

# TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**2021-2022 Annual Report**



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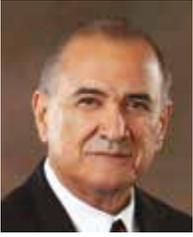
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STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT



ALFREDO VELA  
STATE DEPUTY

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

Welcome to the 118th Annual Knights of Columbus Convention of the Texas State Council. We want to thank His Excellency, Bishop Michael Mulvey, for allowing us to meet and gather in his Diocese. We also want to thank the Corpus Christi Convention Committee headed by State Retention Chairman, Humberto “Beto” Martinez and Membership Director, Ron Alonzo. They have been hard at work to put the convention together. Our gratitude to the whole committee for their efforts and their hard work in accomplishing this task. Thank you.

The convention is dedicated to honor our two recently deceased Bishops, Past State Chaplain, Bishop Raymundo Pena, from the Diocese of Brownsville and Past Associate State Chaplain, Bishop George Sheltz, from the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston. Both of these gentlemen were big supporters of the Knights of Columbus.

During this fraternal year, some of our fellow brothers have passed away. On Sunday morning at our Memorial Mass, we will remember these brothers. Let us continue to pray for them and always keep them in our hearts. We have also lost members of our Brother Knights’ families due to the pandemic. Let us pray for all in our extended family of the Knights of Columbus that have passed away or are suffering because of the virus. Let us all pray for the end to the suffering and the end to the pandemic. ***Let us also pray for Ukraine and our Brother Knights in Ukraine. May they find peace and an end to the war in their homeland.***

Our pledge was to keep the original pledge, that we would visit every Diocese in the State. We are glad to say that my wife and I have visited every diocese in the State of Texas at least once. Plans are being made to continue these visits from now until the end of the fraternal year. While some might think it has been a difficult task, for us, it has been a joyful and learning experience. We want to thank the members and their wives, of all the places we have visited, for your warm hospitality. You have accepted us and welcomed us with open arms and for that, we thank you.

On behalf of the Texas State Officers and the membership statewide, we want to thank Most Reverend Brendan Cahill, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, for serving as our State Chaplain, and to Father Mark N. P. Salas, from the Diocese of El Paso, for serving as our Associate State Chaplain. Our thanks, not only for your spiritual guidance and the friendship you bring to the State family, but also for what you do for the Order and the people in your parishes.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the State Officers and their wives. State Secretary-Treasurer Terry and Beth Fruge, State Advocate Bob Goss, State Warden Boyd and Patricia Burris, Immediate Past State Deputy Mark and Mary Evans. Thank you for your assistance, your support, and, most importantly, your friendship. You have taken time off from your schedules to participate and make a difference not only with the Texas State Council, but also make a difference in the Order.

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

Each and every success that the Texas State Council enjoys is entirely because of the efforts of our Brother Knights at the local level. Thank you to the Grand Knights, Officers and the 110,000+ members of the 800+ councils throughout this great state of Texas. You all are the ones that are responsible for the recognition that the Texas State Council receives. You are the ones that bring the members in, donate to our State Charities, do all the Programs for your members. Thank you for what you do for the Order, for the Texas State Council, and most importantly, what you do for your council and parish community.

Membership recruitment is vital for the long-term success of the Texas State Council. Membership Director, Ron Alonzo and his team have worked throughout the year with our Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies and local council officers to ensure that our jurisdiction continues to grow. We encourage all councils and members to continue to utilize the Online Recruitment tool and the MCGIVNEY2020 incentive. We thank you for helping to lead Texas to the Pinnacle Circle of Honor during the 2020-2021 fraternal year.

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

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

To keep a council vibrant and energetic, every council needs strong Programs. Our Program Director, Pat Henz, is there to help and answer any questions concerning National, State, or Local programs. Our program model is Faith in Action divided into Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Each of these division has multiple activities that we could conduct. But, we also have programs at the state level. Programs such as the Ace Wings, Pro-Life Marches, Ultrasound Machine, Silver Rose, RSVP Program, and State Golf, Bowling and Softball Tournaments are some of the activities available to keep your councils vibrant and engaged. We thank Pat Henz and his Program team for their efforts.

We also want to thank our Education and Training Director, David Zeigler and his Education and Training team. The future of our Order is dependent on how well we train our leaders for the future. Our Education and Training Director, David Zeigler, and his committee are there to provide training for District Deputies, Council Officers, and Financial Secretaries. They are also tasked with gathering the information for the

Finish Line which is published monthly. In addition, they take care of the website, social media and the presentations used at major meetings.

The first principle of the Order is CHARITY. The Charities Committee is led by our Charities Director, Derek Rabey. Their main responsibility is to raise funds for our Charity Program. The Charity Program returns to the Bishop in your Diocese 70% of the funds collected. Each Bishop can use these funds for his designated Charity. Along with our Charity Program, this committee is also responsible for the Bishop Tom J Flanagan Fund, Humberto Cardinal Medeiros Fund, Special Olympics, American Wheelchair Program and Disaster Relief. All of these are programs where every council has an opportunity to practice our first principle, Charity. Thank you to the Charities team for help to fulfill the first principle of the Order, Charity.

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

State Council Charity has its own Board of Directors. The Board is made up of the State Officers plus five at-large members. These members are Charity Director, Derek Rabey, Arlie Markusen, Edward Tydings, Art Aguirre and Greg Dutchover. Thank you to all of you for serving on the Charity Board.

With over 800 councils and over 110,000 members, the communication task is made easier through Diocesan and District Deputies. The job of Diocesan and/or District Deputies is not easy, but it can be very fulfilling. Sometimes they must be the Drill Sergeant, other times, a cheerleader, a compassionate listener and even a front-line worker depending on the situation. Every District Deputy oversees 4 or 5 councils. Plus, they need to attend council meetings and ensure that at least one council in their district attains Star Council status. Thank you, Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies. You all are a major contributor to the success Texas enjoys.

One of the reasons the Knights of Columbus was founded was to take care of widows and orphans when the man passes away. To accomplish that we have our insurance programs. The Insurance Liaison between the State Family and the General Agents is Juan Carlos Carlin. The insurance program in our state is led by all our experienced and well-rounded General Agents. All General Agents have Field Agents which take care of the councils at the local level. They are there to take care of all your insurance needs whether it be life insurance, annuities, long term care, retirement or whatever it might be. I suggest that you contact your General and/or Field Agent as soon as possible. A huge thank you to our General and Field Agents, thank you for taking care of our families.

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

The visible arm of the Knights of Columbus is the 4<sup>th</sup> degree which is also the Patriotic Degree. To communicate and coordinate between the State Family and our 4<sup>th</sup> degree, we have our Master of the Sword, Dan Norman. Our Masters around the state, Ken Oradiegwu, Herman Poothong, Ken Franch, Guadalupe Ortiz Marty Ledesma, and Don Ream are there to help and coordinate Bishop visits, fallouts, assist at funerals and other functions where the 4<sup>th</sup> degree is requested.

Every year the Texas State Council and State Council Charities goes through an audit with independent auditors from outside the organization. Both organizations also must submit tax returns to the IRS. To help interpret the audit and to help with the filing of the tax returns, we would like to thank our Audit Committee consisting of Mark D Ulrich, CPA, Lloyd J Waguespack, Jr. CPA, Phil Apgar, CPA and Stanley Pesek.

Our appreciation and gratitude to our Football Sweepstakes team. To keep our State Per Capita down, we have our Football Sweepstakes. Our committee was chaired by Jimmy Hernandez. He and his committee put their best effort forward amid the pandemic and the controversies to make the Football Sweepstakes a success.

Thank You to our Special Assistants to the State Deputy, Jacob Gaona and Dennis Stark, and our Assistant to the State Chaplain Deacon Frankie Aguirre.

Our appreciation and gratitude for our Liturgy Couple, Deacon Simon Resendez and his wife Gloria for having the Altar ready to celebrate Mass at our major functions. Amid this pandemic, a special thanks to our Hospitality Couple, Oscar and Emiliana Guerra. They hosted the hospitality rooms with safety always on their minds.

As previously mentioned, our Insurance Liaison is Juan Carlos Carlin and his wife Erica. Our Master of the Sword is Daniel Norman and his wife Bertha. To them we owe a deep sense of gratitude for all that they have done.

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

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

A State Deputy's task can be a daunting one. But, we have a great staff in our State office. Thank you to our Executive Secretary, Michael McLaughlin, our Accountant, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin, Records. They make our jobs so much easier.

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

My Brother Knights, the success of the Texas State Council is and always will be because of the efforts of all the councils at the local level. We still have two more months to go. Please reach for the stars and lead your council to Star Council status. BE NOT AFRAID!

God Bless and  
Vivat Jesus

STATE SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT



**TERRY FRUGÉ**  
*STATE SECRETARY/TREASURER*

Welcome to Corpus Christi and our 118<sup>th</sup> annual Texas State Council Convention. As we slowly get back to a sense of normalcy, it has been nice to attend live events again, and travel around this great state. While we want to avoid any “super spreader” situations, the Knights of Columbus in Texas have demonstrated how to cautiously pull off a gathering of brothers in an environment that is safe for everyone.

We continue to follow our “Leave No Neighbor Behind” motto while we reach out to folks in our councils, assemblies, parishes and communities, and make sure our brothers and their families are doing well.

Under the State Secretary duties, Texas State Council by-laws require that minutes are recorded for all Texas State Council and State Charities meetings. These are later transcribed and given to attendees to confirm accuracy. They are reviewed at the following State Council or State Charities meeting where they are approved by State Officers. The State Secretary is also responsible for collecting and sharing any correspondence pertinent to meeting agendas.

The State Secretary chairs the Credentials Committee at all State Conventions. This committee hears any appeals regarding delegate seating and determines if appeal should be upheld or declined.

The duties of the State Treasurer are to oversee the financial activity of the Texas State Council and Texas State Charities. The State Deputy and I review and approve each voucher prior to payment. As State Treasurer, I reconcile each account at the end of the month and send a Reconciliation Report to our State Office in Austin where Ms. Kari Jordan compiles and maintains them with other reports. This process assures that our reports are done properly and accurately.

Another of my duties is to work with the State Officers in preparing the next year’s budgets, which we submit to the delegates for approval at the State Convention. The preparation of these budgets are seldom easy due to the constant shifting of priorities and increased operating costs. I want to thank the State Deputy and fellow officers for their insight and experience in helping to make this process go smoothly.

The State Treasurer chairs the Good of the Order Committee which makes a written report to the convention. This committee is made up of not less than seven and no more than eleven delegates appointed by the State Deputy. I want to thank Tom Clark for his dedication to this fraternal service and to all members of the committee.

The Texas State Council’s primary source of income is the state per capita that is annually assessed to each council. I want to thank all those councils that remit payment in a timely manner and request all councils to please respond with payments by the deadline.

Our secondary source of income is the Football Sweepstakes Program, managed by Football Sweepstakes Chairman Jimmy Hernandez and his team. The buying and selling of these tickets

have been instrumental in supplementing our income for nearly two decades and has allowed the State Officers to NOT have to make the difficult decision to raise state per capita. However, with the decrease in sales over the last few years, plus the Covid-19 Pandemic not allowing us to meet and interact with our membership and neighbors, those numbers plummeted this year. We also faced the dilemma because NFL Football took some social stances that many disagreed with, some members wanted nothing to do with our sweepstakes. While our program in no way supported or had anything to do with the NFL, we simply used the team scores as the mechanism to determine the high and low scores for payment. Years ago, during a pending NFL strike, the decision was made to use college scores for a year or so, but the overall sentiment was to return to pro football. If pro football would have been cancelled this year, the backup plan is to use the highest temperature in that given city on that day. Bottom line is if councils do not participate in the Football Sweepstakes Program, we may be forced to raise the state per capita in the near future and NOBODY wants that to happen, so please support this program.

The Affiliate Membership Initiative (AMI) is a new Supreme Program that allows councils to transfer members over 18 months or more in arrears and have not been seen around church or parish for a period of time. These inactive members transfer to Supreme #97042, but still remain a Knights of Columbus member. While this is a WIN for councils, it is not a win for Assemblies who lose members from 4<sup>th</sup> Degree when they are no longer 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members In Good Standing. This is also not a win for Texas State Council as membership drops across most councils with AMI, then state per capita receipts will be reduced which affects funds to run the TSC. It has been nearly 30 years since state per capita has been raised, which may be unavoidable without the proper income stream to balance the budget.

I want to thank our State Audit Committee of Mark Ulrich, Phil Apgar, Lloyd Waguespack, Jr., and Stanley Pesek. Our audit committee works with our outside accounting firm of Briggs & Veselka, Co. to ensure our books accurately reflect the financial health of the Texas State Council and Texas State Charities.

I wish to thank our Executive Secretary Mike McLaughlin, Kathleen McLoughlin and especially our accountant Kari Jordan whom I deal with on a daily basis. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Our State Deputy, Alfredo Vela, has done an incredible job of SAFELY leading the Texas State Council to the coveted Pinnacle Award in 2021-2022 and has Texas positioned for Circle of Honor again this year. He received excellent support from State Advocate Bob Goss, State Warden Boyd Burris and Immediate Past State Deputy Mark Evans. We were blessed to have incredible spiritual leadership from State Chaplain Bishop Brendan Cahill and Associate State Chaplain Reverend Mark Salas.

Finally, I wish to thank Beth, my lovely wife of nearly 39 years, for her love and support and being by my side whenever I need her to accompany me as we have traveled this great state and nation. It has been my pleasure to serve you brothers as your State Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you for this great honor and for your trust in me.

## STATE ADVOCATE'S REPORT



**ROBERT B. "BOB" GOSS**  
**STATE ADVOCATE**

**MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO YOU - - GOD BLESS YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THANK YOU**

Welcome to Corpus Christi for the 118<sup>th</sup> annual Texas State Council Convention. I want to thank our hosts, the Corpus Christi 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 member – Mikell West (Corpus Christi), and David Pels (Fort Worth). Your dedication and legal prowess are greatly appreciated and help so many Knights across our great state.

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

Thank you to our Texas State Council leadership team—State Deputy Alfredo Vela, State Treasurer Terry Fruge, and State Warden Boyd Burris, State Chaplain Most Reverend Brendan John Cahill, Associate State Chaplain Reverend Mark N. P. Salas, 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.

My prayers and thoughts go to Diego Pena and his wife Pia. You both are wonderful people, and I pray for you and your family daily. May God bless y'all.

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.

Thank you to all that have given me rides to Knights events, especially SK Ron Frerich, Sheryl Bowles, Dawnn McLaughlin, Pat and Mary Henz, Carlos X. and Rosamar Martinez, Don Ream, and many more - - Thank you for your kindness. I am so very grateful.

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, Ron Alonzo, Carlos X. Martinez, Reed A. Fontenot, Pat Henz, David H Zeigler Sr., 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.

**Lead with kindness**, or as I state, shower your adversaries with kindness - others will notice you take the high road and do not stoop to negativism. Your positive actions and not responding to every negative comment will win many situations.

### **Councils with Halls**

All councils with home associations are required to comply 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 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 at [www.councilinsuranceprogram.com](http://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 - to protect our community.

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

Texas State Knight is justified and worthwhile.

Sex predators and abusers know the rules and take care to avoid positions or officer roles that will disclose their convictions. SAFE ENVIRONMENT training is designed to teach you behaviors these sexual abusers tend to possess, enabling you to prevent future abuse.

**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 an 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 them with kindness” is hard but it deconflicts adversity and may lead to resolution. Bring 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!

Robert B. “Bob” Goss  
Texas State Advocate

**STATE WARDEN’S REPORT**



**BOYD BURRIS**  
*STATE WARDEN*

In order for a council to participate in the convention, as well as all State events, the council must be in good standing. That means that the council must be current with both Supreme and State financial obligations, per capita. The amounts that are billed to all councils is based on the council roster as of July 1, with adjustments for life and honorary life members, inactive insurance members, and disabled. A council cannot adjust the numbers because members were not dropped before July 1.

Supreme has reinstated the Supreme Per Capita. Councils will not be receiving a statement in the mail. Instead, the Financial Secretary will go to Officers online/Membership Report/Council billing statement. For previous month statements - In Officers Online, go to “Council Billing Statement” and if you click on “Past” this should bring up all the previous statements listed for your council that are available. The Supreme Per Capita must be paid with a check or money order.

State Per Capita is important to pay because this is how we budget the State Office and State sponsored events. The Supreme “Affiliate Program” will have a significant impact on our budget for the next few years. Please be diligent in your payments so that the State will not have to increase the State Per Capita. Pay your bill and support the Football Sweepstakes.

If there is any doubt that a Council is not responsible for

assessments from Supreme or State, read : Charter Constitution Laws, Sec. 156, and Sec. 157 paragraph 8.

I want to thank our Executive Secretary, Mike McLaughlin and the records expert, Kathleen McLoughlin for their help and I want to thank Kari Jordan and Brad Meyer for their help over the past two years. Neither one, ever, failed to answer a question or get me the information I needed. And, of course, I want to thank my wife, Patricia for being my constant traveling mate, co-driver, nurse, and caretaker during my years of traveling for the Knights.

This ends my years of membership with the State Family. I began as a District Deputy in 1998 and continued in the State Family as Diocesan Deputy, in membership, State charities, council growth and whatever else I was asked to do under State Deputies from Ron Gay to State Deputy Alfredo Vela. I cannot say enough to the men who served you under my Council Growth and State Charities Directorships.

But most of all, Patricia and I have made so many friends throughout the State. It’s good to know that wherever we go in the State we see a friend that we have made at some time over 25 years. Those memories and friendships will never go away!

**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**RON ALONZO**

*STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR*

My Brothers All,

The Membership Team would like to welcome and thank the Brother Knights that made it a point to attend this year’s Convention. We are excited to be here in Corpus Christi, TX and I hope you take advantage of all that the City of Corpus Christi has to offer. This past year your efforts in membership recruitment brought Texas back into the Circle of Honor. Texas is currently on pace to go back-to-back. There are NO EXCUSES! Texas will finish the year strong.

