

TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



2022-2023 Annual Report

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TEXAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2022-2023 REPORT OF THE STATE DEPUTY
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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 119th Annual Knights of Columbus Convention of the Texas State Council. We want to thank His Excellency, Bishop Edward Burns, for allowing us to meet and gather in his Diocese. We also want to thank the Dallas Convention Committee, headed by Diocesan Deputy Mike Courtney and State Charity Director Reed Fontenot. 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 John W. Yanta, from the Diocese of Amarillo and Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, 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 recent 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.***

IPSD/Supreme Director Alfredo Vela and wife Rosa, made a commitment the last two years to cover every diocese in the state, multiple times, when possible. Beth and I made a similar commitment, and have had the pleasure of attending many events across this Great State. 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 Michael Sis, Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo, for serving as our State Chaplain, and to Father Mel Besselieu, from the Diocese of Fort Worth, 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 Ron and Margo Alonzo, State Treasurer Bob Goss, State Advocate David and Susan Pels, State Warden Bruce and Cathy Mallory, Immediate Past State Deputy and Supreme Director Alfredo and Rosa Vela. 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 112,000+ 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, and 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, Derek Rabey 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 BLESSEDMCGIVNEY incentive. We thank you for helping to lead Texas to the Pinnacle Circle of Honor during the 2021-2022 fraternal year, for the second consecutive 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, Bill Tillotson, 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, Davis Zeigler, 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, Carlos X. Martinez, 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 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, ASAP Initiative, 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 Carlos X. Martinez, and his Program team for their efforts.

We also want to thank our Education and Training Director, Ed Tydings 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, Ed Tydings, 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, Reed Fontenot. 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 des-

ignated Charity. Along with our Charity Program, this committee is also responsible for the Bishop Thomas 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.

Supreme requested a few jurisdictions to lead a Pilot Program this year that would help all of the great works we do be more centered in Christ. Texas has led getting the Evangelization & Faith Formation Initiative up and running. The Texas State Director chosen was Gregory Brown, who along with his team of Jose Ramos, Henry Rangel and David Carr will take the COR Meeting concept to the Council level.

Thank you to the Education Committee led by Giacomo Leone. 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, Reed Fontenot, Art Aguirre, Greg Dutchover, Phillip Apgar and Charles Trahan. Thank you to all of you for serving on the Charity Board.

With over 800 councils and over 112,000 members, the communication task is made easier through Diocesan and District Deputies. The job of Diocesan Deputies and 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 Tony Rangel. 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 4th degree which is also the Patriotic Degree. To communicate and coordinate between the State Family and our 4th degree, we have our Master of the Sword, Pat Conway. Our Masters around the state, James Hatcher, Javier Martinez, Kenneth Franch, Guadalupe Ortiz, Giovanni Hyppolite and Jesus Villarreal, Jr. are there to help and coordinate Bishop visits, fallouts, assist at funerals and other functions where the 4th 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 Roy Rabenaldt, CPA (Chairman) and Phil Apgar, CPA.

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

Thank You to our Special Assistants to the State Deputy, Terry Simonton and Doug Oldmixon, and our Assistant to the State Chaplain Deacon Simon Resendez.

Our appreciation and gratitude for our Liturgy Couple, Pat Henz and his wife Mary for having the Altar ready to celebrate Mass at our major functions. A special thanks to our Hospitality Couple, James, and Nan DeGhelder. They hosted the hospitality rooms with safety always on their minds.

We had the privilege of having Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney tour North Texas back in March when his Relic was negotiated by General Agent Chris Stark to have Supreme Representative, Fr. Jon Kalisch escort this prized possession as it was in front of over 10,000 pilgrims, traveled more than 1,000 miles of Texas country in five days. Five cities, three Diocese, three Catholic Schools, and three K of C Halls were Blessed with McGivney, and his presence helped recruit at least 42 new Brother Knights! Thousands of prayer intentions were sent to New Haven, and were offered in prayer by Fr. Jon at Blessed McGivney's tomb! Thank you, Chris & Fr. Jon!

As previously mentioned, our Insurance Liaison is Tony Rangel and his wife Cindy. Our Master of the Sword is Pat Conway and his wife Debbie. 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 Coordinator. 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, Beth. 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. Christ be Our Light!!!

God Bless and

Vivat Jesus

State Secretary Report, 2023 Ron Alonzo, State Secretary

Greetings & Best Wishes! Welcome to Dallas and our 119th annual Texas State Council Convention.

Earlier this week we celebrated the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker. Glory of family life, model of workers, patron of the poor - could there be a better human model for Knights of Columbus than St. Joseph? In preparation for this convention weekend let us always pray for one another. Let us pray for the whole world, and that there may be a great spirit of fraternity this weekend.

What are the duties of the Texas State Council Secretary? The by-laws of the Texas State Council require the State Secretary to take the minutes for all Texas State Council and State Charities meetings and oversee the TSC per capita. When necessary, I assist the State Deputy by attending functions and exemplifications he may not be able to attend because he is traveling elsewhere.

Blessed Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America. On October 31, 2020, Father Michael McGivney was beatified after the approval of a first miracle attributed to his intercession. We were honored to host Blessed Michael McGivney Relic Pilgrimage March 5-9, 2023, in the Dioceses of Fort Worth, San Angelo and Lubbock. This special relic pilgrimage included daily Mass, a presentation on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney, and veneration of a first-class relic.

I want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Terry Fruge and First Lady Beth for their hard work and dedication to the Order. They have traveled the State, encouraging and motivating members and Councils. State Treasurer Bob Goss has done an excellent job in monitoring and managing the financial activities of the TSC and SCC. State Advocate David Pels continues to provide experienced and fraternal legal leadership and guidance. Our State Warden Bruce Mallory does an excellent job making sure our meetings run efficiently and on time. I also want to give special thanks to our Supreme Director and Immediate Past State Deputy Alfredo Vela for his leadership and hard work. A special thanks to our Past State Deputies for their mentorship and guidance. We still have two months to make our Membership, Charities and Star Council goals. All your State Officers are committed to getting Texas back into the Circle of Honor.

I would also like to give special thanks to our State Chaplain, Most Reverend Michael Sis of San Angelo and Associate State Chaplain, Reverend Mel Besselieu. Please keep all our Bishops, Priests and other Religious in your prayers.

I want to thank our Major Directors and committeemen who are doing a fantastic job. These men are doing everything possible to make sure Texas achieves their goals in membership, charity, new council development and star councils.

I appreciate the hard work our General Agents and our Field Agents do for the Order. The insurance program is an integral facet of Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus, and its continued success is due to the exceptional performance of our general agents and field agents. These men provide top-rated life insurance products as devoted and concerned brothers, professionally trained to serve Knights and their families. They are second-to-none in their willingness to help a fellow member learn how the Knights of Columbus can protect him and his family.

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

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

Finally, I would like to thank our ladies, children, and family members for all they do to assist us and support us. Without their love, support, and encouragement, we could not accomplish anything. I particularly want to thank my wife, Margo, for her support, my daughters and son-in-law, Alison and Danny Clark, Amanda Alonzo, and our grandchildren. Their love and support are everything to me.

We still have two months to make this the best fraternal year ever in our history.

Christ Be Our Light!

Vivat Jesus!

State Treasurer Report, 2023 Robert B. "Bob" Goss, State Treasurer

My deepest gratitude to you -- God Bless You, Your Family and Thank You for allowing me to serve you.

Welcome to Dallas for the 119th annual Texas State Council Convention. I want to thank our hosts, the Dallas Convention Committee for their hard work.

It is my privilege to represent you, my fellow Knights. So, THANK YOU. I wish to express my deepest gratitude to you for allowing me to serve you as your State Treasurer. Your State Officers have worked diligently to reduce costs and ensure a balanced budget. Thank you!

Of course, my deepest gratitude goes to our PSDs: Alfredo Vela, 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 Terry Fruge, State Secretary Ron Alonzo, State Advocate

David Pels, State Warden Bruce Mallory, State Chaplain Most Reverend Michael J. Sis, Associate State Chaplain Reverend Mel Bessalieu, and their families for their dedication and inspirational leadership. I am truly blessed to work with such fine Knights who are totally dedicated to helping other Knights, fellow Catholics, our communities, and the citizens of Texas.

A special thank you to our TSC staff – Executive Secretary 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, Ron Alonzo, Dawnn McLaughlin, Pat and Mary Henz, Carlos X. and Rosamar Martinez, Don Ream, and many more - Thank you for your kindness. I am incredibly grateful.

I particularly want to thank our current State Directors, Bill Tillotson, Derek Rabey, Ed Tydings, Carlos X. Martinez, Reed A. Fontenot III, 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 counts. 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.

Let us take care of our brothers and Lead

Every achievement that Texas earns is because of brother Knights. As leaders of your councils, districts, diocese - lead by encouragement and clear guidance - PRAISE IN PUBLIC & CRITICIZE IN PRIVATE will address these very real issues. Be a leader in your community – the best recruitment tool is to be a good Catholic and an example of the principles of the Order. Parishioners -Catholic men, encouraged by their wives, will join by observing your good work noting you are a good person, a good Catholic, and a great Knight. Remember men will join if you present a potential candidate a reason to help their priests and parish. Invite these men. Lead 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 Treasurer. I especially want to thank my family for allowing me to serve you. May God continue to bless our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishops, our Clergy, our Order, our families, our State, and our Nation. God bless you. Vivat Jesus!

State Advocate’s Report, 2023 **David Pels,** **State Advocate**

A special thank you to the Dallas Convention Committee for all their hard work in planning and hosting this year’s Texas State Council (“TSC”) Convention.

Thank you to our Worthy State Deputy Terry Fruge and First Lady Beth for your leadership. Thanks to our Immediate Past State Deputy and Supreme Director Alfredo Vela and former First Lady Rosa, for your continued guidance and example. Thank you to my other fellow officers for all that you do: State Chaplain Most Reverend Bishop Michael Sis; Assistant State Chaplain Reverend Mel Bessalieu, State Secretary Ron Alonzo; State Treasurer Bob Goss; and State Warden Bruce Mallory—you set an excellent example for our Brother Knights throughout the State of Texas.

Thank you to our major directors and committeemen for the special training, leadership, and guidance you provide: Derek Raby, Membership; Bill Tillotson, Star Council; Reed Fontenot, Charity; Carlos Martinez, Programs; David Zeigler, Council Growth; Ed Tydings, Education & Training. Gregory Brown and his Committee for Evangelization and Faith Formation are especially appreciated for feeding our souls and enriching our faith.

Thank you to the “boots on the ground” including all our Brother Knights and Sir Knights in their Councils and Assemblies for all you do to recruit new members, fund charitable causes, support vocations, and assist in their Parishes and communities. Thank you to our Diocesan Deputies, Chapter Presidents, District Masters, Worthy Marshals, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Faithful Navigators and other officers and directors. Without you, the Texas State Council would not accomplish its goals. Thank you for working with me to help resolve various legal issues.

Thank you to the Past State Deputies for the help you provided me during the course of this Fraternal Year. Your advice and counsel is invaluable and much appreciated.

Thanks to Legal Affairs Committeeman Mikell West for your help and support throughout this Fraternal Year. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our TSC Executive Secretary Mike McLaughlin, and his assistants, Kathleen McLoughlin (Council Records) and Kari Jordan (Accountant) for all you do to keep the TSC running each and every day. You do so very much behind the scenes to help all of our Texas Knights.

I appreciate everyone's patience as we work with you and with the Supreme Advocate, the Legal Department, and the Council Government Excellence Team. We appreciate all the help we receive from the Supreme Council ("Supreme") on a regular basis. This includes Supreme Advocate John Marella, Matthew McGrath, Brian Gedicks, Joseph Niglio, Joseph Brownsberger, Joseph Miller, Jennifer Cordes, Angela Escobar, and Ann Petrillo. We also thank Bob Kish, Supreme Western Territorial Growth Director, for his assistance and support.

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

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

References for Legal Support

An abundance of training is provided by Supreme and the TSC Knowledge is power. Please take advantage of this training as it equips you to solve many of the problems you encounter in your Councils and Assemblies. Nothing feels better than to recognize a problem and then solve it without having to agonize over whether you made the correct decision. If you encounter a problem that was not addressed in your training, please log in to Officers Online and go to the tab for the "Officers Desk Reference" or ODR. The ODR is organized into helpful sections with topics frequently encountered in the day to day operation of your Council or Assembly. I encourage you to check the ODR for an answer to your problem before going anywhere else for the solution.

If you cannot find the answer in the ODR, please ask your officers for help, such as your trustees. Or, go to your District Deputy for advice. If he doesn't know, you should ask your Diocesan Deputy or an Assistant Diocesan Deputy. If there is still an issue or concern after addressing the matter at the diocesan level, please give me a call and I will do what I can to help. I can be reached at cell (817)988-3484 or at pelsd66@gmail.com.

Safe Environment Training

The Grand Knight, Program Director (usually the Deputy Grand Knight), Family Director and Community Director are each required to take the Knights of Columbus safe environment training through Armatus Praesidium. Completing the safe environment training helps to protect you, your Council, and the Order in the event there is a reported incident of sexual abuse. This is not the same safe environment training that a liturgical minister receives from the Diocese. One training will not substitute for the other, as they are put forth by different entities. At the beginning of a new Fraternal Year, these four Council personnel will receive e-mail communications from the Supreme Office of Youth Protection regarding the requirements for taking and completing the training and background check. The e-mail notification information is

taken from the Forms 185 and 365 which are filed with Supreme at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. No generic Council e-mails are allowed, such as GK1234@gmail.com. You must use a personal e-mail, such as johndoe@hotmail.com, so the Knight taking the training can be identified with a unique e-mail address. A GK, FS, or DD can check the progress of the training at Officers Online. Star Council Director Bill Tillotson also puts this information on the Star Tracker report.

Liability Insurance

We live in a litigious society. All Councils and Assemblies should have liability insurance. K of C Councils are entities separate and apart from the Catholic Church, so the insurance that might cover your Parish, does not necessarily cover Council activities that you conduct at the Parish, nor all individuals who participate or attend those events or activities. If your Council is sued and you do not have insurance, neither TSC nor Supreme provides legal counsel to defend you or to pay any judgment that may be found against you. The Knights of Columbus has a program with Lockton Affinity, LLC to provide insurance for Councils and Assemblies. Premiums are reasonable (\$2.20 per member plus a \$35 admin fee for \$1 million in coverage) and are based upon the number of members in your Council or Assembly. Liability insurance should be a line item in every Council and Assembly budget. Lockton Affinity may be contacted at (800) 496-0288 or by e-mail at CouncilInsurance@locktonaffinity.com, or on the web at locktonaffinity.com.

Home Corporations

A Council cannot own real property or real estate, however, Home Corporations can. Home Corporations exist to support their associated Councils. There are still many Home Corporations in Texas, but there are less with each passing year. This often has to do with aging facilities that become cost-prohibitive to maintain, resulting in sales of the Home Corporation real estate. If you become aware that your Home Corporation is contemplating a sale, please notify me. There are documents and procedures that should be put in place to ensure that the sale is conducted properly. There are rules that apply to the proceeds of sale of the real estate and other legal issues that are unique to "halls." If you are having an issue with your Home Corporation, please consult the Home Corporation Handbook found at one of the tabs in Officers Online. Please call me if you cannot find the answer to your question or if you would like to discuss it.

