Texas State Council.
- C. The remaining directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term by the Board of Directors at the first called meeting of the Board for each fraternal year. In the case of death, resignation, or dismissal, a replacement director will be elected by the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term. If the Supreme Director is the Immediate Past State Deputy, he is not an ex-officio member of the Board, but serves on the Board as the Immediate Past State Deputy. In this case the number of two year directors shall be elected accordingly.
- D. An individual must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member of the Knights of Columbus to serve as a director.

### SECTION 3. CHANGE IN NUMBER:

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

## SECTION 4. PLACE OF MEETINGS:

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

## SECTION 5. REGULAR MEETINGS:

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

## SECTION 6. SPECIAL MEETINGS:

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

## SECTION 7. QUORUM AND MAJORITY VOTE:

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

## SECTION 8. REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR:

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

## ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

### SECTION 1. NUMBER, QUALIFICATION, ELECTION AND TERM:

The corporation shall have a President, Vice President-Secretary, Vice President-Spiritual, Vice President-Legal, Vice President-Arrangements, Treasurer, Immediate Past State Deputy and such other officers, assistant officers, and agents as the Board of Directors may think necessary. The term of office for each officer, who is also an officer of the Texas State Council, shall be concurrent with his term of office as a state officer in the Texas State Council.

### SECTION 2. PRESIDENT:

The President shall be the State Deputy of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors, shall exercise general and active management of the affairs of the Corporation, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. He shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

### SECTION 3. VICE PRESIDENT-SECRETARY:

The Vice President-Secretary shall be the State Secretary of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The Vice President-Secretary shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and have the authority and exercise the powers of the President. The Vice President-Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the members and record all votes, actions and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and special meetings of the Board of Directors. The Vice President-Secretary shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may, from time to time delegate.

### SECTION 4. VICE PRESIDENT-SPIRITUAL:

The Vice President-Spiritual shall be the State Chaplain for the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus. If the Chaplain is absent, the Associate State Chaplain for the Texas State Council shall take the Chaplain's place and shall be entitled to vote.

**SECTION 5. VICE PRESIDENT-LEGAL:**

The Vice President–Legal shall be the State Advocate of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

**SECTION 6. VICE PRESIDENT–ARRANGEMENTS:**

The Vice President–Arrangements shall be the State Warden of the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

**SECTION 7. TREASURER:**

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

**SECTION 8. IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY:**

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

**ARTICLE VI – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. BOOKS AND RECORDS:**

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

**SECTION 2. SEAL:**

The Corporation elects to have no seal.

**SECTION 3. NOTICES:**

- A. Whenever by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or otherwise, notice is required to be given to a director or member, and no provision is made as to how the notice shall be given, it shall not be construed to require only personal notice, but any such notice must also be given either: (1) in writing by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the director or member at the address appearing on the books of the Corporation; or (2) by any other method permitted by law or specified in Article IV, Section 6 (Special Meetings). Any notice required or permitted to be given by mail shall be deemed given at the time when the same is deposited in the United States mail.
- B. Whenever, by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to members or directors, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated in such notice, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transactions of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

**SECTION 4. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING - TELEPHONE AND SIMILAR MEETINGS:**

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

**SECTION 5. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:**

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

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS:**

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

**SECTION 7. CONSTRUCTION:**

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

**SECTION 8. RELATION TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:**

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

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Bylaws will take effect July 1, 2003