Texas is ahead of last year’s membership goals. As of March 23, 2022, Circle of Honor report Texas has achieved 76.10% of our membership goal. We have recruited 3,025 so far, this fraternal year. We still need 950 to return to the Circle of Honor. We have 83 councils that have achieved Quick Start in their membership goal and some highlights include a council at 966.67%, 900%, 700%, a couple at 500% or better. Outstanding! Congratulations to those councils that found a way to achieve and exceed their goals.

AMI – Affiliated Membership Program. Supreme provided our councils with a program this fraternal year to clean up your rosters. Many of our councils took advantage of this program and moved over 17,500 members into the AMI program.

E-Membership or online membership has played a crucial role in our recruitment. Now we need to put forth the effort to convert them into our councils.

Continue to take advantage of the Supreme incentive for the online membership at [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join)

**BECOME AN ONLINE MEMBER FOR FREE! \***

Now through June 30th, enter Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online membership.

We have seen good results from those recruitment teams that were able to tap into the Hispanic and Vietnamese communities

in your Diocese. Schedule your Church Drives, New Council Development and Reactivations. Remember how you joined the Order, someone asked you. Have you asked someone if he is a Knight, and if he says no, then you tell him what the Knights stands for, and how it is an important part of your life. You then ask and invite him to become a Knight.

Earlier in the year we encouraged each Diocese to establish an exemplification team, and now, at this convention we will be having our second annual exemplification team contest. If your diocese has not established an exemplification team, and you need help in hosting an exemplification live or virtual, give us a call.

I have always found that if you ask a brother Knight to help, he will step up to the challenge. Well, Brothers we are asking you to step up, get out there and recruit. Let's show Division 1 what Texas Pride is all about. Do not quit until we have crossed the finish line and have returned Texas back into the circle of honor.

Let's Get It Done! Back to Basics, No Excuses. Be Not Afraid.

Make it a point to stop by our Membership tables in the exhibit area and pick up some recruitment materials and check on your council's status. We are here to help; all you must do is ask.

### ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

**Bruce Mallory, Chairman**

Texas is leading the Order in effectively utilizing E-membership to bring Catholic gentlemen into the Order. This fraternal year, through March 10, Texas has brought in 1,700 online members. 823, (48%) have joined a local council. Councils, districts, and dioceses should make a point to invite prospects to participate in major events, so they can see firsthand the charity, fraternity, and unity of the Knights, to spark an interest in a local council.

Today over 1,600 Online Prospects are available. Most are already "assigned" to a council and visible to the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and District Deputies, on the Prospect tab in Member Management. When a Prospect is assigned to your council, please make personal contact to determine if they have an interest in becoming a council member. If a man has no interest, the Financial Secretary can "Reject" them in using the reason "Does Not Want to Transfer." The Prospect is removed from the council prospect tab.

If a man is interested in joining a council, he should be vetted by the admission committee, voted in by the council, and then attend a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF) Degree. One comment about the work of the admission committee - please use your chaplain or parish priest if there is a question of being a Practical Catholic. Laypeople should not usurp the role of a priest.

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

For the remainder of this year, and going forward, Financial Secretaries, Grand Knights, and District Deputies, please sign into Member Management and review the "Prospect" tab. The men you find there want to be part of the Knights of Columbus. Help make their journey successful.

It has been a pleasure serving as Online Membership Chairman this year. I am happy that we were able to take a pilot program and help it evolve into a mainstay of our recruiting strategy.

### ALL COUNCILS ACTIVE

**John Leal, Chairman**

I love my job!! First, I would like to thank y'all for taking my calls. I have been able to reach all Worthy District Deputies and Diocesan Deputies. My job is to ensure all councils recruit at least one new member this fraternal year. Over 500 councils have recruited at least one new member, this is more than we did as a State last year. Don't let up!! We would like to get to 600 plus! Let's stay in the Circle of Honor.

Please remember your 8 steps.

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

### RETENTION

**Beto Martinez, Retention Chairman**

AMI: How often did we hear Supreme, or Texas has made it impossible to drop members because the procedure is too difficult, there is too much paperwork or if the paperwork is submitted, nothing happens. No longer can any council use that as an excuse. The Affiliate Membership Program has given our councils the opportunity to clean up their rosters. I truly hope you took advantage of this program.

Now we should return to the Proper Billing Procedures, "Notice of Intent to Suspend" (Form 1845). The State Retention Chairman is not here to stop you from dropping members but to guide you with the Proper Billing Procedures. By using the Proper Billing Procedures and documenting the efforts made to contact the member, we are assured that all efforts were made to obtain the status of the member and ascertain if they needed any assistance due to their circumstances. Each council has the responsibility to do this and to assist them if needed. We want to retain the member if possible.

### CEREMONIALS

**Phillip E. Apgar, Chairman**

Brother Knights, as we gather in Corpus Christi for the 118th 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. As a result of all your hard work in scheduling and conducting the exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, we are once again on the cusp of gaining the Circle of Honor!

If you are a Grand Knight this year, I want to challenge you to embrace this 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.”

I hope you will join me in exemplifying this new Ceremonial and in remembering our Order in your prayers that it may ever grow and bring the message of hope that our founder, the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney did so well.

Vivat Jesus!

Viva Cristo Rey!

## CONCLUSION

I would like to thank my fellow Directors who have made this an enjoyable year; the Membership 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 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 COUNCIL GROWTH DIRECTOR’S REPORT

**CARLOS X. MARTINEZ**

*TEXAS STATE COUNCIL GROWTH DIRECTOR*

What a Team, What a Year! My Brother Knights, you continue to answer the prayers of Blessed Fr. McGivney and your pastors. With our Worthy State Deputy’s theme “Be Not Afraid” we have collaborated to answer the calls of your local Catholic communities for a Knight’s presence as our Catholic Churches open their doors. We have led by our actions and the prayers as councils have been initiated and reactivated across our great State of Texas. The Knights of the councils continue to Fraternally join in Unity providing the Charity requested as we move forward NOT AFRAID and without EXCUSES answering the ringing bells of our Parishes and Missions. The Catholic communities know that the Knights, as Saint John Paul II quoted, are the Strong Right Arm of the Church and you Brother Knights live that every day. Growth across all regions and Dioceses is a testament that Catholic men coming together in support of our Catholic faith is the driving force of our councils diversification and continued growth as we ask all Catholic men to join US!

The Council Growth Team working with our Worthy Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies have aligned to ensure continued Growth as called on by our Parish Pastors. The largest Catholic men’s fraternal organization in the world cannot continue to provide the service needed unless we continue to GROW and ensure continually a Knights presence in every Parish and Mission to ensure the vision of our Founder is realized.

## NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

**Louie Martinez, Chairman**

The congregational growth of the parishes across Texas is a direct reflection of the implementation and development of Knights of Columbus Councils, which drives Catholic men and

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

- San Jose Luis Sanchez Del Rio Council #17762, San Joselito Parroquia, San Antonio, TX, Archdiocese of San Antonio
  - Diocesan Deputy David Colton
  - District Deputy William Torres
- Mary, Mother of The Church Council #17769, Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, San Antonio, TX, Archdiocese of San Antonio
  - Diocesan Deputy David Colton
  - District Deputy Dan Rangel
- St. Pius V Council # 17776, St. Pius V Church, Pasadena, TX, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
  - Diocesan Deputy John Hinojosa
  - District Deputy John Hinojosa
- Our Lady of Lourdes Council # 17779, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Houston, TX, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
  - Diocesan Deputy John Hinojosa
  - District Deputy John Hinojosa
- Holy Rosary Council # 17812, Holy Rosary Church, Rosenberg, TX, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
  - Diocesan Deputy John Hinojosa
  - District Deputy Mike Appling
- St. Jorge Council # 17902, St. Jorge Church, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Bill Tillotson
  - District Deputy Obie Obregon
- St. Bartholomew Council # 17916, St. Bartholomew Church, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Bill Tillotson
  - District Deputy Obie Obregon

The diocese across Texas continue to identify and initiating new councils in their parishes lacking a Knights presence. The New Council Development Team is willing and ready to assist in the support as requested by the pastors. Thanks to all the Brother Knights, across the Order in particular our State Deputy Alfredo Vela for his never-ending work in supporting and completing the NCD process with each new council. We thank you, the Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies for your guidance and support to ensure the sustainability and the success of the new councils and look forward to adding to the list with the current councils in the process of being completed and established before the end of this successful fraternal year.

## REACTIVATIONS & MERGERS

**William Tartaglia, Chairman**

Reactivations! What better way to provide councils and their Brother Knights the opportunity to reignite the Fraternal fire of Unity and Charity! Opening the spiritual door for our Brother

Knights to support the pastors and Catholic communities as they re-open their campuses to service the needs of the parish. Reactivating a council allows for the fraternal activity and vigor to invite all eligible Catholic men to join in fraternal solidarity in support of the priests and religious strengthening the council.

The State is blessed and proud to list the following reactivations that our Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies and Brother Knights have worked to reignite the councils activity spark and provide the opportunity to continue to support the pastor's needs of the parish community.

- St. Joseph Parish Council #10207 Houston, TX, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
  - Diocesan Deputy John Hinojosa
  - District Deputy Ernest Garcia
- Santuario San Judas Tadeo Parish Council #10788 El Paso, TX, El Paso Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre
  - District Deputy Louie Martinez
- St. Francis Cabrini Parish Council 7797, Laredo, TX Laredo Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna
  - District Deputy Jose Luis Rodriguez
- Sacred Heart Parish Council #11663, Mathis, TX, Corpus Christi Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Rudy Ortiz
  - District Deputy Rudy Ortiz
- Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Council #10997, Socorro, TX, El Paso Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre
  - District Deputy Robert Diaz
- St. Theresa of the Little Flower Council # 12866, Houston, TX, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
  - Diocesan Deputy John Hinojosa
  - District Deputy Allen Hradecky
- Nuestra Senora del Rosario Parish Council # 13838, Laredo, TX, Laredo Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Anel Luna
  - District Deputy Antonio Gonzalez
- San Martin de Porras Council # 9626, Laredo, TX, Laredo Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna
  - District Deputy Jose Ramos
- St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Council # 13572, San Antonio, TX, Archdiocese of San Antonio
  - Diocesan Deputy David Colton
  - District Deputy David Colton
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Council # 11282, El Dorado, TX, San Angelo Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Joe Jacobo
  - District Deputy Richard Guevara

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

## Hispanic Council Development

**Guillermo Munoz, North Chairman**

**Armando Gonzalez, South Chairman**

Texas is blessed with a growing Spanish speaking congregation population across our Catholic parishes filled with men ready to join our Order. These men are answering the call to get involved in their parishes and provide the positive impact being requested by their pastors. We welcome our Brother Knights and their families as they form the foundation of growth of a culture rich in Catholic tradition. The goal is to continue to grow our presence across all Parishes and Missions, with No Excuses of language and will continue to welcome and cultivate to ensure all our Brothers within our parishes are successful and providing the leadership and service being requested.

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

### New Spanish Speaking Councils

- St. Pius V Council # 17776, St. Pius V Church, Pasadena, TX, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
  - Diocesan Deputy John Hinojosa
- St. Jorge Council # 17902, St. Jorge Church, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Bill Tillotson
  - District Deputy Obie Obregon
- St. Bartholomew Council # 17916, St. Bartholomew Church, Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Bill Tillotson
  - District Deputy Obie Obregon

### Spanish Speaking Reactivations:

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  - Diocesan Deputy John Hinojosa
  - District Deputy Ernest Garcia
- Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Council #10997, Socorro, TX, El Paso Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre
  - District Deputy Robert Diaz
- Nuestra Senora del Rosario Parish Council # 13838, Laredo, TX, Laredo Diocese
  - Diocesan Deputy Anel Luna
  - District Deputy Antonio Gonzalez

The goal of the team is to continue to identify and establish new councils, reactivate dormant/suspended councils, and ensure sustainability by establishing a firm foundation of training, programs engagement, and continued recruitment.

## COLLEGE COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

**Jacob Mangold, Chairman**

College Councils are the future of our Parish Councils. Leaderships represent a unique part of the Knights of Columbus, with young and graduating Brothers demanding experienced guidance from college councils' coordinators, and local councils for their continued support and flourishing.

The mission of the Knights of Columbus College Council Program is to promote the moral, intellectual, and spiritual

development of the future leaders of civil society, the Order, and the Church through witness to the Gospel and dedication to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

The goal for these councils is to ensure continued success and GROWTH in established councils, pursue the reactivation of dormant and suspended college councils, establish Round Tables, or initiate new councils on Texas college campuses where a Knights of Columbus presence does not yet exist.

Our college councils have led by example in recruitment and growing existing councils across the State. We congratulate the following councils for their exceptional accomplishments:

- The Texas College Councils were led by **Lamar University Council #16464** Beaumont Diocese awarded 1st Runner-up for Outstanding Council of the Year.
- **Texas A&M University Council #10624** awarded the Life Award for Best Faith in Action Life program. Spring Men's Retreat. A day-long retreat organized by the council focused on building brotherhood and discussing the call to authentic masculinity
- **Congratulations** to the following Star Councils 20-21 Fraternal Year
  - GK Joseph P. Pettibon III, Texas A&M University Council #10624
  - GK Benjamin M. Haddock, Baylor University Council #13577
  - GK Alejandro N. Jasso, Texas Tech University Council #14426
  - GK Troy M. Laughlin, Lamar University Council #16464
  - GK Abraham Salinas, Texas Christian University Council #17039

During the Fall Semester, the universities were challenged with a recruitment drive. This was an extremely successful recruitment Growing the Order as 66 Brother Knights joined. This year's competition was a tight race as the Universities raced to the end zone with the winner receiving a Tailgate party with our Worthy State Deputy and State Officers. The results were as follows:

- Texas Christian University – 257% of their recruitment goal
- Stephen F. Austin – 200% of their recruitment goal
- Texas A&M – 160% of their recruitment goal
- Assumption Seminary – 125% of their recruitment goal
- Baylor - 100% of their recruitment goal

**UTSA Council #17492 won the Recruitment** drive by attaining **300%** over their recruitment goal. The Council was awarded a "Tail Gate" Celebration hosted by our Worthy State Deputy and State Leadership. Outstanding job University of Texas @ San Antonio Council #17492!

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

To be considered for the award, each college council should annually complete the Outstanding College Council Award Application. This application not only determines the winner of the Outstanding College Council Award but also the best programs in each of the four [Faith in Action](#) categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life). Completed applications should be sent

to [college@kofc.org](mailto:college@kofc.org) with the Council # and name of the school included in the e-mail subject line (i.e., Texas A&M University Council 10624). **The application is due at the close of the fraternal year on June 30.**

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

## ROUND TABLES

**Dan Aguilar, Chairman**

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

Our councils across Texas have remained active in supporting Round Tables where applicable. The following Diocese have led by example in meeting their goals of actively participating in Round Tables being sponsored by Home Councils. Texas sponsored a Round Table competition during the month of September with the results as follows:

- Brownville Diocese – Highest Count of Round Tables, 32
- Fort Worth Diocese – Highest % of Round Tables submitted, 227%

## COUNCIL RETENTION

**James DeGhelder, Chairman**

This year more than ever Council Retention takes center stage as Supreme reinstated per capita assessments as of January 2022. The mission of our Council Retention program came into focus to ensure that all councils in Texas operate in good standing with Supreme Council.

The Retention team is constantly monitoring the status of councils, if a council is not current with its State per capita, they are not eligible for Texas State participation and awards. The same for not remaining current with Supreme per capita, councils would not be eligible to receive Supreme awards including Star Council.

Texas currently has whittled down its list of suspended councils, by over 20%, with multiple councils currently in the process of being reactivated. With the goal of reactivating 22 councils, our diocese have reactivated 10 thus far. The Diocesan and District Deputies are working diligently with the Council Growth Team to reactivate all eligible suspended councils.

The Council Growth Team led by example, and I am very proud of their accomplishments during this fraternal year, The team members,

- Louie Martinez, *New Council Development Chairman*
- William "Bill" Tartaglia, *Reactivations Chairman* "with a tweak to the team with added Coordinators"
  - Ralph Cavazos – *Brownsville Diocese*
  - Noverto Gonzales – *San Antonio Archdiocese*
- Dan Aguilar, *Round Tables Chairman*
- Guillermo Munoz, *Spanish Speaking North Chairman*
- Armando Gonzalez, *Spanish Speaking South Chairman*
- James DeGhelder, *Council Retention Chairman*

These Brother Knights were NOT AFRAID and led their respective responsibilities with NO EXCUSES. I thank them and

pray continued blessings for them and their families for all they do and continue to do for the Order and the Great State of Texas.

A huge shout out of THANKS and Blessings to The TEAM our outstanding State Office Family, Executive Secretary Michael McLaughlin, Accounting Kari Jordan, and Council Records Kathleen McLoughlin, without their support and guidance we could not do what we do to service the needs of our Councils. Thank you!

I also want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Alfredo Vela and our First Lady Rosa for his example of leading by his actions ensuring continued success and GROWTH for Texas to reach its goals and place Texas in its rightful place of honor leading the Order. Many thanks to the State Officers and my fellow Directors and their families for all their support, guidance, and prayers as we continually worked with our Brother Knights to reach their goals with the theme of our State Deputy, BE NOT AFRAID, we Got It Done, NO Excuses.

\_\_\_\_\_This past year has been a blessing and there has been one person at my side throughout and I pray for the continued grace which is my loving wife Rosamar! It is her continued support, and prayers that have provided the faith and perseverance as we traveled from Diocese to Diocese. Each stop has brought forth new memories and additions to our extended Knight's family. Thank You, My Sweetheart! I also thank my sons, Juan-Carlos, Carlos Jr. and Daniel, all Knights, starting their Knights journey as Squires, even with their full life's schedules continue at the ready to support the Knights when in need. One more, extremely important Thank You to you, my Brother Knights, for allowing us to come and assist, support, and provide guidance when needed in your home Diocese, Districts and Councils! Without you there is no Charity, Unity and Fraternity driving the Best State in Growth of our Order. God Bless You, God Bless the Knights and GOD BLESS TEXAS!!