Council Bylaws

Gone are the days when a Council tailors bylaws unique to its circumstances. All Councils should be using the template bylaws found on the Supreme website. This is to ensure uniformity among Councils throughout the Order. Only certain prescribed officers, such as Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries have access to the template. No variations are allowed. Established Councils should be converting their bylaws to the template bylaws if they haven't already. Under certain circumstances, Supreme will infer or construe your Council to have bylaw provisions set forth in

the template, even if you have not formally adopted the template bylaws.

Dispute Resolution

Everyone makes mistakes, even Brother Knights. When this happens Fraternal Correction should be used to resolve the matter at the Council level, setting pride aside and keeping in mind the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The principle of subsidiarity is encouraged, i.e. resolve the dispute at the lowest possible level, learn from it, and move on. Someone aggrieved on the Council level should not be contacting the TSC or Supreme to complain or redress grievances that should be resolved on the Council, District, or Diocesan levels. In those situations in which a dispute cannot be resolved locally, please respect the “chain of command” and take it to your District Deputy. The DD can then take it up with the Diocesan Deputy if he feels the need to do so. The State Advocate can then be contacted if the Diocesan Deputy and DD desire further advice and guidance.

Please note that the dispute resolution referred to above, is separate and apart from reporting violations or incidents of sexual abuse per safe environment training. Please contact the Supreme Office of Youth Protection if you become aware of a reportable event. Also contact your Parish, Diocesan Office of Youth Protection, and report the matter to law enforcement authorities. Please notify the State Advocate as soon as possible with information regarding the arrest or conviction of a Brother Knight for a sex offense.

Closing thoughts

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

Vivat Jesus!

State Warden's Report, 2023 Bruce Mallory, State Warden

In any organization, election integrity is paramount to transparency and accountability. One of the primary roles of the State Warden is to assure a delegate is properly vetted and certified to be seated as a participant during the business meeting at the annual convention.

For a council's delegate(s) to participate in the convention, as well as all State events, the council must be in good standing. His council must be current with both Supreme and State financial obligations, per capita. It is proper that only those councils that financially support Supreme and the Texas State Council are those that have a say in the business of the organization. (Charter Constitution Laws, Sec. 156, and Sec. 157 paragraph 8, make it clear that a council is responsible for assessments from Supreme and State Council. Failure to pay per capita results in suspension of a council, harming the members of that council as they lose their fraternal benefits.)

A council in good standing names its delegates, and alternates, to the state convention. At convention check in, the delegates' membership is verified along with the good standing of his council. A delegate is obliged to attend all the business sessions as well as his diocese caucus breakout session that occurs Saturday afternoon. Attendance at the caucus breakout is the criteria to receive reimbursement.

There will be “Deputy” State Wardens checking membership cards as you enter the business meeting. Please make sure you present for inspection, your 3rd Degree card showing dues paid through December 31, 2023, signed by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

Another responsibility of the State Warden is to keep meetings on schedule by encouraging all Knights, especially delegates, to attend the scheduled training and business sessions at all meetings. Representing your council is an honor and a responsibility. Take advantage of the training and spiritual enrichment opportunities that the convention offers. There are four hours of training on eight different topics. Work with your delegation to cover multiple sessions by attending different topics.

I want to thank our Texas State Council staff, Mike McLaughlin, Executive Secretary, Kathleen McLoughlin, Council Records and Kari Jordan, Accountant for their help and guidance. I asked a lot of questions and have learned a great deal as your State Warden this year.

A special thanks to Cathy, my wife. Her love and supports allows me to do all that the Knights, and others, ask of me. She is the rock that I depend on to keep me humble and to keep the home fires burning bright.

Vivat Jesus!

State Membership Director's Report, 2023

Derek W. Rabey,
State Membership Director

My Brother Knights and Families,
The State Membership Team welcomes you to the 119th Texas State Council Convention. Our Team is excited to be here with you in Dallas, Texas. This past year your efforts in membership recruitment brought Texas into the Circle of Honor for back-to-back years. Texas is currently on pace to go for a three-peat. With your continued efforts, Texas will finish the year strong and will again be among those jurisdictions earning Circle of Honor status.

Texas is ahead of last year's membership goals. As of March 23, 2023, Circle of Honor report Texas had achieved 87.09% of our membership goal. We had recruited 3,325 so far, this fraternal year. On that date, we still needed 493 to return to the Circle of Honor. We had 132 councils that have reached or exceeded their membership quotas and some highlights include a Council at 1000%, six (6) Councils over 300%, and eleven (11) Councils over 200%. Outstanding! Congratulations to those councils which have found a way to achieve and exceed their goals. Come by the Membership Table in the exhibit area to see where your Council, District, Diocese and the Texas State Council stand now.

Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI). The Supreme Council has again provided our councils with an opportunity, this fraternal year, to clean up your membership rosters. Many of our councils took advantage of this program and moved over 20,000 members into the AMI Council. This is up 1,992 members from the end of the last fraternal year. These Brother Knights remain members of the Texas State Council, Council #97042, in an online membership status.

e-Membership (also referred to online membership) has played a crucial role in our new member recruitment. Now we need to put forth the effort to ensure we remain actively engaged with these e-Members, ensure they are assigned to our local Council prospect lists and work to convert them into degreed membership in our local Councils.

Membership Recruitment

Mervin Albert, Chairman

Continue to take advantage of the Supreme incentive for the online membership at www.kofc.org/join.

Invite a Catholic gentleman to become an Online Member for FREE!

Now through June 30th, take advantage of the Promo Code, BLESSEDMCGIVNEY, for 12 months of free online membership. Share the benefits associated with membership at every opportunity.

Continue to schedule your Membership Recruitment Drives. Ensure you have members of your Council's recruitment teams

available at every Council Program activity. Seek out new opportunities for New Council Development as well as opportunities for Council Reactivations.

Have you had the experience where you have asked someone if he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and he says no? Do you have a prepared next response? It is as easy as telling him what being a member of the Knights means to you and how it has impacted your life. After sharing your story, you are in the prime position to invite him to become a Knight.

Whenever and wherever there is a need, there is a Brother Knight. The Texas State Council needs your support in growing your local Councils. We need you to get out there and recruit. We must continue to show the other jurisdictions in Division 1 of the Supreme Council what it means to be from Texas and what it is all about. Do not quit until we have crossed the finish line and have secured Texas' spot in the Circle of Honor and beyond.

Make it a point to stop by our Membership tables in the exhibit space to visit with the Director, Chairmen and Committeemen of this Team, to pick up some recruitment materials and to check on your Council's status. Your Membership Team is here to help; all you need to do is ask.

Online Membership

John Hicks, Chairman

Texas is effectively utilizing e-Membership to bring Catholic gentlemen into the Order. This fraternal year, through March 10, Texas has brought in 1,848 online members. 981 (53%), have joined a local Council. Council members, District Deputies, and Diocesan Deputies should make it a point to invite e-Members (Prospects) to participate in major events being conducted by local Councils. This will keep these e-Members engaged in the charity, unity, and fraternity of the Knights, and will potentially spark an interest in a joining the local Council.

Today, over 3,605 Online Members are in Texas' Council #98042. These Prospects are available, and many are eager to join your Council. Most are already "assigned" to a local Council and visible to the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and District Deputies, on the Council Prospect Tab within Officer's Online. When a Prospect is assigned to your Council, please work to make personal contact with them. Also work with them 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 and remains a member of the Texas' Council #98042.

For the remainder of this year, and going forward, Financial Secretaries, Grand Knights, and District Deputies, please sign into Officer's Online and review the "Prospect Tab". The men you find there want to be part of the Knights of Columbus. Help make their advancement successful.

It has been a pleasure serving as Online Membership Chairman this year. I am happy we were able to make this a mainstay of our recruiting arsenal.

Ceremonials

Charlie Perez, Chairman

If a man is interested in joining a Council, he should be vetted by the Admission Committee, referred to and voted in by the Council Members, and then scheduled to attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF). One comment about the work of the Admission Committee - please work with your chaplain or parish priest if there is a question of whether or not a man is a Practical Catholic. Laypeople should not assume the role of a priest.

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

Continue to schedule a CUF for your Council, District, and Diocese to get plugged into. No new candidate should have to wait to attend a CUF to become a Third Degree member of our honored Order. Ensure you continue reporting these scheduled CUFs to be included on the Master Texas event calendar.

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, so far, this fraternal year. Do not let up! We need to get to 664 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 materials.
6. Involve the Priest with pulpit announcements.
7. Schedule a recruitment Sunday.
8. Invite the Field Agent.

Membership Retention

Beto Martinez, Retention Chairman

AMI: How often have we heard 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 Member Initiative has given our councils the opportunity to take the actions necessary to control the cleanup of their rosters. We truly hope you took advantage of this opportunity.

Now, we should be following the Interim Member Billing Procedures, as outlined in the Affiliate Member Initiative Guidebook, Appendix B. Your State Retention Chairman is here to assist and to guide you with this Interim Billing Procedure. By using this Billing Procedure and following the guidelines provided, your councils will be afforded the opportunity to ensure your council membership roster is appropriately maintained. Each council has the responsibility to stay in contact with their members and to assist them where needed. We want to retain our members, when possible.

CONCLUSION

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Directors for making this an extremely enjoyable year; the members of the Membership Team who have worked so hard this year; the Officers and the leadership at the Diocesan, District, and Council levels; the Brother Knights and their families, in the local councils, for all the hard work you did to achieve our goals. I also would like to thank the State Office Team of Mike, Kari, and Kathleen for all their assistance and support.

Finally, the most important thank you goes to my wife Veronica and my daughter Micah for their encouraging words and supportive action throughout the fraternal year.

State Council Growth Director's Report, 2023 **David Zeigler** **State Council Growth Director**

So far so good, but we can do so much more. With "Christ being our Light", Council Growth Team is doing the work we have been asked to do. Creating new councils is not only bringing our great organization to Parishes throughout the State, but we are bringing men back to the faith. All our programs are all centered around our faith and new councils provide the structure & guidance men are looking for to keep them active in their faith. For those parishes not large enough to support a council, Roundtables make sure the Knight's presence is available to all men.

We have started five new councils this fraternal year with six more very close to being completed. We are looking forward to having another record year for Roundtables. We will complete our Circle of Honor Goal for both. We have reactivated three councils. Thank you, Thank you to all the DD's and members for making this all possible, our accomplished goals are not possible without your hard work.

Working with our Worthy Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies, the Council Growth Team will ensure continued Growth as called on by our Priest and Supreme Knight. For us to continue to be the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world,

we must continue to provide opportunities for men to have their own council or Roundtable; that way we ensure we have a Knights presence in every Parish and Mission.

New Council Development

Rick Guzman, 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:

- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 18056**, Temple, TX, Austin Diocese
Diocesan Deputy William Tartaglia
District Deputy 157 Miguel Torres
- **Our Lady of Wisdom Council 18087**, San Marcos, TX, Austin Diocese
Diocesan Deputy William Tartaglia
District Deputy 159 Victor Medina
- **Holy Family Council 18101**, Abilene, TX, San Angelo Diocese
Diocesan Deputy Joe Jacobo
District Deputy 228 Steven Knight
- **Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi TX College Council 18173** Diocese of Corpus Christi TX
Diocesan Deputy Rudy Ortiz Sr.
District Deputy 174 Rudy Ortiz Sr.
- **Mother Theresa of Calcutta Council 18179**; Fort Worth Diocese
Diocesan Deputy Craig Modrzynski
District Deputy 24 Ruben Cisneros
- The following New proposed Councils, which on the verge of completion, are as follows:
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe – Nacogdoches, TX
 - Holy Trinity – Dallas TX
 - Roger Bacon Parish – El Paso TX
 - Texas A&M – Kingsville, TX
 - St. Peters Malankara - Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston
 - Holy Trinity – Llano, TX – Austin Diocese

The diocese across Texas continue to identify and initiate 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 Terry Fruge 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

Greg Dutchover, Chairman

What better opportunity for our Brother Knights than to rekindle the fire of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity at a parish than Reactivations! Working with the local pastor, District Deputies help reopen the spiritual door for our Brother Knights to support the Catholic community and fulfill the needs of the parish. Reactivating a council allows the men to have organized fraternal activity and that sparks Knights to invite all eligible Catholic men to back in our Order. A Reactivation is a win for the Order, but more importantly a win for the local Catholic Community.

The State is proud to list the following reactivations that our Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies and Brother Knights have worked to reignite the council:

- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 2810**, Hebbronville, TX, Laredo Diocese
Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna
District Deputy 238, Miguel Medellin
- **San Juan Diego Council 13287**, McAllen, TX, Brownsville Diocese
Diocesan Deputy Fernando Garcia
District Deputy 207, Juan Lopez
Special help from Brother Armando Gonzalez
- **Christ The King Council 11620**, Laredo, TX, Laredo Diocese
Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna
District Deputy 237, Daniel Arevalo Jr.

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 with the Reactivation Team will Get It Done, No Excuses.

Hispanic Council Development

Miguel A. Torres, North Chairman
Carlos R. Ramirez, 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 Council

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 18056, Temple, TX, Austin Diocese
Diocesan Deputy William (Bill) Tartaglia
District Deputy 157 Miguel Torres

College Council Development

Archie Wright, Chairman

The mission of College Councils is to develop future leaders in the family, the Order, the community, and the Church. College council members participate in various activities throughout the fraternal year to promote the moral, intellectual, and spiritual development of the college community through witness to the Gospel and dedication to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

The order continues to expand across the Colleges and Universities in Texas. The newest college councils to be established this fraternal year are **Texas State at San Marcos Council 18087** and **Texas A&M Corpus Christi Council 18173**. Though recently formed, the councils are actively working with their Parish Priest to develop a program in which a Catholic Counselor visits the Parish weekly to assist students seeking mental health help.

We are also continuing to work to reactivate councils that became dormant during COVID. This includes **The University of Texas at Dallas Council 16677**.

We have several other colleges and universities that have established round tables and will soon become councils. This includes:

- Texas A&M Kingsville

UTSA Council 17492 won the Recruitment drive. 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 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. We 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 Roundtable competition that was completed on September 30, 2022 with the results as follows:

- **Brownville Diocese** – Highest Count of Round Tables, 35 vs. goal of 19 (184%)
- **Fort Worth Diocese** – Highest % of Round Tables submitted, 190% (21 vs. goal of 11)
- **Beaumont Diocese** – Exceeded Goal – 10 Roundtables with a goal of 9

Council Retention

Michael Barnett, Chairman

The mission of our Council Retention program is to ensure that all councils in Texas operate in good standing with the Supreme Council. After a pause related to the pandemic, Supreme is once again assessing our councils \$6.50 per member, with half due in October and half in April.