## STAR COUNCIL AWARDS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### REED FONTENOT

#### STAR COUNCIL AWARD DIRECTOR

The Star Council Award is earned by councils for outstanding achievement in the areas of membership, insurance, and service program activities. Within the program directives of 'Faith in Action', councils earning the Star Council Award demonstrate and provide faithful and fruitful leadership, inspiration, and meaningful help to Church, families, and communities. These recognized councils are indeed fulfilling the vision of Fr. Michael J. McGivney to provide families a safe, spiritual, and nurturing fraternal home. All Councils should strive to earn this prestigious Star Council Award every year because by putting our 'Faith in Action' we build and renew a Catholic environment that exemplifies and magnifies our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. With proper planning and leadership, every council has an opportunity to earn this distinction!

2020-21 Star Council Awards Team

Tony Fontanelli, *Fraternal Benefits Chairman*

Bill Moeller, *Safe Environment Chairman*

Don Pivonka, *Forms Chairman*

John Schulz, *DD Star Council Monitor Chairman*

Hector Guitierrez, *Committeeman*

Dennis Helgeson, *Committeeman*

Scott Scheidt, *Committeeman*

To earn the Star Council Award there are several steps each council needs to take over the course of the Fraternal year. There have been some positive changes from previous years.

1. Earn the **Father McGivney Award for membership growth** by June 30, 2021. The council quota can be found under the Membership tab in Officers Online, which is updated daily. There is no application to complete for the Father McGivney Award, as the Supreme Council automatically determines eligibility. Goals are set at 5% net growth with a minimum of 3 and maximum of 20.
2. Earn the **Founders' Award for insurance growth** by June 30, 2021. Working with our Insurance Agents, each Council is responsible for scheduling at least two Fraternal Benefits Nights for current and prospective members during the fraternal year. There is no minimum attendance however the event must be promoted. This can also be combined with other councils. Knights Ladies and Prospects are also encouraged to attend. The Fraternal Benefits Chairman on the Star Council Team will assist Councils and General Agents with scheduling and will track Council progress throughout the State to ensure all Councils are on track to meet this objective. There is no application to complete for the Founder's Award, as the Supreme Council automatically determines eligibility based on data the General Agent sends.
3. Earn the **Columbian Award for Faith in Action programs** by June 30, 2021.
  - Conduct at least four programs in each of the four Faith in Action categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Required programs have been removed. The State Program Director will provide more detailed information.
4. Complete and send **required forms** to Supreme and the Texas State Office.
  - Submit the Service Program Personnel Report (form 365) due by August 1, 2020.
  - Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (form 1728) due by January 31, 2021.
  - Complete the Columbian Award Application (form SP-7) due by June 30, 2021.
    - The most convenient way to update these three forms to Supreme is by going online to the secure Officers Online section of the Knights of Columbus website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and selecting the Member Management application or go the Forms tab to find the online form to complete.
    - Please create a PDF of these three forms and send to the State Office at [forms@tkofc.org](mailto:forms@tkofc.org) as well as keep a copy for your records.
5. **Safe Environment.** Be "Compliant" with required training and background checks under Faith in Action guidelines. Men in the following positions are required to complete Safe Environment training modules and may be required to provide authorization for a background check within 30 days of receiving an email from Supreme.
  - Grand Knight
  - Program Director
  - Family Director

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- Community Director
- Columbian Squires Counselors (if applicable)

As you are aware, our team sends an updated Star Tracker every month that documents your progress against these goals. Starting April 1<sup>st</sup> this will be sent twice per month. In addition, members of the Star Council Awards Team consistently call District Deputies and Grand Knights to offer our assistance and guidance on navigating all the details.

2020-21 has been an unprecedented time with the Covid-19 pandemic. We have had to adjust and change how we conduct our meetings, recruiting and programs in a virtual way. As Knights, our role in our Faith Community will be even more important as we exit these lockdowns. We will be the shining example of Catholicity and help bring our communities back to Church and our men back to our councils. Our Star Council Awards Team stands ready to serve you and guide you in whatever your needs will be.

**LONE STAR AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE: 2021-2022 FRATERNAL YEAR**

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	CITY	DIOCESE	COUNCIL	DISTRICT	CITY	DIOCESE
16041	1	El Paso	El Paso	5656	106	Dallas	Dallas
14584	5	Ft Bliss	El Paso	11716	106	Plano	Dallas
9748	17	Granbury	Fort Worth	8157	109	Duncanville	Dallas
16042	20	Cleburne	Fort Worth	12300	110	Wylie	Dallas
7099	24	Grapevine	Fort Worth	6065	111	Plano	Dallas
16663	25	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	12480	111	Frisco	Dallas
4771	27	Denton	Fort Worth	9903	114	Mckinney	Dallas
16393	27	Denton	Fort Worth	10523	115	Grand Praire	Dallas
8895	28	Arlington	Fort Worth	2461	122	Port Neches	Beaumont
13408	30	Carrollton	Fort Worth	10524	131	Athens	Tyler
17304	30	Prosper	Fort Worth	16078	132	Emory	Tyler
4786	38	San Antonio S W	San Antonio	2771	133	Longview	Tyler
5262	38	San Antonio	San Antonio	3404	134	Lufkin	Tyler
7983	40	San Antonio	San Antonio	7553	134	Nacogdoches	Tyler
10240	40	San Antonio	San Antonio	11865	135	Whitehouse	Tyler
17769	40	San Antonio	San Antonio	14636	135	Flint	Tyler
7965	43	San Antonio	San Antonio	6699	136	Dangfld-Mtplest-Pitsbg-Mtvern	Tyler
9967	43	San Antonio	San Antonio	3205	146	College Station	Austin
17762	43	San Antonio	San Antonio	3287	148	Brenham	Austin
13523	44	San Antonio	San Antonio	10463	151	Lago Vista	Austin
13704	44	San Antonio	San Antonio	13927	151	Austin	Austin
6358	48	Schertz	San Antonio	7290	168	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi
9291	49	San Antonio	San Antonio	9318	177	Robstown	Corpus Christi
3217	68	Dickinson	Gal/Houston	2902	190	Schulenburg	Victoria
10393	68	Hitchcock	Gal/Houston	15262	209	Edinburg	Brownsville
8960	74	Pearland	Gal/Houston	12869	213	Mercedes	Brownsville
11343	79	Sugar Land	Gal/Houston	17679	222	Odessa	San Angelo
14617	79	Missouri City	Gal/Houston	12008	224	San Angelo	San Angelo
14700	83	Houston	Gal/Houston	3867	227	Brownwood	San Angelo
9759	85	Katy	Gal/Houston	2136	229	San Angelo	San Angelo
16103	85	Fulshear	Gal/Houston	9641	229	St Lawrence	San Angelo
6878	92	Humble	Gal/Houston	10939	234	Laredo	Laredo
12327	94	The Woodlands	Gal/Houston	15876	242	Lubbock	Lubbock
8482	96	Houston	Gal/Houston	17583	244	Abernathy	Lubbock
8494	101	Friendswood	Gal/Houston	3008	246	Lubbock	Lubbock
11862	103	Garland	Dallas	12803	246	Lubbock	Lubbock
799	104	Dallas	Dallas				

**LONE STAR AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE WITH DISTINCTION: 2021-2022 FRATERNAL YEAR**

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	CITY	DIOCESE	COUNCIL	DISTRICT	CITY	DIOCESE
638	1	El Paso	El Paso	14512	93	Spring	Gal/Houston
2592	7	El Paso	El Paso	17653	93	The Woodlands	Gal/Houston
12697	9	El Paso	El Paso	12153	114	McKinney	Dallas
10930	16	Ft Worth	Fort Worth	5145	122	Nederland	Beaumont
7736	19	Mansfield	Fort Worth	10373	150	Pflugerville	Austin
7175	20	Burleson	Fort Worth	7600	151	Cedar Park	Austin
15789	24	Colleyville	Fort Worth	9997	151	Austin	Austin
8521	43	Bulverde	San Antonio	14943	152	Bastrop	Austin
4183	45	New Braunfels	San Antonio	10333	156	Austin	Austin
16748	45	Seguin	San Antonio	16275	172	Bishop	Corpus Christi
6234	71	Nassau Bay	Gal/Houston	11107	174	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi
9708	71	Houston	Gal/Houston	3070	187	Bay City	Victoria
7382	79	Houston	Gal/Houston	16917	213	Weslaco	Brownsville
17060	83	Houston	Gal/Houston	2785	216	Harlingen	Brownsville
				3203	222	Odessa	San Angelo

## STATE COUNCIL PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**PAT HENZ**

*PROGRAM DIRECTOR*

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

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

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

The State Program Committee Members are as follows:

- Faith in Action Chairman – Tom Oaks
- Silver Rose & Pilgrim Icon Chairman – Tom Krueger
- Pro-Life Chairman – Tom Clark
- RSVP Vocations Chairman – Alfred Moreno
- Pregnancy Resource Chairman – Andrew Clark
- Free Throw Chairman – Jesse Aguilar
- Golf Chairman – Ricky Meyer
- Bowling Chairman – Skipper Arsenault
- Softball Chairman – Stanley Pesek

### FAITH IN ACTION

**Tom Oaks, Chairman**

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

This year, we really promoted the Family of the Month program and even had an incentive for councils to submit a family each month. The entries from the councils increased each month. Those councils who submitted a Family of the Month for three months in a row were sent the small Holy Family Icon. The first quarter we had 8 councils. This grew to 12 council for the second quarter. And at the time of this report, it looks as if that will increase for the third quarter. Hopefully, we will have even more for the final quarter – which will be in July.

Aside from the Family of the Month, councils were coming

up with new and unique programs. From Diaper Drives, Rosary programs, Truck or Treats, Family gatherings, Parish clean ups, Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Leave No Neighbor Behind, Flag Memorial Projects, and on and on and on. There were so many councils that stepped up during the pandemic and have continued those programs helping their neighbors and their parishes.

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

### RSVP VOCATIONS

**Alfred Moreno, Chairman**

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

As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial, and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. When councils support their seminarians, whether through prayer, cards, care packages, or donations, it helps ease their financial burdens and allows them to focus on their studies. It is very crucial that we pray, support, and make our Seminarians feel a part of our Knights family. Always remember to keep them in your prayers. We thank every Council and Assembly who has committed to support our future priests and religious.

### PILGRIM ICON/SILVER ROSE

**Tom Kruger, Chairman**

The Pilgrim Icon program for this year is dedicated to St. Joseph. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said, "through this Pilgrim Icon Program, we can all turn in prayer to St. Joseph. We give thanks to God for the gift of his fatherly example, and we ask St. Joseph to be a father to us. Along the way, may we also grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity, and fidelity." New prayer booklets and cards are now available through the Supreme website.

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

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

**PRO-LIFE**

**Tom Clark, Chairman**

The Culture of Life continues to be in the forefront of Council activities in the great State of Texas despite the interruption that the COVID-19 virus has had on all our lives. I am proud to say that even with COVID-19 Knights are still making their Pro-Life presence known.

Thanks to all who have participated in the Pro-Life Programs and by doing so have helped to save babies from the horrors of abortion. Knights and their ladies have taken the Culture of Life message back

**2021 Silver Rose Routes**

Route 1		
Diocese	Start	End
El Paso	11/28/2022	11/29/2022
Mexico	11/29/2022	
Return to Supreme		12/12/2022

Route 2		
Diocese	Start	End
Oklahoma		11/19/2022
Ft. Worth	11/20/2022	12/1/2022
Mid Year	12/2/2022	12/4/2022
Laredo Intl. Crossing	12/7/2022	12/8/2022
Return to Supreme		12/12/2022

Route 3		
Diocese	Start	End
Arkansas		11/19/2022
Tyler	11/20/2022	12/1/2022
Mid Year	12/2/2022	12/4/2022
Laredo Intl. Crossing	12/7/2022	12/8/2021
Mexico	12/8/2022	
Return to Supreme		12/12/2021

Route 5		
Diocese	Start	End
Louisiana		11/26/2022
Beaumont	11/27/2022	12/1/2022
Mid Year	12/2/2022	12/4/2022
Laredo Intl. Crossing	12/7/2022	12/8/2022
Return to Supreme		12/12/2021

Route 7		
Diocese	Start	End
New Mexico		7/16/2022
El Paso	7/17/2022	8/6/2022
San Antonio	8/7/2022	8/27/2022
Austin	8/27/2022	9/17/2022
Victoria	9/17/2022	9/24/2022
Galveston Houston	9/24/2022	10/1/2022
Beaumont	10/1/2022	10/14/2022
Galveston Houston	10/14/2022	11/3/2022
Corpus Christi	11/3/2022	11/19/2022
Brownsville	11/19/2022	12/1/2022
Midyear	12/2/2022	12/4/2022
Return to Supreme		12/12/2022

Route 8		
Diocese	Start	End
Texas		4/23/2022
State Convention	4/29/2022	5/1/2022
Amarillo	5/2/2022	5/14/2022
Lubbock	5/14/2022	5/28/2022
San Angelo	5/28/2022	6/11/2022
Ft. Worth	6/11/2022	6/20/2022
Dallas	6/20/2022	7/9/2022
Mexico	7/10/2022	

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 state program, by encouraging Knights to participate in earning their ACE Wings remains a barometer on the health of Pro-Life activities in our state. We remain solid and steadfast in our defense of the unborn as well as those who are at risk of losing their lives such as the terminally ill and those on death row.

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

To date (March 2022), 154 ACE Wings have been earned in Texas, up from 69 just a year ago. Of these 154 ACE Wings earned 24 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 49 SFAW have been sent out to Knights with 17 of these going to spouses.

The Gold ACE Wings, the Texas State Council Pro Life Hall of Fame, is doing well with the majority of Diocesan Deputies taking great care to choose candidates. We have increased the number of Gold ACE Wings available to each Diocese to two each (plus spouses). The 25 At-Large Gold ACE Wings have been removed from the Program last year due to lack of interest.

I must 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!

**PREGNANCY RESOURCE**

**Andrew Clark, Chairman**

This fraternal year has been a good year for the Ultrasound Initiative. Texas achieved the milestone 100th Ultrasound machine. That machine went to the Loreto House in Denton. Ironically, they received the very first Ultrasound machine in 2009 when Supreme first started this program. California and Florida are the only other states that have reached the 100th Ultrasound machine donation.

Texas Knights were able to provide nine Ultrasound machines so far this year. I believe one of the best things we can do to increase our ultrasounds is by looking at our past. I would encourage all councils to reach out to pregnancy centers who have received an ultrasound machine from this program and see if an update is needed. These machines are always being updated and top end ultrasound machines 5 years ago are not as clear as the machines that are currently out.

Remember, a mother is more likely to choose life if she sees an ultrasound of her baby! This is a wonderful way to stay connected and show continued support for our pregnancy centers around our great state. My hope is that through this strategy we will be able to redouble our efforts to not only support our local Pregnancy Resource Centers, but also to save lives.

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

- Texarkana Council 1003
- St. John Neumann Council 10836
- St. George Preca Council 17196
- Msgr Christopher J Martin Council 3070
- St. Anthony the Miracle Worker Council 7641
- St. Anthony Council 12300
- Mary Queen of Peace Council 8494
- Holy Family Council 15882
- Ralph Cerny Council 12553

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 the best year yet.

**SHIELD A BADGE**

**Pat Henz, Chairman**

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

The "Shield a Badge with a Prayer" program is designed to show support to local Law Enforcement Officers through daily prayer. The goal of "Shield a Badge" is to have every officer "adopted" and to have a daily prayer said for that officer's Safety, Good Judgment, and a Safe Return Home. The commitment is for ONE year. The officer's name and badge number are given to the prayer sponsor. There are NO promises beyond a prayer every day (no personal contact, no phone calls, and no gifts.) This program would qualify for a Community Program.

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

**GOLF**

**Ricky Meyer, Chairman**

The 47th Annual Johnny Lopez Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament was held in September 2021 in Bastrop. It was a beautiful weekend and some great scores. We also gave out awards for those golfers who have participated in the last 15 Years, 20 Years, 25 Years, and 30 Years in a row.

Make plans now. The 48th Annual Johnny Lopez Golf Tournament will be September 2022. More details coming soon.

**BOWLING**

**Skipper Arsenault, Chairman**

The 57th Annual Texas State Council Bowling Tournament was held on April 2 & 3 and 9 & 10 in Conroe. Results of how the teams did will be publicized in the next Texas Knight.

**SOFTBALL**

**Stanley Pesek, Chairman**

The 50th Annual Daryl Entrop Memorial Softball Tournament will be held on June 18, 2022, in Schulenburg. Three games guaranteed – entry fee is \$285. More information about the tournament, rules and guidelines, and the entry form can be found on the State webpage. We are looking forward to seeing many familiar teams and hopefully several new teams. Come out and support the guys and the Knights.

**FREE THROW**

**Jesse Aguilar, Chairman**

It was great to be able to hold the State Free Throw Championship this year. Nearly every diocese was represented, and the scores were very competitive. The Color Guard from District 2 did an outstanding job proudly posting the colors before the start of the competition. We also want to thank all the Councils, District Deputies, and Diocesan Free Throw Chairman for their hard work making this happen.

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

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

**CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST:**

**8th Grade**

1st	Alfred Alvarez del Castillo	Co. 9868	Fort Worth Diocese
2nd	Maria Jesko	Co. 4204	Galveston/Houston Archdiocese
3rd	Elisa Mayorga	Co. 7265	San Antonio Archdiocese

**9th Grade**

1st	Sophie McGinnis	Co. 7175	Fort Worth Diocese
2nd	Madeline Howell	Co. 11865	Tyler Diocese

**10th Grade**

1st	Kayla Chapman	Co. 11865	Tyler Diocese
2nd	Hayden Coogan	Co. 12320	Galveston/Houston Archdiocese
3rd	Avery Balsler	Co. 15789	Fort Worth Diocese

**11th Grade**

1st	Anna Mayorga	Co. 7265	San Antonio Archdiocese
2nd	Olivia Gutierrez	Co. 10524	Tyler Diocese

**12th Grade**

1st	Nathalia Arellano	Co. 2592	El Paso Diocese
2nd	Nathaniel Hall	Co. 10524	Tyler Diocese
3rd	Sophia Marie Yzaguirre	Co. 7290	Corpus Christi Diocese

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST:**

**5 - 7 year old (Grade K-2)**

1st	Raelyn LaCroix	Co. 16748	San Antonio Archdiocese
2nd	Cayleigh Ruiz	Co. 10939	Laredo Diocese

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3rd Grace Ann Hamby Co. 15789 Fort Worth Diocese

### 8 - 10 year old (Grade 3-5)

1st Evelyn Gonzalez Co. 7532 Galveston/Houston Archdiocese

2nd Josefina Orines Co. 1202 Corpus Christi Diocese

3rd Arianna Hricik Co. 9765 San Antonio Archdiocese

### 11 - 14 year old (Grade 6-8)

1st Nadia Rios Co. 6878 Galveston/Houston Archdiocese

2nd Story Mendez Co. 1202 Corpus Christi Diocese

3rd Rachel Almanza Co. 10939 Laredo Diocese

### **STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE WINNERS:**

#### Boys Age 9

1st Nathan Prado Co. 4101 Ft. Worth (FW Diocese) Score 150

2nd Nelson Cleto Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 140

#### Girls Age 9

1st Destiny Grandados Co. 4101 Ft. Worth (FW Diocese) Score 120

#### Boys Age 10

1st Ignacio Martinez Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 350

2nd James Endres Co. 9868 Ft. Worth (FW Diocese) Score 190

#### Girls Age 10

1st Alyssa Barrios Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 160

2nd Jayleen Enrique Co. 4101 Ft. Worth (FW Diocese) Score 155

#### Boys Age 11

1st Brian Rincon Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 290

2nd Noah Lamprea Co. 9868 Ft. Worth (FW Diocese) Score 225

#### Girls Age 11

1st Breanne Williams Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 230

#### Boys Age 12

1st Nathaniel Reeder Co. 15789 Colleyville (FW Diocese) Score 170

2nd Santiago Garcia Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 145

#### Girls Age 12

1st Valori Rojo Co. 4101 Ft. Worth (FW Diocese) Score 140

2nd Blakley Gibbs Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 115

#### Boys Age 13

1st Oscar DeLaCruz Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler) Score 155

#### Girls Age 13

1st Geralcline Nieto Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 195

2nd Andrea Hernandez Co. 4101 Ft. Worth (FW Diocese) Score 125

#### Boys Age 14

1st Alex Perez Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 215

2nd Jacob Zizzo Co. 4101 Ft. Worth (FW Diocese) Score 145

#### Girls Age 14

1st Rachel Richardson Co. 10524 Athens (Tyler Diocese) Score 235

### **STATE FREE THROW WINNERS:**

#### Boys Age 9

1st Brady Ahlquist Co. 4204 Sugar Land (G/H Archdiocese) Score 21

2nd Myles Graves Co. 4771 Denton (FW Diocese) Score 18

3rd Cason Hernandez Co. 16275 Bishop (CC Diocese) Score 16

#### Girls Age 9

1st Tennyson Bayer Co. 1459 Muenster (FW Diocese) Score 17

2nd Juliette Chan Co. 13520 Dallas (Dallas Diocese) Score 14

3rd Madison Butler Co. 8771 Houston (G/H Archdiocese) Score 8

#### Boys Age 10

1st Grayson Reyes Co. 6453 Georgetown (Austin Diocese) Score 19/5

2nd Ricardo Guerra Co. 9982 Escobares (Brownsville Diocese) Score 14/5

3rd Ariel Von Zuniga Co. 4298 San Antonio (ASA Archdiocese) Score 14/3

### Girls Age 10

1st Zoey Revels Co. 8771 Houston (G/H Archdiocese) Score 18

2nd Cecilia Sandez Co. 3008 Lubbock (Lubbock Diocese) Score 14

3rd Kanaya Love Co. 7512 Goliad (Victoria Diocese) Score 11

### Boys Age 11

1st Grant Gray Co. 15320 Glen Rose (FW Diocese) Score 22

2nd Mason Meelhaney Co. 10131 Austin (Austin Diocese) Score 21

3rd Michael Kayfman Co. 9708 Houston (G/H Archdiocese) Score 19

### Girls Age 11

1st Faith Villarosa Co. 11862 Garland (Dallas Diocese) Score 20

2nd Phaedra Douglas Co. 16748 Seguin (ASA Archdiocese) Score 16

3rd Miranda Bonner Co. 2902 Schulenburg (Victoria Diocese) Score 14

### Boys Age 12

1st Ethan Mendez Co. 3008 Lubbock (Lubbock Diocese) Score 21/4

2nd Evan Marquez Co. 4621 Amarillo (Amarillo Diocese) Score 21

3rd Alexander Dee Co. 4771 Denton (FW Diocese) Score 19

### Girls Age 12

1st Sydney Montalbano Co. 14617 Missouri City (G/H Diocese) Score 21

2nd Allison Clark Co. 2433 Hallettsville (Victoria Dio.) Score 19

3rd Sarah Dee Co. 4771 Denton (FW Diocese) Score 16

### Boys Age 13

1st Luke Hesse Co. 1459 Muenster (FW Diocese) Score 19

2nd Jaxon Corley Co. 9708 Houston (G/H Archdiocese) Score 18/4/4

3rd Leonardo Nara Co. 9982 Escobares (Brownsville Dio.) Score 18/4/1

### Girls Age 13

1st Danielle Vinklarek Co. 3295 Flatonia (Victoria Diocese) Score 21

2nd Paige Mason Co. 4204 Sugar Land (G/H Archdiocese) Score 19

3rd Isabella Snider Co. 7613 San Antonio (ASA Archdiocese) Score 18

### Boys Age 14

1st Knox Outlaw Co. 17224 China Springs (Austin Dio) Score 22

2nd - William Alexander Co. 11169 Dallas (Dallas Diocese) Score 21

3rd Luke Reid Co. 3204 Ganado (Victoria Diocese) Score 20/5

### Girls Age 14

1st Adalyn Pohl Co. 2433 Hallettsville (Victoria Dio.) Score 21

2nd Ella Mendez Co. 3008 Lubbock (Lubbock Diocese) Score 14

3rd Samantha Brumfield Co. 8771 Houston (G/H Archdiocese) Score 13

### **CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR**

This year we continue with recognizing the Chaplain of the Year for the State of Texas. As we all know, every one of our chaplains are special and number one in our parishes. The Monsignor James M. Kirwin Chaplain of the Year Award is to recognize a council chaplain that has shown the exemplary commitment to provide extraordinary service and inspirational leadership as a chaplain, mentor, and guide. There were many entries this year and the winner will be announced at the Convention Banquet.

### **FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

Each year, the Texas State Council recognizes one special family from among many. The winning family of this award will be submitted to Supreme for selection as the Supreme Family of the Year. This winner will be announced at the Convention Banquet.

### **IN CONCLUSION**

As I wrap up my second year as State Program Director, I am always amazed at so many great programs you all do. I love to see all those that are promoted in the Texas Knight. I was also

extremely impressed with all the State Program Award entries. There were over 100 entries this year. This just showed that so many councils were able to find ways to support their parishes and communities. Know that your programs are always on display. If you are not doing programs, you are not active, and the congregation sees that.

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

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

Finally, I want to thank my wonderful wife, Mary. You have supported me over the last 22 years when I started as a District Deputy. I am thankful to God and so blessed to have been in so many positions over the years. We have traveled the State together, we have met so many wonderful Knights and their Ladies, and I love you for that. I'm not sure what was tougher, this or being a cop for 30 years. You're the Best!

Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Vivat Jesus

Be Bold - Be Not Afraid

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## STATE EDUCATION, TRAINING & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**DAVID ZEIGLER, SR.**

*ETC DIRECTOR*

The mission of the Texas State Council Education, Training, and Communication Team is to provide the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, HOW, & WHEN for leadership training and resources for Knights in the State of Texas. The primary focus is to help you understand the expectations of each of your leadership roles. Our main audience will be Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Trustees, Council Service Personnel, District Deputies and Diocesan Deputies; however the training is available to all Knights willing to step up & learn more about the Order's operations. We are always willing to receive ideas for areas requiring training. Never hesitate to contact us with training ideas.

### EDUCATION & TRAINING:

**District Deputy Organizational Meeting, July 16-18, 2021; Round Rock, Texas**

The Texas State Council is one of the 1<sup>st</sup> organizations to be hosted by the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center. The sheer size of the venue allowed all involved to be socially distant & safe. After 5 minutes of celebrating (LOL) Texas being back in the Circle of Honor with the Pinnacle Award, our Worthy State Deputy along with all the Major Directors laid out the goals &

plans for the upcoming year to keep Texas in the Circle of Honor. For those District Deputies that were unable to attend all slides were available on the Texas State Council Website.

The Diocese Organization Conferences were conducted through the months of July & August. State Officers & Major Directors traveled the State providing presentations to the local leaders of all Dioceses. Many Diocesan Conferences were also available virtually.

### District Deputy Check-in Zoom Meeting – November 2021

Virtually, The ETC met with several District Deputies by Diocese to see what the Texas State Council needed to do to help them get at least half way to their goals by December 31, 2021. This brought awareness to those DD's just how close they were to achieving the halfway point & be well on their way to obtaining Star District.

### District Deputy Midyear Meeting, December 3-5, 2021; Round Rock, Texas

Back at the Kalahari, with the threat of a new strain of COVID, we all stayed socially distant & safe. Our Worthy State Deputy along with all the Major Directors laid out where each Diocese/District stood at the midyear mark & discussed ways to finish strong & remain in the Circle of Honor. For those District Deputies that were unable to attend all slides were available on the Texas State Council Website.

The Diocese Midyear Conferences were conducted through the months of January & February. State Officers & Major Directors traveled the State providing presentations to the local leaders of all Dioceses. Several Diocesan Conferences were also available virtually.

### State Convention Breakout Sessions:

At last year's State Convention, all Major Director's had training breakout sessions on Friday & Saturday. With the Training sessions being a complete success, we will continue these sessions into the future. I hope you take advantage in learning more about the Order.

### Financial Secretary Trainers:

We have six Financial Secretary Trainers available in the state that are assigned to specific Dioceses. Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies have utilized their services during the year. FS Training Chairman, Craig Modrzynski has conducted (10) FS Virtual Training Sessions since July 1, 2021. Brother Craig has averaged over 20 knights per class. The classes are open to all Council and Assembly officers, District Deputies, and all other knights wanting to learn more about the inner workings of the Council. Financial Secretary Trainers will also be able to offer one-on-one virtual training sessions as requested. Please feel free to contact your assigned Financial Secretary Trainer for any training needs. These six Brother Knights also helped the State Office in collecting the Form 365 – Report of Service Personnel & Form 185 – Report of Officers to help publish the State Directory.

- Craig Modrzynski – Dioceses of Dallas, Fort Worth and Tyler  
214-263-5275; Email: [craigmod@gte.net](mailto:craigmod@gte.net)
- Steven Webb – Dioceses of Lubbock and Amarillo  
806-239-9920; Email: [swebbt@yahoo.com](mailto:swebbt@yahoo.com)
- Peter Donahoe, Jr – Archdioceses of San Antonio and Diocese of Austin  
830-391-3701; Email: [pldjr4287@gmail.com](mailto:pldjr4287@gmail.com)
- Barry Abbott – Dioceses of Beaumont, Victoria, &

Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston  
936-242-6199; Email: [abbottbj@yahoo.com](mailto:abbottbj@yahoo.com)

- David Solis – Dioceses of El Paso and San Angelo.  
915-238-8735; Email: [dsolis4027@aol.com](mailto:dsolis4027@aol.com)
- Michael Murphy – Dioceses of Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Laredo.  
956-793-0462; Email: [michaelmurphy9@gmail.com](mailto:michaelmurphy9@gmail.com)

Brother Craig has (2) more classes scheduled. See below:

- May 24, 2022 @ 7:00 pm  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0od--gqz8tHdB2nq0HDBMTyo9fo8\\_ukA2g](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0od--gqz8tHdB2nq0HDBMTyo9fo8_ukA2g)
- June 21, 2022 @ 7:00 pm  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvd-yvrz4rHNURN8Vmojis-scic0oI0KSP>

Note these are also listed on the Texas State Council Website – [www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org). Click on the following:

Training - Financial Secretary and District Deputy Resources

and register today!

### Communications:

The Texas State Council website is constantly updating new articles submitted for all to see. If you have not visited [www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org) in a while go look at it. Visit it often to keep up to date with the Texas State Council's activities, forms, & training opportunities.

The Finish Line, a monthly publication, is sent out to all leaders from State Officers to Grand Knights & Financial Secretaries. It lists **all** upcoming events & deadlines for the next 30-60-90 days. Each Major Director has an article helping the local leaders keep on track to obtain Star Council.

We as the Texas State Council have utilized Constant Contact email system which contain over 67,000 brother knight's email addresses. If you are not receiving an email & think you should or you want to get the emails, email me to get on the list. Constant Contact allows the Worthy State Deputy & each Major Director to send an email to about 2000 leaders across the state with the click of a few buttons.

### Editor/Webmaster Texas Knights of Columbus Publications

- Brother Mark Johnson E-Mail: [mjohnson@creatdev.com](mailto:mjohnson@creatdev.com). Brother Mark always wants articles to share worthy news and events with all brother knights in the State. Articles will be posted on the State Website & if submitted in time, the article could be published in the Quarterly Texas Knight Publication. If you would like to see archived photos from all State Events visit [www.flickr.com/photos/texasstatecouncil](http://www.flickr.com/photos/texasstatecouncil)

**State Presentation Chairman** - Brother Greg Brown is our State Liaison between the Texas State Council and our Audio Visual Consultants. Their collaboration has allowed us to provide excellent in-person meeting and presentations.

We have encouraged all Councils to promote their activities of the Knights of Columbus throughout the great State of Texas. Media utilized will include the State Website, the Texas Knight Online publication, Facebook and Twitter.

**State Social Media Chairman** - Josh Jones - Email: [texas.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:texas.kofc@gmail.com) is responsible for the following sites:

Texas State Council Website  
[www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org)

Texas State Council Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/txkofc](http://www.facebook.com/txkofc)

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

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

Texas State Council Youtube  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) – search “Texas Knights of Columbus”

Brother Josh is tasked to train each Diocesan Social Media Coordinator who will train all Council Social Media Chairman on all the Supreme & State Policies for social media.

In every organization you always have a few people in the background that just do the work and hardly get recognized. The Texas State Council's Diocesan Deputy & District Deputy of the Year is monitored and updated by Brother Greg Wilson. He compiles several different reports from Membership, to Charities, to New Council Development, Reactivations, All Councils Active, and, in the near future, Star Councils to rate the fifteen Diocesan Deputies & the Top 20 District Deputies. The 1<sup>st</sup> place in each area will be announced soon after the Supreme Convention in August when the official Star Council list will be available. Thank you, Brother Greg for your diligence in keeping the scorecard up to date.

Awards:

The ETC has 2 Awards it presents: “Texas Knight Reporter” & “Council Communications”

The “Texas Knight Reporter” Award rewards the Council Reporter that brags on its own council by reporting a great event. This year we had several great articles submitted to both the website & Texas Knight. Our 3 winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Council 1422 – Marshall, Texas, Tyler Diocese.  
“Celebrating 60 years for St. Michael Circle 1441”, article by Bill Elliott.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Council 10524 – Athens, Texas, Tyler Diocese.  
“Wreaths Across America”, article by Larry Pfeifer.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Council 5145 – Nederland, Texas, Beaumont Diocese. “Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction”, article by Chad Sandwell.

The Council Communications award is to reward those councils with an on-line & social media presence and sharing the great works of that Council. Several have been tagged to the Texas State Council's Facebook page. The Winner is:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Council 17769 – San Antonio, Texas – Archdiocese of San Antonio. Webmaster Patrick Tejada

### Summary:

I want to thank each and every member of the ETC Team – Mark, Greg B., Greg, W., Josh, Craig, Barry, Michael, Pete, Steven, and David. Men, I really appreciate all your hard work to make sure the Knights of Texas stay informed and trained. I also need to thank the State Office crew of Mike, Kathleen & Kari. I cannot thank them enough for their help all year. I want to thank the State Deputy for his leadership and guidance. Last but not at all least, I would like to thank my wonderful wife, Laura. She has really been a rock solid partner in my all my positions as a Knight in Texas. There is no way I would be the Knight I should be without her.

Texas, we have 2 months left to make sure we make our goals & to keep Texas in the Circle of Honor. Use our Worthy State Deputy's motto of “No Excuses, Back to Basics, Let's Get it Done” to finish the year strong. Let me know what we can do to help you reach your goal of Star Council. Vivat Jesus!

## STATE CHARITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**DEREK W. RABEY**

*STATE COUNCIL CHARITY, DIRECTOR*

The Charity Team would like to welcome the Brother Knights and their families to the 118th Texas State Council Convention. The Team and I are excited to be here with you in Corpus Christi celebrating the achievements of the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. We have a great deal to celebrate this year in Charity's Sweet Name!