Councils that fall behind in their assessments are subject to suspension; it is our goal to prevent that from happening. Although no councils were suspended in the first half of the year, we currently have 273 councils that have a balance and are therefore at risk. Council Retention, and all the Council Growth team, are contacting each council and District Deputy to keep those councils in good standing.

I am very proud of the Council Growth Team, these men are making sure your questions are answered; they have helped in recruiting for new & reactivating a council. We are just like most of our brothers in councils that work in the background, just chugging along completing goals. Thank you Brothers, the Council Growth accomplishments have not been possible without you.

The Council Growth Team:

Rick Guzman, New Council Development Chairman

Greg Dutchover, Reactivations Chairman

Dan Aguilar, Round Tables Chairman

Miguel Torres, Spanish Speaking North Chairman

Carlos Rene Ramirez, Spanish Speaking South Chairman

Michael Barnett, Council Retention Chairman

Archie Wright III, College Council Chairman

Giovani Hyppolite (District Master), Coordinator West

Jason Kelley, Coordinator East

These Brother Knights let “Christ Be their Light” and led their respective responsibilities. 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.

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

I also want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Terry Fruge’ and our First Lady Beth for their leadership and keeping the Texas State Council a leading force in our Order.

Thank you to our other State Officers & Major Directors for your continued support.

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

Vivat Jesus! Keep Texas Number #1.

Star Council Award Director’s Report, 2023 Bill Tillotson, Star Council Award Director

The Star Council Award is earned for achievement in the areas of membership, insurance, and service program activities. The criterion used for this award are the behaviors most seen in successful councils – growth in membership, focus on insurance programs, and a commitment to a variety of programs in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life.

All Councils should strive to earn this prestigious award each year. With proper planning and leadership, every council can do so.

Star Council Team Members

- Joe Naderer - Safe Environment Chairman
- Hector Gutierrez – Committeeman, San Antonio & Laredo
- Brian Kozel – Committeeman, Galveston-Houston
- Clint Mendonca – Committeeman, Tyler, Beaumont, Victoria, & Corpus Christi
- Joseph Patrick Ortiz – Committeeman, Austin & Brownsville
- Donald Piwonka – Committeeman, Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, El Paso
- Mark Von Rosenberg – Committeeman, Dallas, Fort Worth

Star Council Award

To earn the Star Council Award:

1. Earn the Father McGivney Award for membership growth by June 30, 2023. There is no application to complete for the Father McGivney Award, as the Supreme Council automatically assesses eligibility. Goals are set at 6% growth with a minimum of 5 and maximum of 15.

2. Earn the Founders’ Award for insurance growth by June 30, 2023. Working with our Field and General Agents, each Council schedules at least two Fraternal Benefits events for current and prospective members and their spouses during the fraternal year. A minimum of seven members or membership eligible men are required to attend. There is no application to complete for the Founders’ Award, as the Supreme Council automatically assesses eligibility.

3. Earn the Columbian Award for Faith in Action programs by June 30, 2023. Conduct at least four programs in each of the four Faith in Action categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. This form is due June 30, 2023, but aim for June 1, 2023. If there is an issue found with your report after June 30, there is no time to recover from it.

4. Complete and send other required forms to Supreme and the Texas State Office.

- Submit the Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) due by July 1, 2022
- Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) due by January 31, 2023

The most convenient way to submit these forms to Supreme is by going to the secure Officers Online section of the Knights of Columbus website at www.kofc.org and selecting the Member Management application or go the Forms tab to find the online forms to complete. Send copies of all submitted forms to forms@tkofc.org as well.

5. Safe Environment. Be compliant with required training and background checks. Men in the following positions must complete Safe Environment training modules and may be required to provide authorization for a background check. These must be complete within 30 days of receiving an email from Supreme after appointment. Different members must fill all Director positions.

- Grand Knight
- Program Director
- Family Director (background check required)
- Community Director (background check required)
- Columbian Squires Counselors (if applicable) (background check required)

Safe Environment Requirements can be found at www.kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program. All inquiries about the program should be directed to the Office of Youth Protection via email to oyp@kofc.org or by phone to 203-800-4940.

6. Council must be current with Supreme Assessments twice during the year; prior to October 10, 2022, and April 10, 2023.

Star District Award

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

1. Meet membership goal (70% of combined council quotas)
2. Meet insurance goal (all councils complete required Fraternal Benefits events)
3. Submit Form 944 (due September 15, 2022) on Council Status
4. Have at least one council in the district earn Star Council

Lone Star Awards

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

1. Meet the Star Council Award criteria
2. Submit Form 185 by July 1, 2022
3. Pay State Per Capita by March 1, 2023
4. Meet State Charity Goal by June 30, 2023
5. Seat at least one delegate at the State Convention in Dallas May 6-7, 2023
6. Submit Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit by August 15, 2022 & February 15, 2023

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

1. Meet the Star Council Award criteria
2. Submit Form 185 by July 1, 2022
3. Pay State Per Capita by December 31, 2022
4. Meet State Charity Goal by December 31, 2022
5. Seat two delegates at the State Convention in Dallas May 6-7, 2023
6. Submit Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit by August 15, 2022 & February 15, 2023
7. Submit Form 10784 for Special Olympics by January 31, 2023
8. Submit at least one entry for a State Service Program Award or Family of the Year or Bl. Fr. McGivney Chaplain Award or Educational Grant by March 1, 2023

Star Tracker Report

A Star Tracker Report will be maintained and published twice a month as data is available from multiple sources (Supreme and State). This report will track each council's progress towards Star Council and the Lone Star Awards.

Reports will be sent to Diocesan and District Deputies via our Constant Contact email platform. Reports are also sent to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries once a month starting January 1.

YTD Progress for 2022-2023

On March 9, 2023, there were 757 active councils in Texas. Of these, the following Star Council forms had been submitted:

- Report of Officers Chosen Forms 185 – 692 submitted (91%)
- Service Program Personnel Report Form 365 – 600 submitted (79%)
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 – 543 submitted (72%)

Also as of this date, 116 councils (15%) had met or exceeded their membership goal for the year. 93 councils (12%) have met their Fraternal Benefit Event goal for the year, while 115 more councils (15%) have held one. Also as of this date, 264 councils (35%) in Texas were fully Safe Environment Compliant.

Based on these numbers, 225 councils were identified on March 1, 2023, as being within striking distance of attaining Star Council. Through the remainder of the year, all GK's, DD's, Diocesan Deputies and Committeemen should work diligently to attain as many Star Councils as possible.

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LONE STAR AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE: 2022-2023 FRATERNAL YEAR

Council	District	City	Diocese	Council	District	City	Diocese	Council	District	City	Diocese
638	1	El Paso	El Paso	8293	82	Houston	Gal-Houston	12148	149	Round Rock	Austin
10420	2	El Paso	El Paso	14700	83	Houston	Gal-Houston	7600	151	Cedar Park	Austin
14584	5	Ft Bliss	El Paso	17060	83	Houston	Gal-Houston	9997	151	Austin	Austin
15017	6	El Paso	El Paso	9759	85	Katy	Gal-Houston	10463	151	Lago Vista	Austin
12697	9	El Paso	El Paso	12955	85	Katy	Gal-Houston	14943	152	Bastrop	Austin
9299	19	Arlington	Fort Worth	16103	85	Fulshear	Gal-Houston	8131	153	Lockhart	Austin
7175	20	Burleson	Fort Worth	4550	87	Houston	Gal-Houston	8190	153	Luling	Austin
1167	21	Gainesville	Fort Worth	2917	88	Houston	Gal-Houston	10131	155	Austin	Austin
10998	22	Wichita Falls	Fort Worth	8771	90	Houston	Gal-Houston	5967	156	Austin	Austin
9884	24	Flower Mound	Fort Worth	6878	92	Humble	Gal-Houston	10333	156	Austin	Austin
13470	26	Arlington	Fort Worth	6557	93	Spring	Gal-Houston	8156	158	Austin	Austin
12553	27	Denton	Fort Worth	8482	96	Houston	Gal-Houston	3458	159	San Marcos	Austin
17196	29	Aledo	Fort Worth	10861	96	Spring	Gal-Houston	7975	159	Kyle	Austin
8493	30	The Colony	Fort Worth	3229	100	Crosby	Gal-Houston	9038	159	Buda	Austin
7965	43	San Antonio	San Antonio	8954	103	Richardson	Dallas	6413	171	Portland	Corpus Christi
8521	43	Bulverde	San Antonio	11862	103	Garland	Dallas	3253	186	Port Lavaca	Victoria
9967	43	San Antonio	San Antonio	5052	106	Dallas	Dallas	3070	187	Bay City	Victoria
13523	44	San Antonio (College - Assump.)	San Antonio Jose	5656	106	Dallas	Dallas	9393	188	El Campo	Victoria
13704	44	San Antonio	San Antonio	11716	106	Plano	Dallas	9394	188	Louise-Hillje	Victoria
5090	45	Gonzales	San Antonio	11721	107	Kaufman	Dallas	11070	208	Harlingen	Brownsville
6856	46	Selma	San Antonio	13520	108	Dallas	Dallas	12869	213	Mercedes	Brownsville
7347	46	Canyon Lake	San Antonio	15033	108	Irving	Dallas	17679	222	Odessa	San Angelo
7386	47	San Antonio	San Antonio	7438	110	Greenville	Dallas	12657	223	Midland	San Angelo
9291	49	San Antonio	San Antonio	6065	111	Plano	Dallas	12008	224	San Angelo	San Angelo
4315	54	San Antonio	San Antonio	13044	111	Allen	Dallas	3867	227	Brownwood	San Angelo
8789	54	San Antonio	San Antonio	6402	113	Garland	Dallas	10711	231	Eagle Pass	Laredo
7323	59	San Antonio	San Antonio	11293	114	Allen	Dallas	2304	232	Laredo	Laredo
6812	66	Lake Jackson	Gal-Houston	12021	114	Richardson	Dallas	15783	233	Laredo	Laredo
9310	68	League City	Gal-Houston	10523	115	Grand Praire	Dallas	8875	242	Snyder	Lubbock
5232	71	La Porte	Gal-Houston	5211	118	Corsicana	Dallas	15876	242	Lubbock	Lubbock
9708	71	Houston	Gal-Houston	8417	118	Waxahachie	Dallas	13447	243	Lubbock	Lubbock
10959	71	Houston	Gal-Houston	10524	131	Athens	Tyler	17583	244	Abernathy	Lubbock
10390	74	Houston	Gal-Houston	7696	132	Paris	Tyler	3008	246	Lubbock	Lubbock
7728	79	Missouri City	Gal-Houston	2771	133	Longview	Tyler	12803	246	Lubbock	Lubbock
11343	79	Sugar Land	Gal-Houston	7553	134	Nacogdoches	Tyler				
14617	79	Missouri City	Gal-Houston	6699	136	Daingerfield, Mt Pleasant, Pittsburg	Tyler				
3910	80	Houston	Gal-Houston	10660	136	Atlanta	Tyler				

LONE STAR AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE WITH DISTINCTION: 2022-2023 FRATERNAL YEAR

Council	District	City	Diocese	Council	District	City	Diocese	Council	District	City	Diocese
2592	7	El Paso	El Paso	10090	51	San Antonio	San Antonio	12153	114	McKinney	Dallas
7641	18	Bedford-Eules	Fort Worth	6234	71	Nassau Bay	Gal-Houston	3491	122	Groves	Beaumont
7736	19	Mansfield	Fort Worth	8960	74	Pearland	Gal-Houston	5145	122	Nederland	Beaumont
15789	24	Colleyville	Fort Worth	7382	75	Houston	Gal-Houston	16078	132	Emory	Tyler
16393	27	Denton	Fort Worth	4204	79	Sugar Land	Gal-Houston	11865	135	Whitehouse	Tyler
17404	29	Azle	Fort Worth	12320	92	Kingwood	Gal-Houston	3205	146	College Station	Austin
13408	30	Carrollton	Fort Worth	14512	93	Spring	Gal-Houston	9368	150	Round Rock	Austin
17304	30	Prosper	Fort Worth	17653	93	The Woodlands	Gal-Houston	10373	150	Pflugerville	Austin
5262	38	San Antonio	San Antonio	12327	94	The Woodlands	Gal-Houston	13927	151	Austin	Austin
17769	40	San Antonio	San Antonio	7206	100	Baytown	Gal-Houston	11107	180	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi
7613	43	San Antonio	San Antonio	8494	101	Friendswood	Gal-Houston	1450	199	Amarillo	Amarillo
16748	45	Seguin	San Antonio	12480	111	Frisco	Dallas	2785	216	Harlingen	Brownsville
4183	46	New Braunfels	San Antonio	799	112	Dallas	Dallas	3203	222	Odessa	San Angelo
6358	48	Schertz	San Antonio	9903	114	McKinney	Dallas	12798	224	San Angelo	San Angelo

State Programs Director's Report, 2023 Carlos X. Martinez, State Programs Director

Blessed Fr. McGivney knew that Catholic men gathered together to provide service would be successful. We are men who lead, serve, protect and defend, whether we are giving time to those less fortunate, lending a hand in disaster relief efforts, or supporting the most vulnerable, the unborn and their Mothers by donating ultrasound machines and supporting Pregnancy Centers. It is the Programs that our councils participate in that provide the basis of continued positive outcomes and growth of our Order.

The Programs team is here to support you as you work in collaboration. The Team members are as follows:

Pro-Life Chairman Tom Clark
Vocations and Silver Rose Chairman Tom Krueger
Pregnancy Resource Chairman Andrew Clark
Faith in Action Chairman Kenneth Oradiegwu
Veterans Affairs Chairman David Colton
Free Throw Chairman Jesse Aguilar
Bowling Chairman G.F. "Skipper" Arsenault
Golf Chairmen Ricky Meyer and Larry Solansky
Softball Chairman Steve Simons

Life Activities

Pro-Life

Tom Clark, Chairman

The Culture of Life continues to be in the forefront of Council activities in the great State of Texas! We achieved a milestone for life when the Roe v. Wade decision was reversed on 6/24/2022!! With this, our Texas laws went into place forbidding the taking of an unborn child's life in this great state.

We are not done. The reversal of Row v. Wade is not the end of the war, but instead the beginning of our greatest challenge – to change the heart of a nation. To help our country to embrace life and to care for all unborn children and their moms.

Thanks to all who have participated in the Pro-Life Programs and by doing so have helped to save many babies from the horrors of abortion. Knights and their ladies have taken the Culture of Life message back to their diocese, districts, councils, and communities and lives are being changed, many babies have been saved and hearts opened to life.

While the ACE Wings are certainly not the only state program, by encouraging Knights to 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 represents a child lost to abortion – we wear these wings to show others that their life would have mattered, and that they would have enjoyed all the

wonders that life brings to each of us... to wear them is a sign that you are a strong man of Christ, willing to place the weakest of the weak on your shoulders and to carry them, for Life!

To date (March 2023), 201 ACE Wings have been earned in Texas, up from 154 just a year ago. Of these 201 ACE Wings earned 47 went to our ladies who worked alongside their husbands, our brothers, defending life. Another 11 Councils presented ACE Wings to thank individuals in their communities for their Culture of Life efforts. I hope these numbers will increase significantly through the end of our fraternal year.