The first principle of our Order is Charity. The Texas State Council is comprised of more than 110,000 Brother Knights who are sharing their talents, time, and treasures throughout this great state. Each finding programs to share themselves to help contribute toward expanding our charitable footprint within local communities and parishes. Charitable works are being completed to promote Special Olympics activities, the American Wheelchair Mission, volunteering as an Emergency Response Coordinator, conducting Clergy and Religious Appreciation Banquets, spearheading Blood Drives, and serving at special occasion Masses such as Blue, Red, White, and Green Masses. Brother Knights also participate in various fundraising activities to raise funds for the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund, which provides grants to our retired priests, the Cardinal Medeiros Fund, which ultimately provides Educational Grants to individual students and Catholic Schools within each diocese. This year our Worthy State Deputy's motto is again "Be Not Afraid." Brother Knights have embraced this motto, excepted No Excuses, and lived out Blessed Father McGivney's vision to aid those in need. The charitable works of the Knights of Columbus continues to be needed now more than ever. The Texas State Council is in a prime position to not only meet and exceed our State Charity Goal, but to set a mark of fundraising which can stand for many years to come. To do so, it will take the full support of every Brother Knight to meet this challenge. To the councils which have achieved or exceeded their goal, my Team and I give you a hardy thank you! We also want to thank all councils which are charities active. None of the good works completed, in charities sweet name, could be accomplished without all your support and contributions. There is no time to rest. This year, our State goal is \$975,745 and as of February 28, 2022, contributions of \$725,321, or 74.34% of our goal have been received. We still have some work to do, and I have faith our Brother Knights across Texas, with the assistance of the Charities Team, will bring us in over our goal and beyond!

### Conclusion

I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy for putting his trust in me and affording me the honor of being your Texas State Council Charity Director. I also want to thank all the State Officers for their dedication, assistance, and support. A huge thanks goes out to our State Office staff, Michael McLaughlin, Kari Jordan, and Kathleen McLoughlin for all their help and tireless support. I thank the members of the State Council Charity Board, as well as each of the Chairmen and all the Committee members of the Charities Team for their efforts keeping the vision of Blessed Michael J. McGivney alive and well. The historical reports and records of State Council Charities would not be available without the great work completed behind the scenes. Thank you, David Zwingman, for all the great work you do. I offer a very, very, big thank you to

my wife Veronica and my daughter Micah for all their assistance and support. And, last but far from the least, I must thank all my Brother Knights across Texas. It is your efforts and support, at the local council level, which makes all this possible. Your generosity and your commitment to charity makes a huge impact.

## AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION REPORT

**Bill Weber, Chairman**

The Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission, raise funds to support the purchase of wheelchairs for distribution worldwide. Many have been distributed in the USA. Our Worthy State Deputy continues to set a goal for each Council to donate at least \$150 to fund the purchase of one wheelchair. 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 all that 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 the Masses and have a table set up in the narthex where people can donate and get additional information.

Wheelchairs are shipped in either a small container of 110 or a large container of 280. A small one requires \$16,500 while a large container requires \$42,000. All arrangements for procurement and shipment of wheelchairs are managed by the American Wheelchair Mission.

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

The State Charities Team wants to thank all those Councils and Parishes who supported the American Wheelchair Mission by raising funds in the amount of \$500,247, as of March 10, 2022. This amount makes Texas the #1 jurisdiction in the Order regarding fundraising for the American Wheelchair Mission. These funds

will go towards the purchase of 3,335 wheelchairs and is the most raised in the state of Texas in a fraternal year which also sets a new top mark across the Order for a single fraternal year, with just under four months to go. The Dallas Diocese again leads the State raising \$278,658. The Austin Diocese raised \$53,153, Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston raised \$49,769, Fort Worth Diocese raised \$30,410, Archdiocese of San Antonio raised \$21,603, El Paso Diocese raised \$14,500, Tyler Diocese raised \$7,558, San Angelo Diocese raised \$4,267, Victoria Diocese raised \$3,950, Laredo Diocese raised \$1,050, Amarillo Diocese raised \$750, Lubbock Diocese raised \$500, Beaumont Diocese raised \$450, Corpus Christi Diocese raised \$450 and Brownsville Diocese raised \$0. Thank you so much for your continued support of this vital program.

“A WHEELCHAIR IS A LIFE CHANGING GIFT OF MOBILITY”

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

### BISHOP THOMAS J. FLANAGAN FUND – GRANTS FOR RETIRED PRIESTS REPORT

**Kirby Farek, Chairman**

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

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

The K of C license plate opportunity remains the primary means of funding through the Texas DMV. “One Nation Under God” – That statement on the bottom of the Texas K of C vehicle license plate, along with displaying the Knights of Columbus emblem, proclaims your belief in and support of the Knights’ principles. Your proclamation has a purpose: \$22 of the \$30 fee for each plate is returned to Texas State Council Charities. The State Council Charity Board, in turn, allocates these funds to the Grants for Retired Priests within each diocese for every KofC license plate issued. As of February 28, 2022, 1029 KofC license plates were on the road. This is an increase of 84 participants from the previous year. This was among a membership of more than 110,000. We are inching towards 1% of membership participation. How many members in your district or council have a KofC license plate? As a leader within the Order, you should consider having a KofC license plate on your vehicle. Visit the Texas DMV “specialty plates” website or Texas State Council Website. By increasing the number of participating Brother Knights, we ensure the comfort and support of our current and future infirmed priests, while proclaiming we are truly “One Nation Under God”.

For members who choose not to obtain a Texas KofC Specialty License plate, for whatever reason, an alternate way to support this fund is available. A member can donate to the fund by a direct contribution made through the State Council website, tkofc.

org. The link to make such a contribution can be found under the Donate icon. Anyone contributing \$30, or more, to the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund, will be eligible to receive one of the custom license plate frames. These beautiful chrome frames include two emblems of the Orders book marking a banner which states, “Texas Knights of Columbus” at the top. There is also a banner on the bottom of the frame stating, “Supporting Retired Priests”.

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

### CARDINAL MEDEIROS FELLOWSHIP REPORT

**Joe Rodriguez, Chairman**

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund, named in honor of former Bishop Humberto Medeiros (State Chaplain 1969-1970), was established in 1981. In 1998, the Cardinal Medeiros Fellow Program was established to augment the fund’s principal. The interest earned funds the educational grants available from Texas State Council Charities. These educational grants benefit not only our Catholic students pursuing an education in secondary schools, but also the Catholic schools of each diocese. Refer to the “Educational Grant Report” in this supplement for further information as to determination and allocation. Your participation in becoming a Cardinal Medeiros Fellow or in bestowing this honor upon a Knight, spouse, deceased Knight, Bishop or Priest will ensure the continued support of a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter in their pursuit of an advanced education. It is, in essence, the “gift that keeps on giving”. Ten (10) new Fellows have been added to the membership roll through March, bringing the total membership as of March 10, 2022 to 333. A “Fellow” designation is based upon the one-time payment of \$1,000. A “sustaining membership” is available, with an initial submission of \$100 and subsequent contributions until \$1,000 is reached. All Fellows are awarded a plaque and a lapel pin. The Fellow’s name is engraved on the honor roll at the State Office. This honor roll is displayed at the annual State Council Convention. To initiate a Fellow or Sustaining Member designation, go to the Texas State Council Web site, download, and complete the application.

#### 2021-2022 Recipients:

SK Robert M. Repka	Dallas
Patricia Burns	Fort Worth
John Plote Family	Dallas
Most Reverend Italo Dell’Oro	Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Margaret Schillo	San Angelo
Rudy Ortiz III	Corpus Christi
Father Patrick Seitz	Brownsville
Frank Jacobo Sr.	San Angelo
Richard S. Caballero	San Angelo
Carlos Rene Ramirez	Laredo

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

### EDUCATIONAL GRANTS REPORT

**Giacomo R. Leone, Chairman**

#### Educational Grants Program

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

**Educational Grants.**

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

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

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

The Educational Grant Program provides an allocated number of grants based on membership base per diocese, and for two at-large. All grants are \$1,000 paid to the applicant's selected institution in applicant's name. The applicant completes the Educational Grant Application and demonstrates through the application and personal essay his/her need for assistance. After the Texas State Council Convention, the monies are disbursed to the institution being attended by the approved winners for each Diocese. This fraternal year, the Educational Grant Program for Students provides One Grant per Diocese and an Additional Grant for each 7,500 active Knights of Columbus members within that Diocese. The Texas State Council Educational Grant Committee received 101 grant applications.

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, Mike Crivello, Leo Saenz, and David Zwingman, for all their diligent work. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus State office and staff for their valuable assistance throughout this process, and to Derek Rabey, Charities Director.

In summary, twenty (20) Diocese Recipients and three (3) at-large recipients from the top three participants in the entire field of remaining applicants, for a total of 23 recipients for a total amount state-wide of \$23,000.

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

The applications per diocese were a high of a diocese with 28 applicants, to a single diocese with no applicant. Fourteen 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, 2022. 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.

The Committee makes the following recommendations for the

**24 Individual Educational Grants:**

<b>DIOCESE AND RECIPIENT'S</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>CITY</b>
<b>Archdiocese of San Antonio</b>		
1. Bruckner, Hannah	4183	New Braunfels
2. Martinez, Claudia	6358	San Antonio
<b>Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston</b>		
1. Gonzalez, Amadeus	7532	Houston
2. Edwards, Elizabeth	14512	Spring
3. Stolarski, Derek	9268	Cypress
<b>Amarillo</b>		
1. Mendoza, Marjorie	4621	Amarillo
<b>Austin</b>		
1. Budde, Eric	12927	Pflugerville
2. Martinez, Madelina	9368	Round Rock
<b>Beaumont</b>		
1. Trahan, Koby	2461	Port Arthur
<b>Brownsville</b>		
1. Velazquez, Victoria	9283	Raymondville
<b>Corpus Christi</b>		
1. Maxham, Jace	14739	Port Aransas
<b>Dallas</b>		
1. Bailey, Alyxandria	12480	Frisco
2. Minjares, Santiago	6065	Allen
<b>El Paso</b>		
1. Ortiz, Luis	12697	El Paso
<b>Fort Worth</b>		
1. Kopf, Kimberly	9868	Fort Worth
2. Kopf, Kaitlin	9868	Fort Worth
<b>Lubbock</b>		
1. Ford, Joshua	12803	Slaton
<b>San Angelo</b>		
1. Romero, Andrea	9215	Midland
<b>Tyler</b>		
1. Collard, Jonah	11093	Longview
<b>Victoria</b>		
1. Garza, Seryna	3081	Shiner
<b>At-Large</b>		
1. La, Son (Cypress)	15105	Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
2. Andruss, John (Victoria)	9088	Diocese of Victoria
3. Putera, Arianny (Flower Mound)	9884	Diocese of Fort Worth

**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

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how they would like to have their grants awarded.

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

<b>Diocese/Archdiocese:School</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>City</b>
<b>Archdiocese of Galveston Houston</b>		
Holy Ghost Catholic School	\$3,000	Houston
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	\$3,000	Galena Park
<b>Archdiocese of San Antonio</b>		
Little Flower Catholic School	\$1,000	San Antonio
St. Paul Catholic School	\$1,000	San Antonio
Holy Name Catholic School	\$1,000	San Antonio
St. James the Apostle Catholic School	\$1,000	San Antonio
<b>Diocese of Amarillo</b>		
Holy Cross Catholic Academy	\$1,000	Amarillo
St Joseph Catholic School	\$1,000	Amarillo
<b>Diocese of Austin</b>		
St. Austin Catholic School	\$1,000	Austin
St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic School	\$1,000	Austin
St. Joseph Catholic Academy	\$1,000	Austin
St. Helen Catholic School	\$1,000	Georgetown
<b>Diocese of Beaumont</b>		
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School	\$ 500	Beaumont
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School	\$ 500	Port Arthur
St. Mary Catholic School	\$1,000	Orange
<b>Diocese of Brownsville</b>		
Immaculate Conception Catholic School	\$1,000	Rio Grande City
Guadalupe Regional Middle School	\$1,000	Brownsville
<b>Diocese of Corpus Christi</b>		
St. Elizabeth School	\$ 500	Alice
SS. Cyril and Methodius	\$ 500	Corpus Christi
St. Anthony School	\$ 500	Robstown
Sacred Heart School	\$ 500	Rockport
<b>Diocese of El Paso</b>		
Most Holy Trinity School	\$1,000	El Paso
St. Pius X Grade School	\$1,000	El Paso
<b>Diocese of Dallas</b>		
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School	\$1,000	Dallas
St. Mary of Carmel	\$1,000	Dallas
James L. Collins Catholic School	\$1,000	Corsicana
St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy	\$1,000	Dallas
<b>Diocese of Fort Worth</b>		
All Saints Catholic School	\$1,000	Fort Worth
St. George Catholic School	\$1,000	Fort Worth
St. Rita	\$1,000	Fort Worth
St. Peter the Apostle	\$1,000	Fort Worth
<b>Diocese of Laredo</b>		
Blessed Sacrament Parochial School	\$1,000	Laredo
St. Augustine High School	\$1,000	Laredo
<b>Diocese of Lubbock</b>		
Christ the King Diocesan High School	\$1,000	Lubbock
Christ the King Cathedral School	\$1,000	Lubbock

**Diocese of San Angelo**

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

**Diocese of Tyler**

St. Mary's Catholic School	\$2,000	Longview
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**Diocese of Victoria**

St. Michael Catholic School	\$1,000	Cuero
St. Philip Catholic School	\$1,000	El Campo

Diocesan Schools Grants total	\$42,000.00
Individual Student Grants total	20,000.00
At-large Grants total	3,000.00
<b>Total Amount Awarded for FY 2021-2022</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>

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

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT**

**Harry Storey, Chairman**

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

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

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

**TEXAS STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE**

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**Fundraising Report**

**David Keating, Chairman**

The Texas State charity goal for this fraternal year is \$975,745. As of February 28, 2022, we have received contributions totaling \$725,321 which represents 74.34% of the goal. The Quick Start Award was achieved by 399 Councils, contributing 100% or more of their assigned charity goal by December 31, 2021. History has shown us we will see this grow by the end of the fraternal year. Will your council be among those successfully meeting their goal?

*Active Councils Above 100% to 199% of their goal (as of Feb 28, 2022):*

DIocese	# COUNCILS	# 100%+
Galveston/Houston	122	77
San Antonio	99	57
Austin	87	48
Ft. Worth	62	49
Dallas	59	32
Corpus Christi	47	11
Brownsville	41	14
San Angelo	32	17
Victoria	32	29
El Paso	31	22
Tyler	31	30
Lubbock	26	13
Beaumont	24	14
Amarillo	23	13
Laredo	17	2

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

*Active Councils Above 200% of their goal (as of Feb 28, 2022):*

Council 10224	Industry	512%
Council 10390	Houston	221%
Council 15105	Houston	200%

*We also recognize the top three councils in dollars contributed (as of Feb 28, 2022):*

Council 799 Dallas	\$16,550
Council 6878 Humble	\$ 8,620
Council 8771 Houston	\$ 7,160

At the District level, we had 56 District Deputies make 100% of their assigned District Charity Goal with all councils at 100% or more of their assigned goal by December 31, 2021 (See list on following pages). We thank all those District Deputies for their leadership in earning this prestigious achievement. As of February 28, 2022, we have had 3 additional Districts reaching 100% of their goal with all councils contributing at least 25% of their goal. To those DD's that have worked to make their goal, we thank you.

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

**AWARDS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**15 Year Award** - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal for 15 consecutive years.

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

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

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

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

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

**District Deputy Quick Start** – All Councils in the District meet 100% of charity goal by December 31, 2021.

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

**Diocesan Deputy Quick Start** – 25% of assigned DD's achieve DD Quick Start in the Diocese or 70% of active councils achieve Quick Start Honor Roll by December 31, 2021.

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

### **BISHOPS DESIGNATION FOR THEIR CHARITY FUNDS**

- Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, Amarillo - Secondary Catholic Education in the Amarillo Diocese
- Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, Austin - Vocation Fund/Emergency

Funds for the Priests

- Bishop David L. Toups, Beaumont - Seminarian Fund
- Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Brownsville - Deaf Ministry/Disabled Program
- Bishop William Michael Mulvey, Corpus Christi - Catholic Charities
- Bishop Edward J. Burns, Dallas - Persons with Disabilities and Deaf Ministries
- Bishop Mark J. Seitz, El Paso - Vocations
- Bishop Michael F. Olson, Fort Worth - Deaf Ministry and Seminarian Support
- Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archdiocese of 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, Archdiocese of 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 DEPUTY QUICK START AWARDS**

*All Councils in the District meet 100% of charity goal by December 31 of the fraternal year:*

#### DIOCESE OF AMARILLO

District 198, Dennis Rojas  
District 200, Chris Johnson

#### DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

District 145, Michael Gaspar  
District 148, Tony Zaccagnino  
District 152, Michael D'Antonio  
District 154, Darris Chapple  
District 156, George G. Scott  
District 158, Larry Odom

#### DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT

District 122, Chad Sandwell

#### DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

District 171, Willian G. Archambeault

#### DIOCESE OF DALLAS

District 106, Dan Stoffel  
District 107, Robert Repka Jr.  
District 114, Michael Steffens

#### DIOCESE OF EL PASO

District 4, James B. Weber

District 5, Giovanni Hyppolite

District 7, Jesus Granado Jr.

District 11, Raul Sustaita

#### DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

District 16, Josh Gomez  
District 19, Richard Rumenapp  
District 20, Walter A. Hoelsing  
District 21, Mike G. Becan Sr.  
District 24, Ruben Cisneros  
District 27, Archie Wright II  
District 31, William J. Mechura  
District 32, David Pels

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

District 68, Joseph V. Garcia  
District 69, Kasey Cox  
District 79, Samuel Gonzalez  
District 86, Clarence Hattier  
District 92, Robert H. Schmidt  
District 93, John A. Williams  
District 99, Mervin J. Albert Jr.  
DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO  
District 222, Gregory Dutchover

District 224, Rod M. Rodriguez

District 227, Michael M. Murray

District 229, Gregory Huffman

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

District 43, William A. Torres  
District 44, Denny Archibek  
District 45, Joe Hernandez  
District 46, Hermilo Silva  
District 54, Jesse J. Aguilar

#### DIOCESE OF TYLER

District 131, Tom White  
District 132, Mark J. Freund  
District 133, Gerard Verderber  
District 134, Christopher Oldmixon  
District 136, Ricky Solice  
District 137, Trenton Klaus  
District 138, Alan Mebes

#### DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

District 186, Robert Landry  
District 187, Harry A. Isenberger  
District 188, James A. Kocurek  
District 190, William Schuette

### **QUICK START COUNCILS 2021-2022**

#### DIOCESE OF EL PASO

1	638	El Paso
1	15727	El Paso
2	7563	El Paso
3	10420	El Paso
3	17449	El Paso
4	12160	El Paso

4	16778	El Paso
5	4497	El Paso
5	9129	El Paso
5	14584	Ft. Bliss
6	8044	El Paso
6	15017	El Paso
7	2592	El Paso

7	17420	El Paso
8	6914	El Paso
8	11864	El Paso
9	12697	El Paso
11	7720	Pecos
11	10509	Kermit

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<u>DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH</u>			40	10240	San Antonio	71	10959	Houston		
16	2123	Ranger	41	9765	Fredericksburg	73	9041	Channelview		
16	8464	Mineral Wells	41	15240	San Antonio	73	10779	Houston		
16	10930	Fort Worth	41	16180	Comfort	74	8960	Pearland		
16	11638	Albany/Breckenridge	42	10258	Bandera	74	10390	Houston		
17	7264	Weatherford	42	10940	Boerne	75	7445	Richmond		
17	9748	Granbury	42	14690	Leon Springs	76	15322	South Houston		
17	15320	Glen Rose	43	7613	San Antonio	77	11438	Houston		
18	7641	Bedford-Eules	43	7965	San Antonio	79	4204	Sugar Land		
18	15882	Fort Worth	43	8521	Bulverde	79	7382	Houston		
19	7736	Mansfield	43	9967	San Antonio	79	7728	Missouri City		
19	9299	Arlington	44	9463	San Antonio	79	11343	Sugar Land		
19	13363	Arlington	44	13523	San Antonio	79	14617	Missouri City		
20	2813	Fort Worth	44	13704	San Antonio	80	3910	Houston		
20	7175	Burleson	45	3412	Sequin	80	7036	Houston		
20	10375	Hillsboro	45	4183	New Braunfels	80	10995	Houston		
20	16042	Cleburne	45	7347	Canyon Lake	81	7230	Houston		
21	1167	Gainesville	45	16748	Seguin	82	4550	Houston		
21	1459	Muenster	46	5090	Gonzales	82	6527	Houston		
21	11905	Lindsay	46	6856	Selma	83	803	Houston		
21	14339	Bowie/Henrietta/Montague/Nacona	46	9681	Converse	83	14700	Houston		
22	1473	Wichita Falls	46	12208	La Vernia	83	17060	Houston		
22	7371	Burkburnett	47	9702	San Antonio	84	10224	Industry		
22	16522	Wichita Falls	48	6358	Schertz	85	6950	Katy		
23	1824	Windthorst	48	10181	San Antonio	85	9759	Katy		
24	7099	Grapevine	49	4298	San Antonio	85	12564	Brookshire/Pattison		
24	9884	Lewisville	49	9291	San Antonio	85	12955	Katy		
24	15789	Colleyville	50	7016	San Antonio	86	3313	Sealy		
25	16258	Fort Worth	51	7265	San Antonio	86	3793	Wallis		
25	16663	Fort Worth	51	10090	San Antonio	86	12558	Frydek		
25	17410	Arlington	51	17492	San Antonio	87	8024	Houston		
26	7458	Fort Worth	52	10593	La Coste	87	13357	Houston		
26	13470	Arlington	53	8436	San Antonio	87	13615	Houston		
27	4771	Denton	53	15343	San Antonio	88	2917	Houston		
27	9644	Decatur	54	4315	San Antonio	88	8404	Houston		
27	12553	Denton	54	8789	San Antonio	90	8771	Houston		
27	16393	Denton	54	16854	San Antonio	90	10720	Houston		
28	6269	Arlington	54	17314	San Antonio	92	6878	Humble		
28	14549	Arlington	55	10270	San Antonio	92	9794	Huffman		
29	4101	Fort Worth	56	2512	Falls City	92	12320	Kingwood		
29	17196	Aledo	56	6782	Karnes City	92	13166	New Caney		
29	17404	Azle	57	3266	Jourdanton	93	6557	Spring- Woodlands		
30	8493	The Colony	57	8001	Pleasanton	93	10872	Spring		
30	13408	Carrollton	59	7323	San Antonio	93	14512	Spring		
30	17304	Prosper	59	7808	San Antonio	94	6456	Conroe		
31	17024	Fort Worth	59	11596	San Antonio	94	12327	The Woodlands		
32	9868	Fort Worth	<u>ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON</u>					95	4054	Anderson
32	14679	Fort Worth	66	6812	Lake Jackson	95	11866	Magnolia		
32	17039	Fort Worth	66	9686	Clute	96	8482	Houston		
<u>ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO</u>			68	3217	Dickinson	96	10861	Spring		
36	2687	Del Rio	68	5236	La Marque	96	17225	Houston		
37	5192	Devine	68	9310	League City	99	15105	Houston - UH		
37	8621	Lytle	68	10393	Hitchcock	100	2788	Baytown		
38	4786	San Antonio	69	5155	Angleton	100	3229	Crosby		
38	5262	San Antonio	69	6403	Alvin-Manvel	100	7206	Baytown		
39	11599	San Antonio	69	9817	Danbury	101	8494	Friendswood		
39	15053	San Antonio	71	6234	Nassau Bay	101	10574	Deer Park		
40	7983	San Antonio	71	9708	Houston					

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<u>DIOCESE OF DALLAS</u>			134	10790	Nacogdoches	161	12522	Andice
103	9337	Rockwall	134	10875	San Augustine	<u>DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI</u>		
103	11862	Garland	135	11462	Henderson	166	1653	Beeville
104	799	Dallas	135	11865	Whitehouse	167	10677	Corpus Christi
106	5052	Dallas-Farmers Branch	135	14636	Flint	168	7290	Corpus Christi
106	5656	Dallas	136	1003	Texarkana	171	8028	Rockport
106	11716	Plano	136	6699	Daingerfield/Mt. Pleasant/Pittsburg	171	14739	Port Aransas
107	6887	Terrell	136	10660	Atlanta	172	16275	Bishop
107	11721	Kaufman	137	1502	Tyler	174	11107	Corpus Christi
107	13133	Talty	137	11933	Mineola	175	15326	Taft
107	13158	Mesquite	137	12711	Lindale	177	6832	Odem
108	13520	Dallas	137	15174	Holly Lake Ranch	<u>DIOCESE OF VICTORIA</u>		
109	8157	Duncanville	138	1323	Palestine	186	3204	Ganado
109	17111	Dallas	138	13136	Trinity	186	3253	Port Lavaca
110	7438	Greenville	138	17154	Madisonville	186	3421	Edna
110	16202	Commerce	<u>DIOCESE OF AUSTIN</u>			186	11351	Inez
111	13044	Allen	142	8135	Waco	187	3070	Bay City
113	6402	Garland	142	13005	Waco	187	4307	Blessing
114	9903	McKinney	142	13577	Waco	188	2490	El Campo
114	11293	Allen	142	17224	China Spring	188	3371	Nada
114	12021	Richardson	143	7197	Temple	188	9393	El Campo
114	12153	McKinney	145	10186	Cyclone/Marak	188	9394	Louise-Hillje
115	10523	Grand Prairie	145	13902	Westphalia	189	2500	East Bernard
115	17146	Irving	146	3205	College Station	189	3262	Wharton
117	10879	Bonham	147	9930	Harker Heights	189	10249	Mentz
118	8417	Waxahachie	148	6366	Caldwell	190	2153	Weimar
118	12964	Ferris	148	11277	Chappell Hill	190	2902	Schulenburg
<u>DIOCESE OF BEAUMONT</u>			149	6453	Georgetown	190	2971	Columbus
121	5789	Vidor	149	12148	Round Rock	190	5157	Frelsburg
121	7058	Lumberton	150	9368	Round Rock	191	2433	Hallettsville
122	2461	Port Neches	150	10373	Pflugerville	191	3244	Moulton
122	3491	Groves	151	7600	Cedar Park	191	3295	Flatonia
122	5145	Nederland	151	9997	Austin	192	1582	Yoakum
122	16464	Beaumont	151	13927	Austin	192	1682	Cuero
124	1680	Orange	152	4868	Smithville	192	2480	Yorktown
124	13825	Orange	152	8225	Elgin	193	1329	Victoria
125	951	Beaumont	152	12642	Rockne-String Prairie	193	7512	Goliad
125	6763	Fannett	152	14943	Bastrop	193	8388	Morgantown
125	14473	China	153	8131	Lockhart	193	9088	Victoria
126	3201	Liberty	153	8190	Luling	<u>DIOCESE OF AMARILLO</u>		
126	8871	Dayton	154	2574	La Grange	196	2654	Nazareth
126	9564	Livingston	154	3168	Fayetteville	196	5426	Bovina-Friona
<u>DIOCESE OF TYLER</u>			154	8085	Giddings	196	7840	Canyon
131	8806	Gun Barrel City	155	10131	Austin	196	12534	Tulia
131	10524	Athens	155	10776	Austin	197	3558	Borger
131	11978	Canton	156	9796	Austin	197	15782	Childress
131	12253	Malakoff	156	10333	Austin	198	2776	Dalhart
132	7696	Paris	156	14025	Lakeway	198	5061	Dumas
132	8975	Sulphur Springs	157	8141	Austin	198	5552	Spearman
132	16078	Emory	158	8156	Austin	199	4621	Amarillo
132	17758	Grand Saline	158	9151	Wimberley	200	2767	Pampa
133	1422	Marshall	158	10209	Austin	201	16205	Amarillo
133	2771	Longview	158	11695	Dripping Springs	<u>DIOCESE OF BROWNSVILLE</u>		
133	3952	Kilgore	159	9038	Buda	207	15362	McAllen
133	11026	Carthage	159	14741	Uhland	208	11070	Harlingen
133	11093	Longview	160	8935	Burnet	208	15301	Harlingen
134	3404	Lufkin	160	13255	Marble Falls	209	5598	Edinburg
134	7553	Nacogdoches	160	15365	Horseshoe Bay	209	15262	Edinburg

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222	10404	Odessa	229	2136	San Angelo	244	17583	Abernathy
222	17679	Odessa	229	4316	San Angelo	245	16394	Woodrow
224	12008	San Angelo	229	9641	Garden City	246	3008	Lubbock
224	12798	San Angelo	<u>DIOCESE OF LAREDO</u>			246	12803	Lubbock
224	13514	San Angelo	231	2543	Eagle Pass	247	5537	Pep
224	17204	San Angelo	231	10711	Eagle Pass	247	11012	Seminole
226	2636	Rowena	<u>DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK</u>					
226	2772	Olfen	242	10480	Stamford			
226	10985	Ballinger	242	15876	Lubbock			
227	3867	Brownwood	243	10310	Plainview			
227	13824	Brady	243	13447	Lubbock			
			243	16451	Lubbock			

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

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS REPORT**

**Chris Hoefler – Chairman**

We are celebrating the 53rd year that the Knights of Columbus in Texas have supported Special Olympics. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

**Our Athletes Deserve...**

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

**Benefits for Athletes...**

- Demonstrated increased performance at work, school, and home that 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 10784 – to be submitted by January 31) details

our councils’ involvement with the Special Olympics events. These details include events attended, man hours donated, and dollars contributed.

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

**Charles “Chic” O’Connor Award**

Chic O’Connor was a proud and honored member of the Knights of Columbus supporting Special Olympics in Texas. Criteria includes leadership, volunteering, fundraising, and community involvement for 44 years. He was instrumental in starting Special Olympics in Gregg County (Longview). His involvement in Special Olympics began because of his daughter, Monica. The O’Connor family has been everything from timers, to huggers, to chaperones, pizza providers, and much, much more for the entire Gregg County delegation and area events. The Charles “Chic” O’Connor Memorial Award recognizes a Brother Knight for his exemplary contributions. This year, we will not be awarding the Chic O’Connor Award due to the inactivity regarding Special Olympic events.

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

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

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

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

**STATE GENERAL AGENT LIASON’S REPORT**

**Juan Carlos Carlin, FIC Insurance Liaison**

I am excited to report that our Knights of Columbus Insurance program continued to adjust and thrive in difficult conditions. We found a way to set a new sales record for Life Premium in 2021. We remained focused on the task of fulfilling Blessed Michael J. McGivney’s vision of protecting Catholics.

We saw many councils begin to have in-person meetings, parishioners began returning to in-person Mass, and we witnessed the gradual return to normalcy. We also continued the virtual Statewide Fraternal Benefits Nights to bring highly acclaimed financial speakers to our members. The virtual FBNs brought

insightful knowledge to our members and spotlighted why the Knights of Columbus are positioned perfectly to implement financial strategies that have intrinsic value based on math and science.

The Knights of Columbus now has \$119.5 billion of life insurance in force on its members and their families. Texas is the jurisdiction in the Order with the most insurance in force, with 122,028 policies in force from 40,094 insurance members and their families totaling \$9.76 billion of life insurance in force. Nearly 36 percent of Texas Knights are insurance members of the Order.

The great State of Texas had a record-breaking year of production. The Carlin Agency out of South Texas finished the year as the #2 Agency out of 83 Agencies across the USA & Canada! The Supak Agency out of La Grange finished the year as the #4 Agency! Joseph David Carlin from the Carlin Agency finished the year as the #1 Field Agent out of 884 in the entire order! Jody Supak from the Tom Supak Agency finished the year as the #2 Field Agent in the entire order! Joseph David Carlin and Jody Supak both qualified for MDRT “Top of The Table”! Texas had a record number of agents qualify for MDRT status in 2021. These are truly incredible accomplishments! The Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), The Premier Association of Financial Professionals, is a global, independent association of the world’s leading and financial services professionals. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of excellence in the industry.

The Knights of Columbus remain a Fortune 1000 company and remain amongst the highest rated insurers in North America. S&P Global Ratings issued a report that ranked all its rated North American Life Insurance Companies from strongest to weakest. You should be proud to know that your Knights of Columbus are tied for first! The Knights is one of six companies that has an A+ rating on financial strength and a stable outlook. S&P also lists the Knights as having a “very strong” business risk profile and an “excellent” financial risk profile. The Knights of Columbus Insurance was recognized by Forbes and Statista for our industry-leading insurance products and the quality of service we deliver to our members and their families. Financial strength and stability are important to most people, and it’s reassuring to know that the Knights stand tall among the competition.

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

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

- Tom Supak: *La Grange, Texas*
- Tony Rangel: *Houston, Texas*
- John Regan: *Dallas, Texas*
- Mickey Dougherty: *San Antonio, Texas*
- Jim McCabe: *El Paso, Texas*
- Will Britten: *Austin, Texas*
- Chris Stark: *Ft. Worth, Texas*
- Juan Carlos 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 Our State Deputy, State Officers, Diocesan Deputies, 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. Field Agents are Brother Knights who are trying 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. We look forward to working with you. Avail yourself today and discover the Catholic difference of the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

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## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT

**Michael L. McLaughlin**, *Executive Secretary*

Dear Brother Knights:

I bid you greetings from the State Office Staff in Austin, Texas. Kathleen, Kari, and I welcome you to the 118th Annual State Convention of the Texas State Council. Welcome to Corpus Christi, Texas and to the American Bank Center.

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

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

Kathleen, Kari, and I want to thank the members of our State Office Convention Registration Committee. Each year they arrive at the convention a few days ahead of everyone to help get everything ready for you. They work long hours along with Kathleen, Kari, and me on banquet seating, preparing and stuffing ticket envelopes, preparing delegate packets, setting up the registration area and the computer system. During the convention they assist with delegate registration, assist people with last minute banquet ticket changes and numerous other behind-the-scenes details that assure a smooth-running convention. I’d like to thank Kathleen, Kari, Mark Johnson, Leonard Gruca, Kenny and Karen Trochta, Dennis and Debbie Stark and Guillermo and Irma (Patti) Munoz. Also, I would like to thank Rudy Ortiz and the Corpus Christi committee for their long hours, tireless work, effort, and friendship.

During each fraternal year, we have many meetings throughout the State. The success of these meetings would not be possible without the assistance and hospitality extended to us by our Brother Knights and Ladies from across the State. To them I convey my sincere appreciation. I especially want to thank each Brother Knight and Lady who served on the Corpus Christi Host Convention Committee. Each has devoted countless hours to make this convention happen. I especially want to thank the Corpus

Christi Host Convention Committee Chairman Beto Martinez, Co-Chairmen Ron and Margo Alonzo for bringing together this wonderful group of people who did an outstanding job.