The Special Forces ACE Wings continue to grow in popularity. To date 46 SFAW have been sent out to Knights with 14 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). Please encourage your Diocesan Deputy to recognize men in their respective diocese for the Gold ACE Wings. Encourage your Diocesan Deputy to recognize the priests or deacons who go above and beyond for Life.

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

So, have you earned the right to wear the ACE Wings? If not, then we challenge you to become one soon... your work might save a future teacher, engineer, or even a Priest... we lose 150 babies every hour of every day throughout the United States... we cannot change this unless every Knight and his lady 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. We are currently at 104 machines placed in Texas since the beginning of the programs start. We also have several more machines in the works as well, great job Texas! This year we have started out slow, but we are picking it up towards the end of the fraternal year. It is important to remember that even though abortion has been limited in the state of Texas, that these machines are still needed to help educate abortion minded women to truly show the beauty of life that is their child. I believe one of the best things we can do as a state to increase our ultrasounds next year is to look at our past. I would encourage all councils to reach out to pregnancy centers who have received an ultrasound machine from this program and see if an update is needed. These machines are always being updated and top end ultrasound machines 5 years ago are not as clear as the machines that are

currently out. Remember, a mother is more likely to choose life if she sees an ultrasound of her baby! This is a great way to keep in contact and show continued support for our pregnancy centers around our Great State. 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. God Bless

Pilgrim Icon

The Pilgrim Icon resides in the Faith Section of our programs. Since the first traveling Pilgrim Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, through today's St. Joseph Icon, local councils have an opportunity to serve their community by holding this prayer service.

The #10682 Guide Sheet provides a step-by-step process that any member can follow for this successful program element. The actual prayer service can take anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour dependent on the time constraints and the wishes of your pastor. While it is always preferable to have your pastor or clergy involved, they are not required. It is suggested you involve as many parishioners and parish organizations as possible to have the broadest impact.

Order your prayer books and prayer cards 6 weeks in advance of the planned service to avoid backorder delays and having to print PDFs for participants.

Do not forget to complete #10784 before you leave the event from your phone.

All resources can be found at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab1>

Pope Francis stated: "St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity, fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men."

Will your Council help cultivate these virtues within your parish? You have the tool available. Contact your Diocesan Deputy or Pilgrim Icon Chairman in your Diocese to schedule your prayer service.

Silver Rose

Tom Krueger, Chairman

The 2023 Silver Rose Run in Texas started May 5 in the Amarillo Diocese.

Your Council should order and retain your own prayer books and prayer cards for use with your Council activities. Please order your prayer books and Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer cards 6 weeks prior to your event. You can download all resources #10625 Prayer Books, #9754 Prayer Cards, #10625 Guide Sheet at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab4>

Do not forget to complete form 10784 when you complete your prayer service. This is especially important for the Silver Rose

to allow Texas to retain the large segment of the North America International Silver Rose Schedule. Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to spread throughout North America and the Silver Roses continue to see an increase in demand from other jurisdictions.

Texas Routes are as follows:

Route 2

Diocese	Start	End
Oklahoma		11/18/2023
Ft. Worth	11/19/2023	11/30/2023
Mid-Year	12/1/2023	12/3/2023
Laredo Intl. Crossing	12/9/2023	12/10/2023

Route 3

Diocese	Start	End
Arkansas		11/18/2023
Tyler	11/19/2023	11/30/2023
Mid-Year	12/1/2023	12/3/2023
Laredo Intl. Crossing	12/9/2023	12/10/2023

Route 5

Diocese	Start	End
Louisiana		11/25/2023
Beaumont	11/26/2023	11/30/2023
Mid-Year	12/1/2023	12/3/2023
Laredo Intl. Crossing	12/9/2023	12/10/2023

Route 7

Diocese	Start	End
New Mexico		7/15/2023
El Paso	7/16/2023	8/5/2023
San Antonio	8/6/2023	9/2/2023
Victoria	9/3/2023	9/16/2023
Galveston Houston	9/17/2023	10/7/2023
Beaumont	10/8/2023	10/21/2023
Galveston Houston	10/22/2023	11/11/2023
Corpus Christi	11/12/2023	11/29/2023
Midyear	12/1/2023	12/3/2023
Laredo Intl. Crossing	12/9/2023	12/10/2023

Route 8

Puerto Rico		4/23/2023
Texas	4/29/2023	
Amarillo	4/29/2023	5/5/2023
Lubbock	5/5/2023	5/12/2023
San Angelo	5/12/2023	5/19/2023
Fort Worth	5/19/2023	6/9/2023

Return to Supreme		6/10/2022
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Vocations

RSVP

Tom Krueger, Chairman

We all want to see a priest in every parish, Sisters and Brothers in our schools, hospitals, and parishes. What is your council doing to develop a vocational climate in your parish community? Are your council's efforts integrated as much as possible with parish and diocesan efforts?

Councils can support vocations in many ways, starting with prayer for our Seminarians, Religious Aspirants and priests. You may also include observance of Vocations Awareness Week, provide Vocations Awareness Days, and/or Provide Holy Hours for Vocations. All of these should be reported on form 10784 under the Faith segment of the Faith in Action program.

Our primary measurement tool for your Council, however, is the proper implementation of Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). This program Guide Sheet #10601 provides a step-by-step listing for your Vocations or Faith Program Chairman to follow. By completing a \$500 donation to support a Seminarian or Religious Postulant/Aspirant and the submission of the form 2863 refund report, your Council achieves 2 points in the Faith segment of the Faith in Action Program.

While seminarians to the priesthood is the primary focus, we need to also understand many Religious Orders continue to fill the gaps where we do not have Diocesan Priest for our parishes. These religious orders also need support to educate Seminarians. Women Religious also qualify for the RSVP Program.

It is imperative that you coordinate with your Diocesan Vocations office or your Diocesan Vocations Director to provide the funding where it is most needed. Your diocese may have a Vocations Chairman appointed by the Diocesan Deputy that needs to take the role of communicating with the Diocesan Vocations Director and coordinate all participating Council efforts. This Vocations Chairman will help us avoid donations that would not qualify for the rebate from Supreme, as they exceed the \$2000 per seminarian limit. We do not want to leave money on the table from Supreme and I have experienced a council that completed an RSVP donation and was unaware the seminarian had already achieved the \$2000 limit. The result was they did not receive the \$100 rebate expected from Supreme.

All details are listed in the vocation's handbook. You may download all RSVP Resources at Supreme including the #10601 Guide Sheet, #1942 Vocations handbook, #2863 Refund applications, #10155 Father McGivney Prayer Card, #4688 Tri-Fold Brochure and #10783 RSVP Poster.

Athletics

Free Throw

Jesse Aguilar, Chairman

We are thankful for all the participants and Councils supporting our youth as they place their free throw shooting skills on

display against youth from around the State. We look forward to next year's excitement. Thank you, Br. Jesse Aguilar, for leading a positive event.

Golf

Ricky Meyer and Larry Solansky, Chairmen

The Johnny Lopez State Golf Tournament was successfully held in Kerrville, led by our Chairmen, Ricky Meyer, and Larry Solansky. Teams from around the State gathered for a weekend of fun and fraternity. Make plans for the next State Tournament scheduled for September 15th – 17th 2023 at Squaw Valley Golf Course Glen Rose, TX. 76043.

Bowling

G.F. "Skipper" Arsenault, Chairman

The State Bowling Tournament concluded another successful event across two competitive weekends, April 15 & 16 and April 22-23 as bowlers from across the state hit the Lanes in Texas City. Our Worthy Chairman Skipper lead the Tournament.

Softball

Steve Simons, Chairman

The State Softball tournament is scheduled for this June 24 in Schulenberg at Schonest Park led by our Chairman Steve Simons. Brother Knights from around the state will come together to compete for the State Championship.

Conclusion

These Brother Knights were led by Christ's Light and led their respective responsibilities. 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.

The past year has been a blessing as councils across the state have allowed Christ to be their Light as they collaborate to provide the services needed in their parishes and Catholic communities. Programs will continue to be the driving force for successful Councils.

A BIG Thank You to our State Office Family, Executive Secretary Mike McLaughlin, Accounting Kari Jordan, Council Records Kathleen McLoughlin for all their assistance, guidance and support.

Blessings and Thanks to our Worthy State Deputy Terry Fruge and First Lady Beth for their leadership in providing the Brightest of Christ's Light to guide and trust the fraternal actions ensuring that Texas remains at the forefront of the Order. Texas has and always will utilize its council Programs to reach its goals and keep 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 work with our Brother Knights to reach their goals with the theme of our State Deputy, allowing Christ to be our Light; to Light our Success.

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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 the Awesome Councils to reach their goals as they all proclaimed Christ Be Our Light to brighten the path to blessings and achievement.

I am honored to have the trust of our State Deputy to lead the State Programs team. I could not do this without the blessing of my Beautiful wife, Rosamar! We have traveled across the State meeting Brother Knights and their families. Her prayers and support are immeasurable, thanks Sweetheart! Thanks to my sons, my Brother Knights Juan-Carlos, Carlos Jr. and Daniel, starting their

Knights journey as Squires, even with their full life's schedules continue at the ready to answer the Knight's call to action.

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 Jurisdiction of our Order. God Bless You, God Bless the Knights and GOD BLESS TEXAS!!

2022 - 2023 TSC Programs Award Results

State Program Awards

Life Category	Grand Knight	Council	City	Diocese
March for Life	Edgar R. Martinez	2785	Harlingen	Brownsville
Wine & Cheese for ASAP	Gary Richardson	3205	College Station	Austin
Sacramentals at Baptism	Jack Schooley	7736	Mansfield	Fort Worth
Faith Category	Grand Knight	Council	City	Diocese
Spiritual Retreat-A Father's- Heart-St Joseph	Robbie Villarreal	17653	The Woodlands	Galveston-Houston
Men of St Joseph	Patrick Tejeda	17769	San Antonio	San Antonio
Catholic Men's Fellowship	Michael Kells-Murphy	12480	Frisco	Dallas
Family Category	Grand Knight	Council	City	Diocese
Cars Under the Stars	Michael Kells-Murphy	12480	Frisco	Dallas
Christmas Basket	Edgar R. Martinez	2785	Harlingen	Brownsville
Father/Daughter Valentines Dance	Tryce Berends	15320	Glen Rose	Fort Worth
Community Category	Grand Knight	Council	City	Diocese
Shoes for Kids(Giving Soles for Kids)	Hector Chapa Jr.	9626	Laredo	Laredo
Annual Trunk or Treat	Matt Haines	10930	Ft. Worth	Fort Worth
Parish Storage Unit Roof Repair	Martin L. Schuessler	10373	Pflugerville	Austin

State Catholic Essay

8th Grade Girls	Council	City	Diocese
Samantha Court	4204	Sugar Land	Galveston-Houston
Natalie Howell	11865	Whitehouse	Tyler
Vanessa Giordano	6878	Humble	Galveston-Houston
8th Grade Boys			
Peter Hasik	15789	Grapevine	Fort Worth
Kemp Ortiz	8131	Lockhart	Austin
Jacob Bentancourt	7532	Houston	Galveston-Houston
9th Grade Girls	Council	City	Diocese
9th Grade Boys	Council	City	Diocese
Zander Frost	5145	Port Neches	Beaumont
10th Grade Girls			
Madeline Howell	11865	Whitehouse	Tyler
Matilda Rose Canon	6658	Copperas Cove	Austin
Guadalupe (Lisa) Thomas	17304	Prosper	Fort Worth
10th Grade Boys			
11th Grade Girls			
Grace Pelzel	15789	Richland Hills	Fort Worth
Pe'ela Palemene	6658	Copperas Cove	Austin
11th Grade Boys			
Christian Howell	11865	Whitehouse	Tyler
12th Grade Girls			
Karlie Tran	12320	Humble	Galveston-Houston
Olivia Gonzalez Gutierrez	10524	Athens	Tyler
Meredith Howell	11865	Whitehouse	Tyler

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12th Grade Boys

Ashtin Parmer	4204	Richmond	Galveston-Houston
Jose C. Rubio III	17404	Azle	Fort Worth
Tanner Castillo	8131	Lockhart	Austin

State Poster Awards

Age 5 - 7 yr. old	Council	City	Diocese	
Sophia Martinez	7532	Humble	Galveston-Houston	
Mila Dave	4204	Sugar Land	Galveston-Houston	
Elliot Schoder	9765	Fredericksburg	San Antonio	
Age 8 - 10 yr. old	Council	City	Diocese	
Josefina Orines	1202	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	International Supreme Winner
Isidharth Sreejith	13520	Plano	Dallas	
Nicolas Ruiz	4101	Fort Worth	Fort Worth	
Age 11 - 14 yr. old	Council	City	Diocese	
Evelyn Gonzalez	7532	Houston	Galveston-Houston	
Nelson Cleto	10524	Athens	Tyler	
Emily Stemberidge	13520	Plano	Dallas	

2022 -2023 State Free Throw Championship

Category	Age	Place	First Name	Last Name	Council	Diocese
Girls	9	1	Sienna	Parks	13520	Dallas
Girls	9	2	Mia	Jimenez	9759	Galveston-Houston
Girls	9	3	Kensi	Berger	2153	Victoria
Girls	10	1	Marbella	Hernandez	4621	Amarillo
Girls	10	2	Juliette	Chan	13520	Dallas
Girls	10	3	Layla	Villarreal	7532	Galveston-Houston
Girls	11	1	Serenity	Castillo	2785	Brownsville
Girls	11	2	Harper	Morley	4183	San Antonio
Girls	11	3	Julianne	Carnegy	3287	Austin
Girls	12	1	Aveyah	Long	7290	Corpus Christi
Girls	12	2	Gabby	Marquez	4621	Amarillo
Girls	12	3	Vida	Hernandez	16748	San Antonio
Girls	13	1	Allison	Clark	2433	Victoria
Girls	13	2	Adalyn	Rynders	15320	Fort Worth
Girls	13	3	Gianna	Cece	4258	San Antonio
Girls	14	1	Ansley	Beedy	4621	Amarillo
Girls	14	2	Paige	Mason	4204	Galveston-Houston
Girls	14	3	Amalia"Molly"	Rorschach	2902	Victoria

2022 - 2023 State Free Throw Championship

Category	Age	Place	First Name	Last Name	Council	Diocese
Boys	9	1	Augustine	Tarsha	11716	Dallas
Boys	9	2	Seth	Seydler	2433	Victoria
Boys	9	3	Mateo	Santos	4621	Amarillo
Boys	10	1	Brady	Ahlquist	4204	Galveston-Houston
Boys	10	2	Luke	Irlas	4621	Amarillo
Boys	10	3	William	Herzik	2902	Victoria
Boys	11	1	Jeremiah	Brown	7613	San Antonio
Boys	11	2	Hudson	McKirahan	2917	Galveston-Houston
Boys	11	3	Luke	Meinkowsky	2433	Victoria
Boys	12	1	Cooper	Brosch	9759	Galveston-Houston
Boys	12	2	Bryce	Chovanetz	2433	Victoria
Boys	12	3	Jack	Roark	3008	Lubbock
Boys	13	1	Evan	Marquez	4621	Amarillo
Boys	13	2	John	Martinez	14512	Galveston-Houston
Boys	13	3	Colston	Book	16748	San Antonio
Boys	14	1	Wyatt	Killough	10609	San Angelo
Boys	14	2	Carter	Cox	11093	Tyler
Boys	14	3	Aiden	Garza	3169	Corpus Christi

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 is special and number one in our parishes. The State Blessed Father Michael McGivney Award recognizes a council chaplain that has shown an 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.