In closing I want to thank State Deputy Alfredo Vela and First Lady Rosa, and all the State Officers and Ladies for their support and confidence. It continues to be a privilege for me to serve as

your Executive Secretary. Lastly, I would like to thank my wife Dawnn for her unending support during this past year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael L. McLaughlin,  
Executive Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE 117TH ANNUAL MEETING  
TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MAY 1, 2022**

• State Deputy Alfredo Vela officially opened the 118<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus State Convention on Saturday April 30th, 2022, with a prayer from our State Chaplain Bishop Brendan Cahill from the Diocese of Victoria and a Pledge of Allegiance by the Vice Supreme Master of the Sword Matt Maley. PSD Doug Oldmixon led the Ode of the Order. The first order of the convention business was a motion made and approved by the members to approve the minutes from the 117<sup>th</sup> annual Texas State Convention as printed in the Annual report. A motion was made to accept and approve the standing rules of the convention as printed in the Supplement on page 2 and was approved by the members. The role call was taken and all the Bishops, the Supreme Representative, Past State Deputies, and General Agents were introduced. Worthy State Deputy Alfredo Vela asked the State Secretary Terry Fruge if there were any communications, hearing none State Deputy Alfredo Vela again called on State Secretary Terry Fruge for the purposes of making a motion. State Secretary Terry Fruge then made a motion to approve the State Deputy's report, the motion was approved by the members. State Deputy then called upon our Worthy State Chaplain Bishop Brendan Cahill to give his report. His Excellency received a standing ovation as did our Associate State Chaplain Fr. Mark N.P. Salas and both proceeded to give resounding spiritual and uplifting reports. A motion was made and approved for both reports. State Deputy Alfredo Vela then requested reports from the Bishops in attendance beginning with His Eminence Danial Cardinal Di Nardo from the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston. The next report was from His Excellency Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey from the Diocese of Corpus Christi followed by His Excellency Bishop Michael Sis of San Angelo Diocese followed by His Excellency Bishop Emeritus Michael Pfeifer of San Angelo. State Deputy Alfredo Vela recognized that the State Secretary & Treasurer, State Advocate and State Wardens reports were on pages 16, 17 and 18. State Deputy Alfredo Vela entertained a motion for approval of these reports, and they were approved by the members.

• Worthy State Deputy Alfredo Vela introduced State Treasurer Terry Fruge for the purpose of reporting on the 2021-2022 Audits and the 2022-2023 TSC budget that can be found in the TSC convention supplement. A motion was made and approved to accept the Audit on page 19 of the convention supplement. State Treasurer Terry then presented the 2022-2023 TSC budget, a motion was made and approved to approve the 2022-2023 TSC budget on page 21 of the convention supplement. The next report was made by the Chairman of the PSDs and IPSD T. Mark Evans. IPSD Mark Evans thanked everyone for their support and asked everyone to support WSD Alfredo. His report was approved. The next reports were from our Worthy Past State Deputies Terry

Simonton, Ray Neumann, Lou Barbour, Jacob Gaona, Ron Gay, and Leo Hanus. WSD Alfredo thanked all the PSDs for their thoughts and encouragement. A Credentials Committee report was then asked for by State Secretary Terry Fruge. Terry reported that there were 229 councils with 2 delegates, 95 councils with one delegate for a total of 553 council delegates and 6 State Officer delegates for a total of 559 delegates, the report was approved.

• Our Worthy State Deputy then called upon our Worthy State Advocate Bob Goss for the report of the Resolutions Committee. State Advocate Bob Goss presented the following resolutions and action was taken as indicated:

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| 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. Canonization 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. Prayers for Presidents Pro-Life conversion   | Adopted |
| 18. Prayer for all affected by COVID-19  | Adopted |
| 19. Prayers for our Country  | Adopted |
| 20. Amendment to TSC Bylaws, Article 5, section 5 Deposit of Funds, and Resolution committee | Adopted |
| 21. Solicitation at State Council Activities   | Adopted |

• Our WSD then introduced our TSC Worthy Insurance Liaison Juan Carlin to give his report followed by our Worthy Football Sweepstakes Chairman Jimmy Hernandez. State Deputy Alfredo then called for a motion to close this section of the Texas State Council meeting for purposes of opening the State Council Charities Meeting.

• State Deputy Alfredo Vela then adjourned the 118<sup>th</sup> State Convention meeting of the TSC for the SCC meeting.

## 2020-2021 TEXAS STATE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

• State Deputy Alfredo Vela reconvened the 118<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus. SD Alfredo stated that there were 2 items of business left after the Benediction and lunch. These being the continued Education Seminars followed by the Caucus meetings to determine the Delegates for the Supreme convention August 2-4-2022. He then invited the Caucus Chairman to the front of the stage and introduced them and stated where the 8 Caucus' were located.

• The Convention reconvened on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> with a Prayer by WASC Fr. Mark Salas and the Pledge of Allegiance by our Master of the Sword Dan Norman. Our WSD Alfredo then called upon WST Terry Fruge for the report of the "Good of the Order". Terry thanked the Committee members consisting of: Co-chairman Tom Clark, State Culture of Life Chairman, Hector Chapa, Grand Knight Council 9626, Giovani Hyppolite, District Deputy 5 Marcous Bayona, Grand Knight Council 13572 Don Quintero, Grand Knight Council 17060 Jordan Delgado, Grand Knight Council 17492 for their input. Tom presented the report. There was a motion made and approved for his report.

• WSD Alfredo called on WSS Terry Fruge for the updated Credentials report. WSS Terry stated that we had 232 Councils with 2 Delegates, 97 Councils with 1 Delegate with 6 State Officer delegates for a 567 total voting delegates, the report was approved. The next order of business is Unfinished Business hearing none they moved onto New Business

• WSD Alfredo then appointed PSD Larry Zapalac as the election Chairman. Larry explained the election rules. Nomination speeches were made and seconded for State Deputy Terry Fruge. A motion was made and approved to elect Terry Fruge State Deputy for the years 2022-2023. The other 4 State Officer positions were voted on and elected. The State Officers term is July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

### Election of State Officers for 2022-2023

Terry Fruge was elected State Deputy.  
Ron Alonzo was elected State Secretary.  
Bob Goss was elected State Treasurer.  
David Pels was elected State Advocate.  
Bruce Mallory was elected State Warden.  
The State Deputy then read the election of the Supreme delegates and alternates for the August 2-4, 2022, Supreme Convention.

### Election of Supreme Council Delegates

First Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Terry Fruge  
First Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Ron Alonzo  
Second Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Alfredo Vela  
Second Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Goss  
Caucus Area 1 Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Art Aguirre  
Caucus Area 1 Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Giovani Hyppolite  
Caucus Area 2 Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Martinez  
Caucus Area 2 Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Pettibon  
Caucus Area 3 Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Krueger  
Caucus Area 3 Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Edvardo Garcia  
Caucus Area 4 Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Jose Ramos  
Caucus Area 4 Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Antonio Gonzalez  
Caucus Area 5 Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Weber

Caucus Area 5 Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ John Ayers  
Caucus Area 6 Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Ron Frerich  
Caucus Area 6 Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ James DeGhelder  
Caucus Area 7 Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Jason Kelley  
Caucus Area 7 Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Bobby Wilson  
Caucus Area 8 Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ David Michael Wilson  
Caucus Area 8 Alternate \_\_\_\_\_ Anson Geisel

• A motion was made and approved for the election of these delegates for the 2022 Supreme Convention in Nashville, TN.

• The Condolences and Sympathy Committee Chairman Greg Castro, Grand Knight Council 9368 was called on by WSD Alfredo for the committee's report. Greg thanked the committee members for their efforts on this report: Timothy Drapela, Grand Knight Council 2490, and Jose Ramos, District Deputy 234. A motion was made and approved for this report.

• The State Deputy thanked everyone from Corpus Christi who participated in the preparation of this successful convention.

• Star Council Director Reed Fontenot and Diocesan Deputy Mike Courtney Co-Dallas Convention Committee Chairmen gave a brief presentation on next year's 119<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention in Dallas.

• Ceremonial Chairman Phil Apgar was called up to the stage by WSD Alfredo to announce the winners of the Degree Ceremonial Contest. 5 English speaking Degree teams from the State qualified along with 1 Spanish speaking team. 3 of the English Degree teams and the Spanish speaking Degree team were invited to the State Convention to compete for the best Degree teams in the State. The winner of the Spanish and English Degree Ceremonies were presented to the El Paso Diocese English and Spanish Degree teams.

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

• SD Alfredo gave the attendees the final charge on Texas making the Circle Honor by becoming a Star-Council, "No Excuses", "Back to Basics". Let's get it done!

• 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 Associate State Chaplain Fr. Mark Salas. The closing Ode was sung by PSD Doug Oldmixon. State Deputy Alfredo Vela then adjourned the 118<sup>th</sup> State Convention meeting of the Texas State Council.

## MINUTES OF THE TEXAS STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES MEETING APRIL 30, 2022

- President Alfredo Vela opened the meeting of the Texas State Council Charities, Saturday April 30th, 2022.
- Vice President Terry Fruge read the roll call of Officers, all State Officers and the Board members were present. The SCC minutes of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the State Council Charities was adopted as published in the 2021-2022 Annual Report. SCC State Treasurer Terry Fruge presented the Treasurer’s report and the 2022-2023 State Council Charities proposed annual budget. The budget is in the Convention Supplement and was adopted as presented. The SCC Director Derek Rabey’s report is in the Convention Supplement, a motion was made and approved for his report.
- 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 Alfredo Vela then adjourned the 118<sup>th</sup> State Convention meeting of the State Council Charities.

Audited Financial Statements

**Texas State Council**

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022  
With Independent Auditor's Report*

**Texas State Council**

**Audited Financial Statements**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

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## Independent Auditor's Report

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

### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Texas State Council (the "Council") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the fiscal year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Texas State Council as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

Texas State Council does not combine a related nonprofit organization in which it has a direct controlling financial interest. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require such combination. If the financial statements of State Council Charities had been combined with those of Texas State Council, total net assets would have been increased by \$1,307,888 as of June 30, 2022, and the change in net assets would decrease by \$76,949 for the fiscal year then ended.

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

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

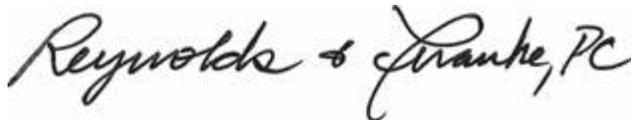
#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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



Austin, Texas  
December 20, 2022

**Audited Financial Statements**

**Texas State Council**

Statement of Financial Position

*June 30, 2022*

**Assets**

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 511,716
Per capita receivables, net	14,784
Other receivables	36,041
Related party receivable	120
Prepaid expenses	16,176
Total current assets	<u>578,837</u>
Investments	1,822,979
Deposits	<u>2,789</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 2,404,605</u></u>

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 137,791
Accrued liabilities	4,277
Deferred revenue	34,610
Total current liabilities	<u>176,678</u>
Total liabilities	176,678
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>2,227,927</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 2,404,605</u></u>

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

**Texas State Council**

Statement of Activities

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

Net assets without donor restrictions:	
Support and Revenues:	
Per capita dues	\$ 631,354
Meeting and convention income	260,700
State convention income	104,907
Reimbursements from State Council Charities	102,724
Program revenues:	
Football sweepstakes	60,234
State athletics	41,834
Miscellaneous income	2,536
Investment return, net	(313,768)
Total support and revenues	<u>890,521</u>
Expenses:	
Program services	1,143,724
General and administrative	191,030
Total expenses	<u>1,334,754</u>
Total change in net assets	<u>(444,233)</u>
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year, as previously reported	2,701,277
Prior period adjustment	(29,117)
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year, restated	<u>2,672,160</u>
Net assets, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 2,227,927</u>

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

**Texas State Council**

Statement of Functional Expenses

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>General and Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personnel and benefits	\$ 155,951	\$ 103,967	\$ 259,918
State convention	275,020	-	275,020
Other meetings:			
Organizational meeting	184,820	-	184,820
Mid-year meeting	170,273	-	170,273
Diocesan deputies meeting	37,662	-	37,662
Change of leadership meeting	36,585	-	36,585
Supreme convention	8,563	-	8,563
Diocesan/regional meeting	6,850	-	6,850
Program expenses:			
Membership	101,925	23,850	125,775
State athletics	35,718	-	35,718
Football sweepstakes	18,339	-	18,339
Occupancy	36,372	24,248	60,620
State office	15,326	24,920	40,246
State officers	19,689	13,125	32,814
Public relations and publications	29,311	-	29,311
Diocesan and district deputies	9,803	-	9,803
Miscellaneous expenses	1,517	920	2,437
	<u>\$ 1,143,724</u>	<u>\$ 191,030</u>	<u>\$ 1,334,754</u>
Total expenses			
	<u>86%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>100%</u>

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

## Texas State Council

### Statement of Cash Flows

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Change in net assets	\$ (444,233)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:	
Unrealized losses on investments	337,479
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Per capita receivables	11,004
Other receivables	(29,615)
Related party receivable	27,415
Prepaid expenses	(11,967)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Accounts payable	(58,367)
Accrued liabilities	4,115
Deferred revenue	(7,551)
	(171,720)
Net cash used in operating activities	(171,720)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>	
Purchase of investments, net	(203,711)
Net cash used in investing activities	(203,711)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(375,431)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the fiscal year	887,147
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the fiscal year	\$ 511,716

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

## Texas State Council

### Notes to Financial Statements

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

#### **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **Purpose of Organization**

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

##### **Basis of Accounting**

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

##### **Basis of Presentation**

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

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

Net assets with donor restrictions – These types of net assets are subject to donor-imposed stipulations, which limit their use by the Council, either permanently or temporarily, to a specific purpose and/or the passage of time. When a donor restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from donor restrictions. The Council did not have any net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2022.

##### **Use of Estimates**

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

**Texas State Council**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Council follows FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. These provisions relate to the Council's fair value disclosures related to financial assets and liabilities. FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, expands related disclosure requirements, and specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on the nature of the inputs used to develop the fair value measures. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

There are three levels of inputs to fair value measurements – Level 1, meaning the use of quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets; Level 2, meaning the use of quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active or are directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, meaning the use of unobservable inputs.

The Council's financial instruments consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, per capita receivables, other receivables, related party receivable, investments, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities. The Council believes all of the financial instruments' recorded values approximate current market values.

**Federal Income Taxes**

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

The most significant tax positions of the Council are its assertion that it is exempt from income taxes and its determination of whether any revenue amounts are subject to unrelated business income tax (UBIT). Management has determined that the Council had no activities subject to UBIT during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. All significant tax positions have been considered by management and it has determined that it is more likely than not that all tax positions would be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities.

The Council is required to file Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax), which is subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), generally up to three years from the later of the original due date or the date the tax return was filed. The Forms 990 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019 are open to examination by the IRS as of June 30, 2022.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

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

**Texas State Council**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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

**Per Capita Receivables**

Per capita receivables represent amounts of prior fiscal 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 at June 30, 2022 was \$45,827.

**Investments**

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

**Donated Services**

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

**Revenue Recognition**

Revenues are recognized when earned. Revenues 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 Council, are deferred in the accompanying financial statements and recognized in the applicable year in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Allocation of Expenses**

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

**Date of Management's Review**

In preparing the financial statements, the Council has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through December 20, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## Texas State Council

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

#### **Note 2 – Prior Period Adjustment**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, management discovered that a prior period adjustment was needed to properly record an expense incurred in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and paid in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The effect of this adjustment for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 would have been an increase of \$29,117 to accounts payable and a decrease of \$29,117 to the beginning net assets without donor restrictions.

#### **Note 3 – Concentrations and Credit Risk**

The Council employs cash management techniques that attempt to maximize interest income and minimize the balance in their bank accounts, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the Security Investment Protection Corporation (SIPC). Effective January 1, 2013, deposit insurance coverage by the FDIC was changed to \$250,000 per bank per entity for all interest bearing and non-interest bearing accounts. Securities are protected by the SIPC which currently protects brokerage accounts up to \$500,000 in securities, including up to \$250,000 for cash. Additional coverage is frequently offered by brokerage accounts for amounts in excess of the \$500,000 SIPC limit. At June 30, 2022, the Council had uninsured cash and investment balances of \$2,089,393. It is the Council's policy to maintain these accounts at high quality investment firms and financial institutions. The Council has not experienced any losses in these accounts in the past.

#### **Note 4 – Investments**

At June 30, 2022, investments consisted of the following (all measured at level 1 inputs):

<b>Investments:</b>	
Bond funds	\$ 537,024
Stock funds	<u>1,285,955</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,822,979</u>

#### **Note 5 – Related Party**

State Council Charities (the "Organization") is a related nonprofit organization and the Council has a direct controlling financial interest in the Organization. The Council records all shared personnel expenses in the Council's accounting records and then allocates the cost to the Organization based on the personnel's allocation of time. The Organization reimburses the Council for all costs associated with the use of employees incurred by the Council on behalf of the Organization. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the Council incurred and was subsequently reimbursed for \$102,724 in personnel costs on behalf of the Organization. Total receivable from the Organization at June 30, 2022 was \$120.

**Texas State Council**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

**Note 6 – Lease Commitments**

The Council leases office space, a copier, and postage meter under operating leases that expire on various dates through February 2028. Lease expense under these operating leases for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 totaled \$61,906.

Future minimum lease payments at June 30, 2022 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023	\$ 68,589
2024	45,088
2025	10,923
2026	10,923
2027	1,647
Thereafter	<u>961</u>
Total	<u>\$ 138,131</u>

**Note 7 – Retirement Plans**

The Council maintains a 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan (the “Plan”) that covers staff employees who meet certain eligibility requirements. The Plan requires the Council to make contributions of 6% of eligible salaries. The Council’s contributions to the Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 totaled \$6,738. The Council also maintains a defined contribution retirement plan (the “Contribution Plan”) that covers the Executive Secretary. The Contribution Plan requires the Council to make contributions of 6% of eligible salary. The Council’s contributions to the Contribution Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 totaled \$5,303.

**Note 8 – Risks and Uncertainties**

On March 13, 2020, the Government of the United States declared the COVID-19 Pandemic (“COVID-19”) as a national emergency. COVID-19 has caused a significant impact on the United States economy affecting various businesses in different ways. COVID-19 may have an impact on future meetings, conventions, and other events being held. The Council does not have insurance to cover the loss of revenues from these events in the case of a Pandemic. However, no adjustments have been made to these financial statements as a result of this uncertainty.