Education and Training Report, 2023 Ed Tydings, Education and Training Director

The mission of the Texas State Council Education, Training, and Communication Team is to provide the who, what, where, when, and how for council, district, and diocesan leadership for the Knights in the State of Texas. Our primary focus is to help you understand the expectations of each of your leadership roles. Our main audience are the grand knights, financial secretaries, trustees, council directors, district deputies, and diocesan deputies. We provide onsite and virtual training seminars for council leadership, and work with the other major directors at various meetings with the district and diocesan deputies.

Education & Training:

District Deputy Organizational Meeting July 2022, San Marcos

The Organizational meeting in July is the first of several meetings district deputies attend. For first year DDs, the phrase “drinking from a fire hose” is the most appropriate description. We began with a brief celebration of our state achieving both the Circle of Honor Award AND the Pinnacle Award. Then we got down to business. Our Worthy State Deputy laid out his goals for the upcoming fraternal year. All six major directors discussed their plans on how we will achieve these goals for the year.

The diocesan organizational meetings followed in July and August. The state officers and major directors traveled to the fifteen dioceses to deliver similar presentations to the local leaders of all dioceses. Some diocesan meetings were also available virtually.

Diocesan Deputy Meeting October 7 – 9, 2022, Houston

The Worthy State Deputy and the major directors meet individually with the diocesan deputies to review the first quarter success and opportunities for improvement. This key meeting helps identify potential issues early in the year to give us all time to try to work through them before they become barriers to success.

District Deputy Midyear Meeting, December 2 – 4, 2022, Round Rock

We met for the final time at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock. Our Worthy State Deputy and the major directors provided status updates to the district and diocesan leadership. This meeting concentrates on how we can build on the successes of the past six months. These presentations are more focused on district and diocesan progress. Each director and his team meet in smaller breakout groups with one or two dioceses at a time to focus on success and to highlight opportunities for improvement.

The diocesan midyear meetings were conducted during the months of January and February. State officers and major directors once again traveled to the fifteen dioceses providing presentations to the local leaders. Reaching out to the local leadership is one of the most important meetings we conduct as the council leadership learns how their contributions to programs, membership growth, and charity affect the overall health of the Texas State Council and of our Order.

State Free Throw Contest and Diocesan Deputy Meeting, March 3 – 5, San Antonio

Like the end of the first quarter meeting, this meeting with the diocesan deputies gives our Worthy State Deputy and the major directors the opportunity to meet individually with the diocesan deputies. Affectionately known as “speed dating”, each diocesan deputy has twenty minutes with each major director. Ideas are exchanged, two-way feedback is provided, and everyone leaves with specific areas to concentrate their efforts that will give the best opportunities for success.

State Convention, May 5 – 7, 2023, Dallas

For the past couple of years, the State Convention breakout and training sessions hosted by the major directors received overwhelmingly positive feedback. We continued with the sessions at this year’s state convention on Friday and Saturday. I hope you take advantage in learning more about the Order.

Financial Secretary Trainers:

Our financial secretary trainers are available across the state, and they are assigned specific dioceses. The diocesan and district deputies have put them to work this year. FS Training Chairman is David Solis from El Paso, and he coordinates with the other trainers. The classes are open to all council and assembly officers, district deputies, and any other Knights wanting to learn more about the inner workings of the council or assembly. Financial Secretary Trainers continue to offer one-on-one virtual training sessions as requested. Please contact your assigned financial secretary trainer for your training needs. These Brother Knights provide an invaluable service to make sure new and “seasoned” financial secretaries have the knowledge and skills needed to perform their roles. We all know that behind every successful grand knight, there is a financial secretary keeping the paperwork in order and submitting the forms on time.

- Victor Garza – Dioceses of Dallas, Fort Worth and Tyler (682) 300-4004; Email: vgarza48@att.net
- Steven Webb – Dioceses of Lubbock and Amarillo (806) 239-9920; Email: swebbtx@yahoo.com
- Peter Donahoe, Jr – Archdiocese of San Antonio and Diocese of Austin (830) 391-3701; Email: pldjr4287@gmail.com
- TBA – Dioceses of Beaumont, Victoria, and Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston
- David Solis – Dioceses of El Paso and San Angelo. (915) 238-8735; Email: dsolis4027@aol.com
- Michael Murphy – Dioceses of Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Laredo. (956) 793-0462; Email: michaelmurphy9@gmail.com

Communications:

The Texas State Council website is constantly updating new articles submitted for all to see. If you have not visited 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 is a monthly publication sent to all Brother Knights in Texas for whom we have working emails. It lists the upcoming events and 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.

The Texas State Council uses the Constant Contact email system which contains over 78,000 Brother Knights' email addresses. If you are not receiving an email and think you should be, or if you want to receive the emails, email me. Constant Contact allows the Worthy State Deputy, the state officers, and the major directors to send an email to the roughly 2000 leaders across the state with the click of a few buttons.

Editor Texas Knights of Columbus Publications, Webmaster and State Photographer - Mark Johnson E-Mail: mjohnson@creatdev.com. Brother Mark is constantly seeking articles to share news and events with all Brother Knights across Texas. Articles are posted on the state website, and if they are submitted in time, the article could be published in the Quarterly Texas Knight Publication. Visit www.flickr.com/photos/texasstatecouncil if you would like to see archived pictures from the various state events for the past several years.

State Presentation Chairman - Gregory Brown is our liaison between the Texas State Council and our audio-visual consultants. Their collaboration allows us to provide excellent in-person meetings and presentations.

State Social Media Chairman – Josh Jones - Email: texas.kofc@gmail.com We encourage all councils to promote their activities in the Knights of Columbus throughout the great State of

Texas. Media includes the State Website, the Texas Knight Online publication, and the majors of social media.

Texas State Council Website – www.tkofc.org

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

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

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

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

Brother Josh is tasked to train the Diocesan Social Media Coordinators on Supreme and State Council policies for social media. Local councils and assemblies are encouraged to host their own sites also as long as they adhere to the same policies. Contact Josh for any questions.

Diocesan and District Deputy of the Year Scorecard – Greg Wilson

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, Charities, New Council Development, and Star Council to rank the fifteen diocesan deputies and the Top 20 district deputies. The 1st place in each area will be announced soon after the Supreme Convention in August when the official Star Council list becomes available. Thank you, Brother Greg, for your diligence in keeping the scorecard up to date.

Awards

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

1st Place: Council 12320 – Kingwood, Texas, Archdiocese of Galveston Houston. “St. Martha's Knights of Columbus Council 12320”, article by David Lambrix.

2nd Place: Council 2153 – Weimar, Texas, Victoria Diocese. “Weimar Knight, Eugene Kainer”, article by Herb Ulbrich.

3rd Place: Council 10930 – Fort Worth, Texas, Fort Worth Diocese. “Parish Burrito Breakfast Celebrating Community”, article by Larry Loftus.

Summary:

In closing, I need to thank the members of the ETC Team – Mark, Gregory B., Greg W., Josh, Victor, Michael, Pete, Steven, and David. Gentlemen, I appreciate all your hard work keeping the Knights of Texas informed and trained. Mike, Kathleen & Kari, you are all rock stars. I cannot thank you enough for your

help, guidance, and patience this year. Thank you, Worthy State Deputy Terry for your leadership and guidance, and for the trust you placed in me.

I want to thank my two sons, Eddie and Liam. They have literally grown up in the Texas State Council. I am so proud watching them grow into Catholic gentlemen and watching them serve Mass at so many State Council meetings.

Saving the best for last, I need to thank my wonderful wife, Carmen. She has been my travelling companion, my sounding board, and my support. I could not do this without her. She makes sure there is always family time during our travels because that is what we as Knights are all about. I love you!!

Texas, we have two months left to make sure we meet and exceed our goals to keep Texas in the Circle of Honor. Our Worthy State Deputy's motto is "Let Your Light Shine". As St. Paul said, "...but now you are light in the Lord, behave as children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and uprightness and truth." (Ephesians 5:8-9). Let these words guide your lives as you carry forth Blessed Michael McGivney's vision in the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

State Charity Director's Report, 2023 Reed A. Fontenot, III State Charity Director

The Charity Team would like to welcome the Brother Knights and their families to the 119th Texas State Council Convention. The Team and I are excited to be here with you in Dallas celebrating the achievements of the 2022-2023 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 111,300 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 "Christ Be Our Light." Brother Knights have embraced this motto 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 meet and exceed our State Charity Goal. 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 \$813,470 and as of March 30, 2023, contributions of \$735,470.82 or 90.41% of our goal have been received. We still have some work to do in the next several weeks, 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. I offer a very big thank you to my wife Donna for her 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. This is the First Lady's charity of choice this year so let's not let her down!

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 (Texas only – just now came back) 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 \$722,245.57 as of March 31, 2023. 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 4,815 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 three months to go. With our current trends, we have the potential to top \$960,000 by the end of June!

<i>Diocese</i>	<i># of councils</i>	<i># of district deputies</i>	<i>2021-22 Contributions</i>	<i>2022-23 (3/31) Contributions</i>	<i>3/31/2023 YOY Difference</i>
TEXAS	830	219	\$735,941.88	\$722,245.57	-\$13,696.31
Dallas	63	16	\$378,680.94	\$367,041.73	-\$11,639.19
San Antonio	109	30	\$78,352.00	\$146,236.87	\$67,884.87
Galveston/Houston	138	39	\$80,725.24	\$82,500.25	\$1,775.01
Fort Worth	67	18	\$76,701.70	\$39,769.00	-\$36,932.70
Laredo	27	8	\$1,050.00	\$28,470.75	\$27,420.75
Austin	93	21	\$59,953.00	\$18,369.95	-\$41,583.05
San Angelo	35	10	\$6,279.00	\$12,618.00	\$6,339.00
Lubbock	29	7	\$4,836.00	\$7,620.00	\$2,784.00
Corpus Christi	59	15	\$905.00	\$6,614.00	\$5,709.00
Victoria	32	8	\$6,350.00	\$6,150.00	-\$200.00
Tyler	32	9	\$15,909.00	\$3,155.00	-\$12,754.00
Brownsville	54	14	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$300.00
Amarillo	24	6	\$750.00	\$1,050.00	\$300.00

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 \$35 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 K of C license plate issued. As of February 28, 2023, 813 (down 216 same time last year) K of C license plates were on the road. This was among a membership of more than 111,300 and needs to improve. We have just 0.73% of membership participating. How many members in your district or council have a K of C license plate? As a leader within the Order, you should consider having a K of C 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 K of C 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". Six (6) new Fellows have been added to the membership roll through March, bringing the total membership as of March 25, 2023 to 342. 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.

2022-2023 Recipients through March 15, 2023:

Msgr. Kevin Ryan	San Antonio
Ed Tydings	Austin
George Huseman	San Angelo
SK Joe & Lupita Castorena	San Antonio
SK James E Schranz, PGK	Fort Worth
FDM Gregory L Tatum	San Antonio

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 105 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, Joe Rodriguez, Joe Grillo and Howard Hinojosa 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 Reed Fontenot, Charities Director.

In summary, twenty-one (21) Diocese Recipients and two (2) at-large recipients from the top two participants in the entire field of remaining applicants, for a total of twenty-three (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 25 applicants to a low of 1 applicant. All fifteen dioceses were represented.

Individual Educational Grants

The Texas State Council awards at least one \$1,000 Educational Grant per diocese and two more \$1,000 Educational Grants to members of the Columbian Squires. The total number of grants for each Diocese will be determined using a formula based on the number of Knights in each Diocese. Applications for these grants were due March 1, 2023. 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 23 Individual Educational Grants from 105 entries:

Diocese and At-Large Recipient's

Archdiocese of San Antonio Council		City
1. Briskey, Melayna	7965	San Antonio
2. Cangas, Karina	4183	New Braunfels
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston		
1. Novelli, Sydney	9978	Galveston
2. Kloesel, Gordon	12327	The Woodlands
3. Stoilars, Derek	9268	Bellville
Amarillo		
1. Shields, Andrew	7840	Canyon
Austin		
1. Daley, Regan	12148	Round Rock
2. Chandles, Joseph	9930	Harker Heights
Beaumont		
1. Granger, Maggie	13825	Orange
Brownsville		
1. Trejillo, Marlene	5598	Edinburg
Corpus Christi		
1. Polasek, Kelsey	8028	Rockport
Dallas		
1. Gonzales, Gabrielle	799	Dallas
2. Ruby, Jessie	799	Dallas
El Paso		
1. Aguire,-Baeza, Louisa	7563	El Paso
Fort Worth		
1. Roden, Charlotte	1459	Muenster
2. Jones, Stephanie	9884	Fort Worth
Laredo		
1. Perales, Elizabeth	8142	Carrizo Springs
Lubbock		
1. Garces, Zachariah	11365	O'Donnell
San Angelo		
1. Castro, Gavin	12798	San Angelo
Tyler		
1. Wong, Clara	10660	Longview
Victoria		
1. Garcia, Mylak	3070	Bay City
At-Large		
1. Junot, Ashlyn	5145	Beaumont Diocese Nederland
2. Sestak, Brett	2153	Victoria Diocese Weimer

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 (of at least \$500) each school is to receive. Funds will be provided to the designated schools in the Diocese after the State Convention. The total amount available for each Diocese will be determined using the same formula used for the individual grants. That is based on the number of Knights in each Diocese. Each Diocese will receive at least one \$2,000 grant.

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

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

Diocese/Archdiocese	School	Amount	City
Archdiocese of Galveston Houston			
	St. Augustine Catholic School	\$6,000	Houston
Archdiocese of San Antonio			
	St. Thomas More School	\$2,000	San Antonio
	Mount Sacred Heart	\$2,000	San Antonio
Diocese of Amarillo			
	Holy Cross Catholic Academy	\$1,000	Amarillo
	St Anthony Catholic School	\$1,000	Hereford
Diocese of Austin			
	San Juan Diego Catholic High School	\$1,000	Austin
	St. Mary's Catholic School	\$1,000	Tyler
	St. Mary's Catholic School	\$1,000	Temple
	St. Mary's Catholic School	\$1,000	West
Diocese of Beaumont			
	St. Mary Catholic School	\$2,000	Orange
Diocese of Brownsville			
	San Martin De Porres School	\$1,000	Weslaco
	Guadalupe Regional Middle School	\$1,000	Brownsville
Diocese of Corpus Christi			
	SS. Cyril and Methodius	\$500	Corpus Christi
	St. Anthony School	\$1,000	Robstown
	Sacred Heart School	\$500	Rockport
Diocese of El Paso			
	Most Holy Trinity School	\$1,000	El Paso
	St. Pius X Grade School	\$1,000	El Paso
Diocese of Dallas			
	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$1,000	Dallas
	St. Mary of Carmel	\$1,000	Dallas
	James L. Collins	\$1,000	Corsicana
	St. Philip & St. Augustine Academy	\$1,000	Dallas
Diocese of Fort Worth			
	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
Diocese of Laredo			
	St. Augustine High School	\$750	Laredo
	Our Lady of Refuge School	\$500	Eagle Pass
	Blessed Sacrament School	\$750	Laredo
Diocese of Lubbock			
	Christ the King Diocesan High School	\$1,000	Lubbock
	Christ the King Diocesan 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

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Holy Cross Catholic High School	\$ 500	Midland
Diocese of Tyler		
St. Mary's Catholic School	\$2,000	Longview
Diocese of Victoria		
Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School	\$1,000	Port Lavaca
Shiner Catholic School	\$1,000	Shiner
Diocesan Schools Grants total		\$42,000.00
Individual Student Grants total		21,000.00
At-large Grants total		2,000.00
Total Amount Awarded for FY 2022-23		\$65,000.00

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, or contact your Diocesan or Regional Emergency Response Coordinator listed below:

For disaster relief, training, guidance, and resources, contact:

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Special Olympics Report

Chris Hoefler, Chairman

We are celebrating the 54th 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.

Both Supreme and the Texas State Council will contribute to Special Olympics in Texas and checks will be presented at the Dallas State Convention in May, 2023. This year Supreme will be sending a check for \$9,000! The Texas State Council contribution will be \$21,529.50!

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 Terry Fruge 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 Hofer, refer to the Star Guide or contact the State Council Office.

Fundraising Report

David Keating, Chairman

The Texas State charity goal for this fraternal year is \$813,470. As of March 30, 2023, we have received contributions totaling \$735,470.82 which represents 90.41% of the State goal. The Quick Start Award was achieved by 501 Councils, contributing 100% or more of their assigned charity goal and state per capita by December 31, 2022. 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% of their goal (as of March 30, 2023):

Diocese	Councils	100%+	Dormant
Galveston/Houston	138	100	12
San Antonio	109	63	8
Austin	94	58	11
Ft. Worth	67	55	2
Dallas	63	46	6
Corpus Christi	59	16	14
Brownsville	54	16	13
El Paso	39	28	5
San Angelo	35	23	2
Victoria	32	31	0
Tyler	32	31	1
(100% of active councils at 100%)			
Lubbock	29	22	3
Beaumont	29	16	5
Laredo	27	11	13
Amarillo	24	14	1
TOTAL	830	531	96

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.

Five Councils Above 200% of their goal (as of March 30, 2023):

Council 10224, Industry (G-H)	572.01%
Council 7736, Mansfield (FW)	340.64%
Council 10390, Houston (G-H)	285.59%
Council 14339, Montague/Nacona/Bowie/Henrietta (FW)	202.33%
Council 5211, Corsicana (DAL)	201.01%

We also recognize the top three councils in dollars contributed (as of March 15, 2023):

Council 799 Dallas (DAL)	\$11,550
Council 7736 Mansfield (FW)	\$9,640
Council 6878 Humble (G-H)	\$7,500

We had 87 Districts Deputies earn Quick Start with all their councils at 100% or more of their assigned goal by December 31, 2022 (See list on following pages). We also had 8 Diocesan Deputies earn the prestigious Quick Start Award. Four Diocesan Deputies have achieved the Hall of Fame award for their Diocese achieving over 100% already! We thank all those District Deputies for their leadership in earning this prestigious achievement. As of March 30, 2023, we have had 11 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 pays 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.

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.

35 Year Award - Councils meet or exceed 100% of their Charity goal for 35 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.

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.

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
Galveston/Houston

Archdiocesan Catholic Schools

Bishop James A. Tamayo
Laredo

Evangelization/Outreach Charity & Seminarian Support

Bishop Robert M. Coerver
Lubbock

Vocations/Seminarian Support

Bishop Michael J. Sis
San Angelo

Seminarian Education

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller
San Antonio

Deaf Ministry

Bishop Joseph E. Strickland
Tyler

Seminarian Education & Training

Bishop Brendan Cahill
Victoria

Continuing Education for Priests, Extension of Lay Ministry and Evangelization

CHARITY AWARDS

Diocesan Deputy and District Deputy Quick Start Awards
– All Councils in the District meet 100% of charity goal by December 31 of the fraternal year:

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 200, Chris Johnson

Diocese of Austin

Diocesan Deputy Bill Tartaglia

District 145, Michael Gaspar

District 148, Tony Zaccagnino

District 151, Kevin Brinkman

District 152, Michael D'Antonio

District 153, Alex Martinez

District 156, George G. Scott

District 158, Larry Odom

District 159, Victor Medina

District 160, Mike Winkler

Diocese of Beaumont

District 122, Chad Sandwell

Diocese of Corpus Christi

District 171, William G. Archambeault

District 180, John Walker

Diocese of Dallas

Diocesan Deputy Mike Courtney

District 103, Bryan Finley

District 105, Dennis Stark

District 106, Dan Stoffel

District 107, Robert Repka Jr.

District 110, Richard Frasco

District 111, Jake Fleischer

District 114, Ben Oani

District 118, John Casarez

Diocese of El Paso

Diocesan Deputy Art Aguirre

District 2, Gilbert De La Rosa

District 4, James Weber

District 5, Giovanni Hyppolite

District 9, John Danley

District 10, Richard Gilliland

District 11, Rudy Sustaita

Diocese of Fort Worth

Diocesan Deputy Craig Modrzynski

(Hall of Fame winner)

District 16, Josh Gomez

District 19, Richard Rumenapp

District 21, Mike Becan Sr.

District 24, Ruben Cisneros

District 27, Mark Stack

District 28, Anson Geisel

District 29, James Halfmann

District 30, Dr. Dean Hansen

District 31, William Mechura

District 32, Leonard Gruca

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Diocesan Deputy Ron Frerich

(Hall of Fame winner)

District 66, Mark Jasek

District 68, TBA

District 69, Dennis Hastings

District 70, Samuel Flores

District 71, Joseph Kramer, Jr.

District 73, Juan Hernandez

District 74, Richard Johnson

District 75, Charles Cantrell

District 79, Joe Gutierrez

District 80, Vincent Stasio

District 82, Michael Akiboh

District 85, Oscar Gendrop

District 86, CJ Hattier

District 90, Reggie Vasquez

District 91, Anton Nguyen Van Vinh

District 92, Bob Schmidt

District 93, John Williams

District 96, Fernando Flores

District 102, Samuel Gonzalez

Diocese of Laredo

Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna

(Hall of Fame winner)

District 231, Saul Fernandez

District 232, Javier Cabello

District 233, Antonio Gonzalez

District 236, Enrique Adriano

Dioceses of Lubbock

District 243, Marty Ledesma

District 246, Francisco Sotelo

Diocese of San Angelo

District 222, Gregory Dutchover

District 224, Rod Rodriguez

District 226, Deacon Frankie Aguirre

District 227, Michael Murray

District 229, Gregory Huffman

Archdiocese of San Antonio

District 44, Denny Archibek

District 45, Aurelio Medina

District 46, Michael Colwell

District 49, David Martin

District 56, Carlos Gonzalez

Diocese of Tyler

30 years in a row meeting Charity Goal!

Diocesan Deputy Larry Pfeifer

(Hall of Fame winner)

District 131, Tom White

District 132, Mark Freund

District 134, Christopher Oldmixon

District 135, Joseph Guzzetta

District 136, Ricky Solice

District 137, Trenton Klaus

District 138, TBA

District 139, Larry Pfeifer

Diocese of Victoria

Diocesan Deputy Kenneth Trochta

District 186, Robert Landry

District 187, Harry Isenberger

District 188, James Kocurek

District 189, Jeff Popp

District 190, Jack Muggli

District 192, Bill Morrow

District 193, Manuel Gonzales, III

QUICK START COUNCILS 2022 -2023

District	Council	City	24	9884	Flower Mound	46	7347	Canyon Lake
Diocese of El Paso			24	15789	Colleyville	46	9681	Converse
1	638	El Paso	25	16258	Fort Worth	47	7386	San Antonio
1	10788	El Paso	25	16663	Fort Worth	48	6358	Schertz
1	16041	El Paso	25	17410	Fort Worth	48	10181	San Antonio
2	7563	El Paso	26	7458	Fort Worth	49	4298	San Antonio
2	10420	El Paso	26	13470	Arlington	49	8067	San Antonio
2	16287	El Paso	27	4771	Denton	49	9291	San Antonio
3	17449	El Paso	27	9644	Decatur	49	10191	San Antonio
4	16778	El Paso	27	12553	Denton	50	6833	San Antonio
5	4497	El Paso	27	16393	Denton	50	7016	San Antonio
5	9129	El Paso	28	6269	Arlington	50	11342	San Antonio
5	10862	El Paso	28	8895	Arlington	51	7265	San Antonio
5	14584	Ft Bliss	28	14549	Arlington	51	10090	San Antonio
6	12360	El Paso	29	4101	Fort Worth	51	17492	San Antonio
6	15017	El Paso	29	17196	Aledo	52	10593	La Coste
7	2592	El Paso	29	17404	Azle	53	8436	San Antonio
7	3686	El Paso	29	17708	Fort Worth	53	15343	San Antonio
7	17420	El Paso	30	2045	Pilot Point	54	8789	San Antonio
8	6914	El Paso	30	8493	The Colony	54	16854	San Antonio
9	12160	El Paso	30	13408	Carrollton	54	17314	San Antonio
9	12697	El Paso	30	17304	Prosper	55	8036	Elmendorf-Saspamco
9	14413	El Paso	31	17024	Fort Worth	55	10270	San Antonio
9	15799	Fabens	32	9868	Fort Worth	56	2512	Falls City
10	5096	Alpine	32	14679	Fort Worth	56	2618	Poth
11	7720	Pecos	Archdiocese of San Antonio			56	6782	Karnes City
11	10256	Monahans	36	2687	Del Rio	56	8267	Kenedy
11	10509	Kermit	37	5192	Devine	57	8001	Pleasanton
Diocese of Fort Worth			37	8327	Pearsall	57	10431	Poteet
16	2123	Ranger	38	4786	San Antonio	59	7323	San Antonio
16	7264	Weatherford	38	5262	San Antonio	59	7808	San Antonio
16	8464	Mineral Wells	38	9682	San Antonio	Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston		
16	10930	Fort Worth	39	11599	San Antonio	65	11438	Houston
16	11638	Albany/Breckenridge	40	7983	San Antonio	65	12818	Houston
17	9748	Granbury	40	10240	San Antonio	66	3365	Freeport
18	7641	Bedford-Eules	40	17769	San Antonio	66	6812	Lake Jackson
18	8512	North Richland Hills	41	9765	Fredericksburg	66	8548	Brazoria
18	15882	Fort Worth	41	15240	San Antonio	66	9686	Clute
19	7736	Mansfield	41	16180	Comfort	68	3217	Dickinson
19	9299	Arlington	42	10258	Bandera	68	5236	La Marque
19	13363	Arlington	42	10940	Boerne	68	9310	League City
20	7175	Burleson	43	7613	San Antonio	68	10393	Hitchcock
20	10375	Hillsboro	43	7965	San Antonio	69	5155	Angleton
20	16042	Cleburne	43	8521	Bulverde	69	6403	Alvin-Manvel
21	1167	Gainesville	43	9967	San Antonio	69	9817	Danbury
21	1459	Muenster	43	17762	San Antonio	70	12632	Richmond
21	11905	Lindsay	44	9463	San Antonio	70	13151	Rosenberg
21	14339	Montague/Nacona/ Bowie/Henrietta	44	13523	San Antonio	70	17812	Rosenberg
			44	13704	San Antonio	71	5232	La Porte
22	1473	Wichita Falls	45	3412	Seguin	71	6234	Nassau Bay
22	10998	Wichita Falls	45	5090	Gonzales	71	9708	Houston
22	16522	Wichita Falls	45	12208	La Vernia	71	10959	Houston
23	1766	Rhineland	45	16748	Seguin	72	3700	Pasadena
23	1824	Windthorst	46	4183	New Braunfels	73	5077	Houston
23	9634	Graham	46	6856	Selma	73	9041	Channelview
24	7099	Grapevine				73	10779	Houston

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74	8960	Pearland	94	6456	Conroe	Diocese of Beaumont		
74	10390	Houston	94	12327	The Woodlands	121	5789	Vidor
74	12385	Houston	95	4054	Anderson	121	7058	Lumberton
75	2801	Rosenberg	95	11866	Magnolia	121	11151	Sour Lake
75	7067	Needville	96	8482	Houston	122	2461	Port Neches
75	7382	Houston	96	10861	Spring	122	3491	Groves
75	7445	Richmond	96	11472	Tomball	122	5145	Nederland
76	15321	Houston	96	17225	Houston	122	16464	Beaumont
76	15322	South Houston	100	2788	Baytown	123	3195	Port Arthur
78	7532	Houston	100	3229	Crosby	124	1680	Orange
78	10207	Houston	100	7206	Baytown	124	13825	Orange
79	4204	Sugar Land	101	8494	Friendswood	125	951	Beaumont
79	7728	Missouri City	101	10574	Deer Park	125	6763	Fannett
79	11343	Sugar Land	102	15105	Houston	125	14473	China
79	14617	Missouri City	102	16195	Houston	126	3201	Liberty
80	3910	Houston	Diocese of Dallas			126	8871	Dayton
80	5678	Houston	103	8954	Richardson	126	9564	Livingston
80	7036	Houston	103	9337	Rockwall	Diocese of Tyler		
80	10995	Houston	103	11862	Garland	131	8806	Gun Barrel City
81	7230	Houston	103	16546	Garland	131	10524	Athens
81	15796	Houston	105	4370	Dallas	131	11978	Canton
82	6527	Houston	105	11414	Dallas	131	12253	Malakoff
82	8024	Houston	106	5052	Dallas-Farmers Branch	132	7696	Paris
82	8293	Houston	106	5656	Dallas	132	8975	Sulphur Springs
82	16430	Houston	106	11169	Dallas	132	16078	Emory
83	803	Houston	106	11716	Plano	132	17758	Grand Saline
83	11023	Houston	107	6887	Terrell	133	1422	Marshall
83	14700	Houston	107	11721	Kaufman	133	2771	Longview
83	17060	Houston	107	13133	Talty	133	3952	Kilgore
84	9268	Bellville	107	13158	Mesquite	134	3404	Lufkin
84	10224	Industry	108	13520	Dallas	134	7553	Nacogdoches
85	6950	Katy	109	8157	Duncanville	134	10875	San Augustine
85	9759	Katy	109	12484	Lancaster	134	12122	Diboll
85	12564	Pattison	109	17111	Dallas	135	11462	Henderson
85	12955	Katy	110	5538	Dallas	135	11530	Jacksonville
85	16103	Fulshear	110	7438	Greenville	135	11865	Whitehouse
86	3313	Sealy	110	12300	Wylie	135	14636	Flint
86	3793	Wallis	110	16202	Commerce	136	1003	Texarkana
86	12558	Frydek	111	6065	Plano	136	6699	Daingerfield,
87	4550	Houston	111	7850	Plano			Mt Pleasant, Pittsburg
87	13357	Houston	111	12480	Frisco	136	10660	Atlanta
87	13615	Houston	111	13044	Allen	137	1502	Tyler
88	2917	Houston	112	799	Dallas	137	11933	Mineola
88	8404	Houston	113	6402	Garland	137	12711	Lindale
90	7136	Houston	113	14568	Dallas	137	15174	Holly Lake Ranch
90	8096	Houston	113	16665	Dallas	138	10790	Nacogdoches
90	8771	Houston	114	9903	McKinney	139	1323	Palestine
90	10720	Houston	114	11293	Allen	139	11026	Carthage
91	13629	Houston	114	12021	Richardson	139	13136	Trinity
91	17779	Houston	114	12153	McKinney	Diocese of Austin		
92	6878	Humble	115	10523	Grand Prairie	142	8135	Waco
92	9794	Huffman	115	17146	Irving	142	13005	Waco
92	12320	Kingwood	116	16820	Dallas	142	13577	Waco
92	13166	New Caney	117	830	Denison	142	17224	China Spring
93	6557	Spring-Woodlands	117	10879	Bonham	143	7196	Belton
93	10872	Spring	118	1353	Ennis	143	7197	Temple
93	14512	Spring	118	5211	Corsicana	143	13198	Salado
93	17653	The Woodlands	118	8417	Waxahachie	144	12601	Cameron
94	5921	New Waverly	118	12964	Ferris	145	10186	Cyclone/Marak