**Texas State Council**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

**Note 9 – Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets**

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 511,716
Receivables collectible in less than one year	50,945
Investments	<u>1,822,979</u>
Total financial assets	2,385,640
With donor restrictions	<u>-</u>
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs For Expenditures Within One Year	<u>\$ 2,385,640</u>

Audited Financial Statements

**State Council Charities**

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022  
With Independent Auditor's Report*

**State Council Charities**

**Audited Financial Statements**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

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## Independent Auditor's Report

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

### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of State Council Charities (the "Organization") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the fiscal year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of State Council Charities as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

State Council Charities does not combine a related nonprofit organization which has a direct controlling financial interest in State Council Charities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require such a combination. If the financial statements of the Texas State Council had been combined with those of State Council Charities, total net assets would have been increased by \$2,227,927 as of June 30, 2022 and the change in net assets would decrease by \$444,233 for the fiscal year then ended.

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

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

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

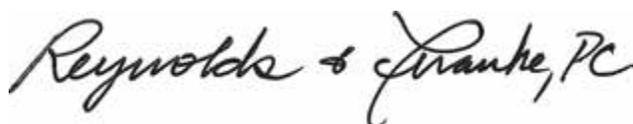
**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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



Austin, Texas  
December 20, 2022

**Audited Financial Statements**

**State Council Charities**

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2022

**Assets**

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84,949
Prepaid expenses	14,780
Total current assets	<u>99,729</u>
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	52,865
Investments, at cost	1,109,184
Operating investments, at fair value	<u>664,836</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,926,614</u>

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 618,606
Accounts payable - related party	120
Total current liabilities	<u>618,726</u>
Total liabilities	<u>618,726</u>

Net Assets:

Without donor restrictions:	
Undesignated	145,839
With Board designations	<u>735,718</u>
Total without donor restrictions	881,557
With donor restrictions	<u>426,331</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,307,888</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 1,926,614</u>

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

**State Council Charities**

Statement of Activities

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Support and Revenues:</b>			
Contributions	\$ 1,078,893	\$ 57,461	\$ 1,136,354
Investment losses	(48,503)	-	(48,503)
Total support and revenues	<u>1,030,390</u>	<u>57,461</u>	<u>1,087,851</u>
Net assets released from donor restrictions	<u>18,400</u>	<u>(18,400)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support, revenues, and reclassifications	<u>1,048,790</u>	<u>39,061</u>	<u>1,087,851</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Program services	1,065,995	-	1,065,995
Fundraising	62,074	-	62,074
General and administrative	36,731	-	36,731
Total expenses	<u>1,164,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,164,800</u>
Total change in net assets	(116,010)	39,061	(76,949)
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>997,567</u>	<u>387,270</u>	<u>1,384,837</u>
Net assets, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 881,557</u>	<u>\$ 426,331</u>	<u>\$ 1,307,888</u>

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

**State Council Charities**

Statement of Functional Expenses

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

	<b>Program Services</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>General and Administrative</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salaries and wages	\$ 82,178	\$ 5,135	\$ 15,411	\$ 102,724
Contributions	752,113	-	-	752,113
Financial grants	107,233	-	-	107,233
Grants and support	106,086	-	-	106,086
Fundraising	-	56,434	3,932	60,366
Contract services	-	-	13,650	13,650
Other operations	8,085	505	1,516	10,106
Publication	9,000	-	-	9,000
Miscellaneous	1,300	-	2,222	3,522
	<u>\$ 1,065,995</u>	<u>\$ 62,074</u>	<u>\$ 36,731</u>	<u>\$ 1,164,800</u>
Total expenses				
Percentage of total expenses	<u>92%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>100%</u>

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

**State Council Charities**

Statement of Cash Flows

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Change in net assets	\$ (76,949)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:	
Unrealized losses on investments	71,394
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	(52,865)
Accounts receivable	26,498
Prepaid expenses	(1,500)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Accounts payable	(36,819)
Accounts payable - related party	(27,415)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(97,656)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>	
Proceeds from sales of investments	500,000
Purchases of investments	(398,629)
Contributions to Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	(5,000)
Contributions to Christopher Fund	(555)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>95,816</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(1,840)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>86,789</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 84,949</u>

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

## State Council Charities

### Notes to Financial Statements

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

#### **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **Purpose of Organization**

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

##### **Use of Estimates**

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

##### **Basis of Accounting**

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

##### **Basis of Presentation**

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

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

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

**State Council Charities**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Organization follows FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. These provisions relate to the Organization's fair value disclosures related to financial assets and liabilities. FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, expands related disclosure requirements, and specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on the nature of the inputs used to develop the fair value measures. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

There are three levels of inputs to fair value measurements – Level 1, meaning the use of quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets; Level 2, meaning the use of quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active or are directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, meaning the use of unobservable inputs.

The Organization's financial instruments consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, operating investments, cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions, accounts payable, and accounts payable – related party. The Organization believes all of the financial instruments' recorded values approximate current market values.

**Federal Income Taxes**

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

The most significant tax positions of the Organization are its assertion that it is exempt from income taxes and its determination of whether any revenue amounts are subject to unrelated business income tax (UBIT). Management has determined that the Organization had no activities subject to UBIT during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. All significant tax positions have been considered by management and it has determined that it is more likely than not that all tax positions would be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities.

The Organization is required to file Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax), which is subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), generally up to three years from the later of the original due date or the date the tax return was filed. The Forms 990 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019 are open to examination by the IRS as of June 30, 2022.

**State Council Charities**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and all highly liquid investments with maturities of 90 days or less from the date of purchase. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents exclude cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions.

**Investments**

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

**Revenues**

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

**Allocation of Expenses**

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

**State Council Charities**

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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

**Donated Services**

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

**Date of Management’s Review**

In preparing the financial statements, the Organization has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through December 20, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 2 – Concentrations and Credit Risk**

The Organization employs cash management techniques that attempt to maximize interest income and minimize the balance in their bank accounts, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the Security Investment Protection Corporation (SIPC). Effective January 1, 2013, deposit insurance coverage by the FDIC was changed to \$250,000 per bank per entity for all interest bearing and non-interest bearing accounts. Securities are protected by the SIPC which currently protects brokerage accounts up to \$500,000 in securities, including up to \$250,000 for cash. Additional coverage is frequently offered by brokerage accounts for amounts in excess of the \$500,000 SIPC limit. At June 30, 2022, the Organization had uninsured cash and investment balances of \$1,774,019. It is the Organization’s policy to maintain these accounts at high quality investment firms and financial institutions. The Organization has not experienced any losses in these accounts in the past.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, 88% of total support and revenues comes either directly from the Knights of Columbus members or indirectly from the members through the various Knights of Columbus subordinate councils throughout Texas Catholic dioceses. Management believes the Organization is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to contributions from local councils.

**Note 3 – Risks and Uncertainties**

On March 13, 2020, the Government of the United States declared the COVID-19 Pandemic (“COVID-19”) as a national emergency. COVID-19 has caused a significant impact on the United States economy affecting various businesses in different ways. COVID-19 may have an impact on future programming and contributions are uncertain. The Organization does not have insurance to cover the loss of revenues from these events in the case of a Pandemic. However, no adjustments have been made to these financial statements as a result of this uncertainty.

State Council Charities

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

**Note 4 – Operating Investments**

At June 30, 2022, operating investments consisted of the following (all measured at level 1 inputs):

<b>Investments:</b>	
Bond funds	\$ 162,790
Stock funds	502,046
Total	<u>\$ 664,836</u>

**Note 5 – Investments Managed by Related Party**

The Christopher Fund is a matching fund contribution program established by the Supreme Council in 1992. Each year, the Organization may contribute to the fund up to \$5 per new Texas member to the Christopher Fund. The Christopher Fund is managed by the Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc., a related party. If the Organization were to discontinue participation in the program and request distribution of its funds, the distribution would be at the market value or book value, whichever is less. In accordance with the terms of the Christopher Fund, the market value is determined as of the Supreme Council Charities' last semi-annual audit prior to a withdrawal request. Because the market value is not determinable at June 30, 2022, the Organization's investments in the Christopher Fund are carried at original cost. No unrealized gains or losses related to the investments in the Christopher Fund are recognized in these financial statements.

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund is also managed by the Knights of Columbus Charities, USA, Inc., a related party. Contributions are made to the Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund based on the amounts received by the Organization from donors. Because market value is not determinable at June 30, 2022, the Organization's investments in the Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund are carried at original cost and no unrealized gains or losses are recognized in these financial statements.

The cost basis of the investments are as follows at June 30, 2022:

Christopher Fund	
Supreme Council match per capita	\$ 546,960
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	
Income (without restriction – Board-designated)	188,758
Contributions (with donor restrictions)	373,466
Total Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	<u>562,224</u>
Total investments, at cost	<u>\$ 1,109,184</u>

State Council Charities

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

**Note 6 – Net Assets With Donor Restrictions**

The Organization had the following net assets with donor restrictions activity during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Support Received</u>	<u>Released from Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:				
Disaster relief	\$ 18,804	\$ 17,417	\$ (18,400)	\$ 17,821
Ultrasound machine	-	23,075	-	23,075
Held in perpetuity:				
Cardinal Medeiros Trust				
Fund Corpus	<u>368,466</u>	<u>16,969</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>385,435</u>
Total	<u>\$ 387,270</u>	<u>\$ 57,461</u>	<u>\$ (18,400)</u>	<u>\$ 426,331</u>

**Note 7 – Net Assets With Board Designations**

The Organization had the following net assets with Board designations activity during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Board Designations</u>	<u>Released from Board Designations</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Christopher Fund Supreme				
Council match per capita	\$ 546,405	\$ 555	\$ -	\$ 546,960
Cardinal Medeiros Trust				
Fund Income	<u>188,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,758</u>
Total	<u>\$ 735,163</u>	<u>\$ 555</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 735,718</u>

**Note 8 – Related Party**

Texas State Council (the “Council”) is a related nonprofit organization and has a direct controlling financial interest in the Organization. The Council records all shared personnel expenses in the Council’s accounting records and then allocates the cost to the Organization based on the personnel’s allocation of time. The Organization reimburses the Council for all costs associated with the use of employees incurred by the Council on behalf of the Organization. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the Council paid \$102,724 in personnel costs, which were reimbursed by the Organization. Total payable due to the Council at June 30, 2022 was \$120.

State Council Charities

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

**Note 9 – Commitments and Contingencies**

During the spring of each calendar year, the Organization commits scholarships to Texas students. However, these scholarships are contingent upon students providing proof of enrollment and therefore are not actually awarded until that happens in the fall. Accordingly, the liability and corresponding expense are not recorded until the scholarships are awarded. The scholarships committed totaled approximately \$23,000 at June 30, 2022.

**Note 10 – Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets**

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84,949
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	52,865
Investments, at cost	1,109,184
Operating investments, at fair value	<u>664,836</u>
 Total financial assets	 1,911,834
 With Board designations	 (735,718)
With donor restrictions	<u>(426,331)</u>
 Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs For Expenditures Within One Year	  <u>\$ 749,785</u>

## **By-Laws of The Texas State Council**

### **ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS**

#### **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:**

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

### **ARTICLE II - STRUCTURE**

#### **SECTION 1. NAME AND JURISDICTION:**

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

#### **SECTION 2. LEGAL STRUCTURE:**

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

#### **SECTION 3. PURPOSES:**

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

#### **SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP:**

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

**SECTION 5. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

**SECTION 6. APPENDIXES:**

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

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

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

**ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

**SECTION 1. STATE OFFICERS:**

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

**SECTION 2. DUTIES:**

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

**SECTION 3. STATE DEPUTY:**

- (A) The State Deputy shall designate and appoint all committees and the chairman thereof unless the By-Laws provide otherwise. The State Deputy shall appoint members of the Standing Committees from the Texas Knights of Columbus membership at large. All Convention Committees, other than Standing Committees, shall be appointed from the membership of the State Council, unless otherwise directed by the State Council. The State Deputy may also appoint special committees between annual sessions when the exigency of circumstances demands such appointments. All committee appointments shall be for a period not to exceed the Fraternal Year, with no restrictions regarding previous service on a committee. Subject to these By-Laws, members of all committees serve at the pleasure of the State Deputy until the end of the Fraternal Year.
- (B) In addition to allowances granted by Supreme Council for his necessary and incidental expenses, the State Deputy shall be reimbursed by the State Council for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties. The State Officers shall be entitled to hire and determine the salary of a clerk at State Council expense to assist in performing the duties of the State Deputy.
- (C) The State Deputy may call meetings of the State Officers, State Committees, Diocesan Deputies, or District Deputies and the expense incident thereto, when not chargeable to the Supreme Council, shall be paid out of the State Council funds.
- (D) The State Deputy shall countersign all vouchers and all checks for the expenditure of State Council funds, except the checks on the Executive Secretary's revolving check account.
- (E) The honorarium paid to the State Deputy shall be \$5.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council. In addition, all reasonable and

customary expenses of the State Deputy incurred while attending the Supreme Convention shall be paid by the State Council.

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

**SECTION 4. STATE SECRETARY:**

- (A) The State Secretary or his designee shall act as recorder at the meetings of the State Council, the Convention, State Officers, the District Deputies, Diocesan Deputies, or State Committees.
- (B) The State Secretary or his designee shall prepare and furnish the Convention credential blanks to the Grand Knight of all Subordinate Councils on or before forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention.
- (C) The honorarium paid to the State Secretary shall be \$2.00 per Subordinate Council per annum, which shall be paid by the State Council.
- (D) The State Secretary shall be reimbursed by the State Council for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the performance of his duties. The State Officers shall be entitled to hire and determine the salary of a clerk at the expense of the State Council to assist in performing the duties of the State Secretary.
- (E) The State Secretary shall have oversight responsibility for all fund raising programs of the State Council.
- (F) In the event of an incapacity or absence from the State of the State Deputy or State Treasurer, the State Secretary may approve vouchers and 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 April or May, the convention shall be convened within the state. The locations of future Convention sites and dates shall be decided by a majority of the State Officers
- (B) Each Council or Chapter desiring the annual Convention to be held in a specific city shall submit an application to the State Officers by January 1 five years preceding the year in which the Convention is to be held and shall provide such additional information and plans as may be requested by the State Officers. The State Officers shall determine which cities are qualified and shall follow the selection process for determining the Convention site five years hence.
- (C) If a conflict should occur on the date or site selected for the Convention, the State Officers, by majority vote, may change the convening of the Convention as to date or site to any other date or site between April 1 and June 1 of the year in question.

**SECTION 2. PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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

**SECTION 3. CREDENTIALS:**

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

**SECTION 4. TEMPORARY ROLL CALL:**

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

**SECTION 5. DELEGATE SEATING CONTESTS:**

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

**SECTION 6. MEETINGS CONDUCTED:**

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

**SECTION 7. RESOLUTIONS:**

- (A) All resolutions or petitions must be submitted in writing by either an officer of the State Council or by a Subordinate Council. The resolution or petition of a Subordinate Council shall be signed by the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary with the seal of such council affixed thereto.
- (B) All resolutions and petitions, other than amendments to the By-laws, shall be submitted to the State Advocate at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention. The State Advocate shall return any resolution or petition, the adoption of which would be contrary to the Constitution or to the By-laws. Copies of all other resolutions and petitions shall be sent by the State Advocate to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the Subordinate Councils and all State Officers. The Executive Secretary shall distribute the resolutions not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention. However, any duly submitted resolution or petition received in due time by the State Advocate, as provided herein, dealing with assessments, expenditures, or disposition of money or the assets of the State Council shall be submitted by the State Advocate to the State Officers for its consideration. Each resolution and petition dealing with the expenditures of the State Council's funds shall designate the source from which any such funds shall be obtained and the manner in which the funds shall be raised, if necessary. A copy of each such document shall be sent to the Executive Secretary for distribution with the other resolutions or petitions. Prior to distribution, the Executive Secretary shall certify that each resolution or petition submitted to the State Officers has been duly submitted by the State Advocate to the State Officers as referenced in this paragraph.
- (C) Unless a resolution or petition has been timely filed with the State Advocate, no resolution or petition shall be considered by the State Council except under the following conditions:
  - (1) the 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.**

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**THE BYLAWS  
OF  
STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES**

**ARTICLE I - PURPOSE**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE:**

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

**ARTICLE II - OFFICE**

**SECTION 1. OFFICE:**

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

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP:**

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

**SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETINGS:**

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

**ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1. MANAGEMENT:**

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

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

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

- (A) Seven of the directors shall be the officers of the Texas State Council. They shall include: President, Vice President-Secretary, Vice President-Spiritual, Vice President-Legal, Vice President-Arrangements, Treasurer and Immediate Past State Deputy.
- (B) Any Supreme Director who is a member of a Subordinate Council and an ex-officio state officer shall also be a Director of the Corporation. Each officer and any ex-officio state officer has the right to vote as a State Council Charities Director. The term of office for each director, who is also an officer of the Texas State Council, shall be concurrent with his term of office as a state officer in the Texas State Council.

(C) The remaining directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term by the Board of Directors at the first called meeting of the Board for each fraternal year. In the case of death, resignation, or dismissal, a replacement director will be elected by the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term. If the Supreme Director is the Immediate Past State Deputy, he is not an ex-officio member of the Board, but serves on the Board as the Immediate Past State Deputy. In this case the number of two year directors shall be elected accordingly.

(D) An individual must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member of the Knights of Columbus to serve as a director.

**SECTION 3. CHANGE IN NUMBER:**

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

**SECTION 4. PLACE OF MEETINGS:**

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

**SECTION 5. REGULAR MEETINGS:**

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

**SECTION 6. SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

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

**SECTION 7. QUORUM AND MAJORITY VOTE:**

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

**SECTION 8. REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR:**

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

**ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

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

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

**SECTION 2. PRESIDENT:**

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

**SECTION 3. VICE PRESIDENT-SECRETARY:**

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

**SECTION 4. VICE PRESIDENT-SPIRITUAL:**

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 7. TREASURER:**

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

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

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

**ARTICLE VI – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. BOOKS AND RECORDS:**

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

**SECTION 2. SEAL:**

The Corporation elects to have no seal.

**SECTION 3. NOTICES:**

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS:**

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

**SECTION 7. CONSTRUCTION:**

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

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

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

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Bylaws will take effect July 1, 2003