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145	13902	Westphalia	180	1202	Corpus Christi	213	16917	Weslaco
146	1834	Bryan	180	2710	Corpus Christi	214	10380	Alamo
146	3205	College Station	180	11107	Corpus Christi	216	2785	Harlingen
146	11759	Bryan	Diocese of Victoria			216	12337	Harlingen
147	9930	Harker Heights	186	3204	Ganado	217	11980	Hidalgo
148	3287	Brenham	186	3253	Port Lavaca	Diocese of San Angelo		
148	6366	Caldwell	186	3421	Edna	221	12066	Colorado City
148	11277	Chappel Hill	186	11351	Inez	222	3203	Odessa
149	6453	Georgetown	187	3070	Bay City	222	8773	Odessa
149	12148	Round Rock	187	4307	Blessing	222	10404	Odessa
149	17470	Jarrell	187	6889	Palacios	222	17679	Odessa
150	9368	Round Rock	188	2490	El Campo	223	12657	Midland
150	10373	Pflugerville	188	3371	Nada	224	12008	San Angelo
151	7600	Cedar Park	188	9393	El Campo	224	12798	San Angelo
151	9997	Austin	188	9394	Louise-Hillje	224	13514	San Angelo
151	10463	Lago Vista	189	2500	East Bernard	224	17204	San Angelo
151	13927	Austin	189	3262	Wharton	226	2636	Rowena
152	4868	Smithville	189	4843	Eagle Lake	226	2772	Olfen
152	8225	Elgin	189	10249	Mentz	226	6811	Miles
152	12642	Rockne-String Prairie	190	2153	Weimar	226	10985	Ballinger
152	14943	Bastrop	190	2902	Schulenburg	227	3867	Brownwood
153	1017	Austin	190	2971	Columbus	227	13824	Brady
153	8131	Lockhart	190	5157	Frelsburg	228	8788	Abilene
153	8190	Luling	191	2433	Hallettsville	229	2136	San Angelo
154	2574	La Grange	191	3081	Shiner	229	4316	Wall
155	10131	Austin	191	3295	Flatonia	229	9641	Garden City
155	12409	Austin	192	1582	Yoakum	230	9674	Fort Stockton
155	14055	Austin	192	1682	Cuero	Diocese of Laredo		
156	5967	Austin	192	2480	Yorktown	231	2543	Eagle Pass
156	9796	Austin	192	13010	Meyersville	231	10711	Eagle Pass
156	10333	Austin	193	1329	Victoria	232	2304	Laredo
156	14025	Lakeway	193	7512	Goliad	232	7797	Laredo
157	8141	Austin	193	8388	Victoria	233	9626	Laredo
158	8156	Austin	193	9088	Victoria	233	13838	Laredo
158	9151	Wimberley	193	10751	Bloomington	233	15783	Laredo
158	10209	Austin	Diocese of Amarillo			234	17991	Laredo
158	11695	Dripping Springs	196	2654	Nazareth	236	10413	Laredo
159	3458	San Marcos	196	2778	Hereford	Diocese of Lubbock		
159	7975	Kyle	196	7840	Canyon	242	8875	Snyder
159	9038	Buda	196	8938	Hereford	242	15876	Lubbock
159	14741	Uhland	196	12534	Tulia	243	10310	Plainview
160	8935	Burnet	197	15782	Childress	243	11807	Lubbock
160	13255	Marble Falls	198	5061	Dumas	243	13447	Lubbock
160	15365	Horseshoe Bay	199	1450	Amarillo	243	16451	Lubbock
161	6978	Lampasas	199	4621	Amarillo	243	16775	Oilton
161	12522	Andice	199	16666	Amarillo	244	7882	Littlefield
Diocese of Corpus Christi			200	2767	Pampa	244	16358	Shallowater
166	1653	Beeville	201	12563	Amarillo	244	17583	Abernathy
167	9318	Robstown	201	16205	Amarillo	245	7953	Lamesa
168	7290	Corpus Christi	Diocese of Brownsville			245	8517	Denver City
169	13250	Corpus Christi	207	8298	McAllen	245	11365	O'Donnell
170	5919	Corpus Christi	207	12040	McAllen	246	2571	Slaton
171	6413	Portland	208	11070	Harlingen	246	3008	Lubbock
171	8028	Rockport	209	5598	Edinburg	246	7590	Lubbock
171	14739	Port Aransas	209	15262	Edinburg	246	12803	Lubbock
172	16275	Bishop	210	1553	Brownsville	246	14426	Lubbock
175	15326	Taft	212	2597	Rio Grande City	247	11012	Seminole
177	10677	Corpus Christi	212	3919	San Isidro			
179	11663	Mathis	212	9982	Escobares			

Evangelization and Faith Formation Report, 2023

Gregory Brown, Director

Welcome Brother Knights to the 119th Annual Convention of the Texas State Council in Dallas, Texas.

One hundred and forty-one years ago, Fr. Michael McGivney along with the founding members of Council 1, San Salvador, began what today is the largest Catholic mens fraternal organization comprised of nearly 2 million men who are a part of 16,000 councils worldwide. Blessed McGivney had a number of reasons why he began the Knights of Columbus but chief among them was “to form its members in Catholic faith and virtue,” and “to unite members in their Catholic identity and the practice of their Catholic faith” (Section 2, Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus). Allowing men to come together to pray, be formed in their Catholic faith and share in fraternity were of the upmost importance to our founder; whose zeal for the salvation of souls was a driving force to his life and ministry. Today, we as Catholic men, more than ever, are called to renew the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney. To make Jesus Christ the source and summit of all that we do; and ensure our Catholic faith, missionary zeal, and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God permeates all aspects of council life and membership engagement.

As such, we want to reiterate 4 promises the Knights of Columbus make to all our Brother Knights and prospective Brothers:

#1 To help all men grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

#2 To provide opportunities for men to serve Christ in His Church including being a missionary disciple.

#3 To provide opportunities for men to serve those most in need in their communities and around the world IN THE NAME OF CHRIST JESUS.

#4 A promise to provide protection and aid to widows and orphans through our insurance arm.

Men today are hungry for faith centered content and fraternity that help them grow in faith and become better Catholic men, husbands and fathers. We know that our Catholic parishes and families need men who are faith-filled leaders who strive to grow in holiness, knowledge and disciple others towards the Kingdom of Heaven. We are firm in our understanding that this goal is accomplished through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

To aid in this mission of helping all men grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and forming men in their Catholic faith; Supreme has requested that our Worthy State Deputy Terry Frugé pilot the Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative here in Texas. Our Worthy State Deputy has appointed myself along with Jose Ramos, Henry Rangel and David Carr to lead the Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative.

At the heart of every Knight of Columbus is our Catholic faith which invites us to seek holiness through Baptism. At the heart of every Knight of Columbus is a desire to build the Kingdom of God by being a disciple of Jesus Christ; therefore having the courage to share with others the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church. At the heart of every Knight of Columbus council we hope to establish a COR meeting. COR is Latin for heart and the root word for courage.

The COR Meeting exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each COR Meeting is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to strive to be more Christ like, to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood, and to prepare for the courageous mission of evangelization.

COR meeting essentials:

- Additional meeting for the council focusing on prayer, formation and fraternity
- Optional
- Open to all men of the parish
- Held monthly
- Three key and required elements:
- Prayer: reciprocal relationship between God and man where man responds to God’s invitation then encounters the Creator.
- Formation: lifelong process where we become more like Christ through knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith.
- Fraternity: sharing in a common mission, faith, and brotherhood.

We already have a number of Councils actively holding COR meetings with more councils interested each week. Our team would love to talk to your council about beginning a COR meeting to help men of your parish grow in their Catholic faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. The COR meeting is the first stage of a multiyear roll out of the Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative here in Texas in conjunction with Supreme. Our role is to assist councils as they strive to form Catholic men in virtue and identity, building up the Kingdom of God and strengthening them to better serve their families, Church and communities.

I wish to convey my sincere gratitude and humble thanks to our State Deputy Terry Frugé for entrusting myself and our team with the charge to renew Blessed Fr. McGivney’s vision of forming men in their Catholic faith and helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ at the council level here in Texas. Thank you to our Worthy State Chaplain Bishop Sis and our Associate Chaplain Fr. Mel for their guidance and prayers for our state leadership and for all Knights of Columbus here in Texas. Thank you to both Terry and our First Lady Beth for their leadership and to all the other State Officers, Directors and their spouses as they strive to carry on the numerous other works of Unity and Charity that Blessed McGivney had envisioned when establishing his Knights. I would like to thank my fiancé Hollie for her prayers and for affording me the time amidst the planning of our wedding, to serve you my Brother Knights. Lastly thank you to you, my brother Knights of Texas, for all the prayer and work “ora et labora” that you put in at the council level, carrying on the commission of Blessed Michael McGivney for the zeal of souls.

With gratitude,

Gregory Brown

Ave Crux, Spes Unica!

State General Agent Liaison's Report, 2023

Tony Rangel

State General Agent Liaison

I am honored to report to you that Texas led the way in another record-setting year for the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program! Overall, the Knights of Columbus has over \$126.1 billion dollars in life insurance in force. Once again, Texas is the Jurisdiction with the most Life Insurance in force on its members – over \$10.1 billion dollars and 121,943 policies in-force. We have 39,931 Insured Members currently in the State of Texas and they make up approximately 35% of the Texas Knights.

Your Texas Field Force had another record-breaking year with notable standouts among the Agencies – The Tom Supak Agency finished #6 in the Order and the Tony Rangel Agency finished #7 in the Order out of 77 Agencies across the U.S.A and Canada. Field Agent Jody Supak from the Supak Agency finished the year as the #1 Field Agent in the entire Order, while Joseph Carlin from the Carlin Agency finished at the #4 spot. Once again, Jody Supak earned the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table “Top of the Table” Award and was the only Knights of Columbus agent to qualify for this honor! For production year 2022, Texas had numerous agents qualify for Million Dollar Round Table status. The MDRT is a global, independent association of the world’s leading financial services professionals and membership in the MDRT is recognized immediately as the standard of excellence in the financial services industry. I am pleased to report to you that the Knights of Columbus remain a Fortune 1000 company and we 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 is tied for first! The Knights is one of six companies that has an A+ rating for 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. Financial strength and stability are very important to most people and it's reassuring to know that the Knights stand firm where it counts the most!

The Knights of Columbus adhere to the highest ethical investing guidelines. Money from insurance premiums and annuity deposits are 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
- John Regan: Dallas, Texas
- Chris Stark: Ft. Worth, Texas
- Mickey Dougherty: San Antonio, Texas
- Jim McCabe: El Paso, Texas
- Will Britten: Austin, Texas
- Juan Carlos Carlin: Mission, Texas
- And of course, myself Tony Rangel of Houston, Texas.

In conclusion, I want to take the moment and encourage each of you to take advantage of working with your local General Agent and his Field Agents. And if you don't have a Field Agent covering your Council, help your General Agent find a man. Start out by praying that you find the right man for the job! And then

once you find him, make him want to stay by welcoming him to your Council! Encourage your Council members to meet with him each year so that they are aware of all the benefits that they are entitled to as members of the Order. Each week I have family members contact my office who are surprised to learn that we offer different types of coverage because they never gave the Field Agent the opportunity to come out and visit with them and share information about our new products with them. We have had extraordinary changes to our portfolio in the last 10 years and many members are not aware of the diverse types of coverage that are now available through the Knights! Let your professional, fully-trained salesforce assist you and the members of your Councils with Recruiting Drives, Membership Workshops, Ministry Fairs, and Information Nights to help you grow your Councils and further the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney in Texas. Vivat Jesus!

State Executive Secretary's Report, 2023

Michael L. McLaughlin,
State 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 119th Annual State Convention of the Texas State Council. Welcome to Dallas, Texas and to the Dallas Downtown Sheraton Hotel.

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 McLoughlin, Kari Jordan, Mark Johnson, Leonard Gruca, Kenny and Karen Trochta, Dennis and Debbie Stark and Boyd and Patricia Burris.

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 Dallas Convention Committee. Each has devoted long hours, tireless work, effort, and friendship to make this convention happen. I especially want to thank the Dallas Host Convention Committee Chairman Mike Courtney, Co-Chairmen Reed Fontenot, and the Ladies functions Chair Debbie Conway for bringing together this wonderful group of people who did an outstanding job.

In closing I want to thank State Deputy Terry Fruge and First Lady Beth, 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!

Minutes of the 119th Annual Meeting
Texas State Council Knights of Columbus
May 5-May 7, 2023

State Deputy Terry Fruge officially opened the 119th meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus State Convention on Saturday May 6th, 2023, with a prayer from our Worthy State Chaplain His Excellency Bishop Sis from the Diocese of San Angelo and a Pledge of Allegiance by the Vice Supreme Master Matt Maly. The first order of the convention business was a motion made by State Deputy Terry Fruge to approve the minutes from the 118th Annual Texas State Convention as printed in the Annual report, that motion was approved. Another motion was made to accept 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, Supreme Representative, Past State Deputies, and General Agents were introduced. Worthy State Deputy Terry Fruge asked the State Secretary Ron Alonzo if there were any communications, hearing none State Deputy Terry Fruge again called on State Secretary Ron Alonzo for the purposes of making a motion. State Secretary Ron Alonzo then made a motion to approve the State Deputy's report, the motion was approved by the members. State Deputy Terry then requested a report from our Worthy State Chaplain His Excellency Bishop Sis from the Diocese of San Angelo. Bishop Sis proceeded to give a resounding, spiritual and uplifting report. A motion was made and approved for His Excellency's report. WSD Terry then introduced His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo from the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston for his report followed by His Excellency Bishop Gary Janak from the Archdiocese of San Antonio. SD Terry reported that the States Secretary, Treasurer, Advocate and Warden reports were on pages 17-20. SD Terry entertained a motion for approval of these reports, and they were approved by the members.

Worthy SD Terry introduced State Treasurer Bob Goss for the purpose of reporting on the 2022-2023 Audits on page 21 and the 2023-2024 TSC budget. A motion was made and approved to accept the Audits. State Treasurer Bob then presented the 2023-2024 TSC Budget, a motion was made to approve that budget that is located on pages 22-24 of the Convention Supplement which included a \$2.00 per member increase. The motion was approved. The next report was made by the Chairman of the PSDs Immediate Past State Deputy and Supreme Director Alfredo Vela. Alfredo thanked everyone for their support and asked everyone to support WSD Terry. His report was approved. The next reports were from our Worthy Past State Deputies, Lou Barbour, Jacob Gaona, Ron Gay, and Leo Hanus. WSD Terry thanked all the PSDs for their messages to the membership. A Credentials Committee report was then asked for by State Secretary Ron Alonzo. Ron reported that there were 240 councils with 2 delegates, 71 councils with one delegate for a total of 551

council delegates and 6 State Officer delegates for a total of 557 delegates, the report was approved.

Our Worthy State Deputy then called upon our Worthy State Advocate David Pels for the report of the Resolutions Committee. State Advocate David Pels 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. Honoring Master Michael McCusker and Supreme Emeritus Dennis Stoddard | Adopted |
| 6. Appreciation of Host Committee | Adopted |
| 7. Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney | Adopted |
| 8. In Support for the Culture of Life | Adopted |
| 9. Calling for Continued Support and Participation in Pro-Life Marches for Pro-Life. | Adopted |
| 10. Support for the Institution of Traditional Marriage | Adopted |
| 11. In Defense of Religious Liberty | Adopted |
| 12. Prayer for all Governmental Leaders | Adopted |
| 13. Support for our Armed Forces | Adopted |
| 14. Support for our First Responders | Adopted |
| 15. Support for the Flag of the United States | Adopted |
| 16. To Support the Annual Commemoration of Columbus Day in the Americas | Adopted |
| 17. The Order's Insurance Benefit Programs | Adopted |
| 18. Prayers for Presidents Pro-Life conversion | Adopted |
| 19. Prayer for all affected by COVID-19 | Adopted |
| 20. Prayers for our Country | Adopted |
| 21. Solicitation at State Council Activities | Adopted |

Our WSD then introduced our TSC Worthy Insurance Liaison Tony Rangel to give his report followed by our Worthy Football Sweepstakes Chairman Jimmy Hernandez. State Deputy Terry 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 Terry then adjourned the 119th State Convention meeting of the TSC for the opening of the State Council Charity meeting.

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State Deputy Terry reconvened the 119th meeting of the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus. SD Terry introduced PSD's Tony Herreth, Doug Oldmixon, and Mark Evans for their reports. SD Terry then mentioned 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 1-3, 2023, in Orlando. He then invited the Caucus Chairman to the front of the stage, introduced them and stated where the 8 Caucus' were located.

The Convention reconvened on Sunday May 7th with a prayer from our Associate State Chaplain Reverend Mel Bessellieu from the Diocese of Ft. Worth and a Pledge of Allegiance by the Master of the Sword Pat Conway. Our Worthy State Deputy then called upon our Worthy Associate State Chaplain Reverend Mel Bessellieu to give his report. Fr. Mel proceeded to give a resounding, spiritual and uplifting report. A motion was made and approved for his report. Our WSD Terry then called upon WST Bob Goss for the report of the "Good of the Order". Bob thanked and introduced Committee Chairman Tom Clark Culture of Life Chairman and Committee members consisting of: Andrew Cooke, Grand Knight Council 7975, Timothy Kolbe, Grand Knight Council 4183, Martin Ochs, Grand Knight Council 10836, Donald Quintero, Grand Knight Council 17060, Matthew Scott, Grand Knight Council 12955, Aubrey Semien, Grand Knight Council 15017, and Russell Woodford, Grand Knight Council 17304 for their input. Tom presented a brief synopsis of the report and stated that the full report was in the Supplement. There was a motion made and approved for his report.

WSD Terry called on WSS Ron for the updated Credentials report. WSS Ron stated that we had 239 Councils with 2 Delegates, 72 Councils with 1 Delegate with 6 State Officer delegates for a 556 total voting delegates, the report was approved. The next order of business is Unfinished Business hearing none they moved onto New Business, hearing none the next order of business is the election of State Officers

WSD Terry appointed PSD Doug Oldmixon as the election Chairman. Doug 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 2023-2024 by acclamation. The other 4 State Officer positions were voted on and elected by acclamation. The State Officers term is July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

Election of State Officers for 2023-2024

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 Condolences and Sympathy Committee Chairman Curtis Hoppe, Grand Knight Council 11293, Grand Knight Curtis was called on by WSD Terry for the committee's report. Curtis thanked the committee members for their efforts on this report: Miguel Nevarez, Grand Knight Council 5061, Jeremy Young, Grand Knight Council 3491. A motion was made and approved for this report.

Election of Supreme Council Delegates

IPSD and Supreme Director Alfredo read the election of the Supreme Delegates and alternates for the August 1-3, 2023, Supreme Convention.

First Delegate	Terry Fruge
First Alternate	Ron Alonzo
Second Delegate	Alfredo Vela
Second Alternate	Bob Goss
Caucus Area 1 Delegate	Jerry M. Peters
Caucus Area 1 Alternate	Kevin Fikes
Caucus Area 2 Delegate	Jesus "Jess" G. Ramos
Caucus Area 2 Alternate	Victor Medina
Caucus Area 3 Delegate	Russell Williams
Caucus Area 3 Alternate	Javier Espinales
Caucus Area 4 Delegate	Armando Gonzalez
Caucus Area 4 Alternate	Roberto G. Martinez
Caucus Area 5 Delegate	Mike Courtney
Caucus Area 5 Alternate	Jorge Ruiz
Caucus Area 6 Delegate	Kenneth Oradiegwu
Caucus Area 6 Alternate	Tony Scarpa
Caucus Area 7 Delegate	Manuel Gonzales, III
Caucus Area 7 Alternate	Kirby Farek
Caucus Area 8 Delegate	Ruben Cisneros
Caucus Area 8 Alternate	Anson Geisel

A motion was made and approved for the election of these delegates for the 2023 Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL.

State Deputy Terry thanked everyone from Dallas who participated in the preparation of this successful convention and asked for comments from Chairman Mike Courtney. Mike thanked Co-Chair Reed Fontenot and the rest of the Committee.

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Houston Diocesan Deputy and Convention Chairman Rich Frerich and Co-Chairman Tony Scarpa gave a brief presentation on next year's 120th Texas State Convention in Houston.

A report from the Executive Secretary Michael McLaughlin was given, thanking the Dallas 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 Terry thanked all the attendees, his fellow Officers, PSD's, Directors and all others that he might have forgotten. for this past year's efforts and for a great 2023-24 coming up.

The State Advocate David Pels introduced a motion that "any and all action of any kind taken by the Officers and Board of Directors of Texas State Council since the previous meeting up to and through and including today be and that they are adopted, approved, ratified and confirmed in all aspects." Motion was seconded and adopted. The closing Benediction prayer was given by our Worthy State Chaplain His Excellency Bishop Sis from San Angelo with a 3-part Blessing. The closing Ode was led by PSD Doug Oldmixon.

State Deputy Terry Fruge then adjourned the 119th State Convention meeting of the Texas State Council.

Minutes of the Texas State Council Charities Meeting May 6, 2023

President Terry Fruge opened the meeting of the Texas State Council Charities, Saturday May 6, 2023.

Vice President Ron Alonzo read the roll call of Officers, all State Officers and the Board members were present. The SCC minutes of the 118th Annual meeting of the State Council Charities was adopted as published in the 2022-2023 Annual Report. SCC State Treasurer Ron Alonzo presented the Treasurer's report and the 2023-2024 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.

Vice President of Legal David Pels 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 Terry Fruge then adjourned the 119th State Convention meeting of the State Council Charities.

Audited Financial Statements

Texas State Council

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022
With Independent Auditor's Report*

Texas State Council

Audited Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Independent Auditor's Report

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

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Texas State Council (the "Council") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Texas State Council as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the fiscal years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Texas State Council does not combine a related nonprofit organization in which it has a direct controlling financial interest. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require such combination. If the financial statements of State Council Charities had been combined with those of Texas State Council, total net assets would have been increased by \$1,302,092 and \$1,307,888 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the change in net assets would decrease by \$5,796 and \$76,949 for the fiscal years then ended, all respectively.

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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.

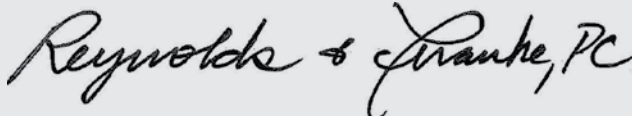
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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
November 17, 2023

Audited Financial Statements

Texas State Council

Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 226,087	\$ 511,716
Per capita receivables, net	37,189	60,611
Other receivables	157	36,041
Related party receivable	27,920	120
Prepaid expenses	<u>27,545</u>	<u>16,176</u>
Total current assets	318,898	624,664
Investments	1,861,482	1,822,979
Deposits	2,789	2,789
Operating right-of-use assets	<u>126,594</u>	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,309,763</u>	<u>\$ 2,450,432</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 28,355	\$ 137,791
Accrued liabilities	162	4,277
Deferred revenue	39,823	34,610
Operating lease liability - short-term	<u>68,591</u>	-
Total current liabilities	136,931	176,678
Operating lease liability - long-term	<u>58,003</u>	-
Total liabilities	194,934	176,678
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>2,114,829</u>	<u>2,273,754</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 2,309,763</u>	<u>\$ 2,450,432</u>

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

Texas State Council

Statements of Activities

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets without donor restrictions:		
Support and Revenues:		
Per capita dues	\$ 508,632	\$ 634,891
Meeting and convention income	264,978	260,700
State convention income	107,536	104,907
Reimbursements from State Council Charities	106,802	102,724
Investment earnings (losses), net	141,320	(313,768)
Program revenues:		
Football sweepstakes	70,330	60,234
State athletics	41,263	41,834
Miscellaneous income	3,781	2,536
Total support and revenues	<u>1,244,642</u>	<u>894,058</u>
Expenses:		
Program services	1,171,358	1,143,724
General and administrative	232,209	191,030
Total expenses	<u>1,403,567</u>	<u>1,334,754</u>
Total change in net assets	<u>(158,925)</u>	<u>(440,696)</u>
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year, as previously reported	2,273,754	2,672,160
Prior period adjustment	-	42,290
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year, restated	<u>2,273,754</u>	<u>2,714,450</u>
Net assets, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 2,114,829</u>	<u>\$ 2,273,754</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, 2023

	Program Services	General and Administrative	Total
Personnel and benefits	\$ 159,993	\$ 106,663	\$ 266,656
State convention	297,756	-	297,756
Other meetings:			
Mid-year meeting	179,477	-	179,477
Organizational meeting	170,903	-	170,903
Diocesan deputies meeting	35,090	-	35,090
Change of leadership meeting	26,676	-	26,676
Supreme convention	18,921	-	18,921
Diocesan/regional meeting	6,960	-	6,960
Program expenses:			
Membership	81,087	65,981	147,068
State athletics	41,153	276	41,429
Football sweepstakes	27,071	-	27,071
Operating lease expense	40,676	27,117	67,793
State officers	20,241	13,494	33,735
Public relations and publications	29,567	-	29,567
State office	17,492	11,661	29,153
Occupancy	5,390	3,593	8,983
Diocesan and district deputies	7,769	-	7,769
Miscellaneous expenses	4,313	2,876	7,189
Interest expense	823	548	1,371
Total expenses	\$ 1,171,358	\$ 232,209	\$ 1,403,567
Percentage of total expenses	83%	17%	100%

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

	Program Services	General and Administrative	Total
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
Total expenses	\$ 1,143,724	\$ 191,030	\$ 1,334,754
Percentage of total expenses	86%	14%	100%

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

Texas State Council

Statements of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (158,925)	\$ (440,696)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(119,033)	337,479
Amortization of operating right-of-use assets	67,793	-
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Per capita receivables	23,422	7,467
Other receivables	35,884	(29,615)
Related party receivable	(27,800)	27,415
Prepaid expenses	(11,369)	(11,967)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(109,436)	(58,367)
Accrued liabilities	(4,115)	4,115
Deferred revenue	5,213	(7,551)
Operating lease liability	(67,793)	-
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(366,159)</u>	<u>(171,720)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Sales (purchases) of investments, net	<u>80,530</u>	<u>(203,711)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>80,530</u>	<u>(203,711)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(285,629)	(375,431)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>511,716</u>	<u>887,147</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 226,087</u>	<u>\$ 511,716</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the fiscal year for:		
Interest	<u>\$ 1,371</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Non-cash investing activities:		
Initial adoption of lease standard to record operating right-of-use assets under lease obligations	<u>\$ 194,387</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 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 statements of activities as net assets released from donor restrictions. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Council had no net assets with donor restrictions.

Use of Estimates

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

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Federal Income Taxes

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

The most significant tax positions of the Council are its assertion that it is exempt from income taxes and its determination of whether any revenue amounts are subject to unrelated business income tax (UBIT). Management has determined that the Council had no activities subject to UBIT during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 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, 2022, 2021, and 2020 are open to examination by the IRS as of June 30, 2023.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Per Capita Receivables

Per capita receivables represent amounts of prior fiscal year unpaid per capita membership dues from the local councils. The Council provides 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, 2023 and 2022 was \$42,996 and \$45,827, respectively.

Investments

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

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Donated Services

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

Revenue Recognition

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 fiscal year in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Allocation of Expenses

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

Change in Accounting Principle

Effective July 1, 2022, the Council adopted FASB ASC 842, *Leases*. The Council determines if an arrangement contains a lease at inception based on whether the organization has the right to control the asset during the contract period and other facts and circumstances. The Council elected the package of practical expedients permitted under the transition guidance within the new standard, which among other things allowed it to carry forward the historical lease classification.

The adoption of FASB ASC 842 resulted in the recognition of operating right-of-use assets of \$194,387 and operating lease liabilities of \$194,387 as of July 1, 2022. Results for periods beginning prior to July 1, 2022 continue to be reported in accordance with our historical accounting treatment. The adoption of FASB ASC 842 did not have a material impact on the Council's consolidated statements of activities or cash flows. See Note 7 for additional information.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Date of Management’s Review

In preparing the financial statements, the Council has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through November 17, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 – Prior Period Adjustment

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, management discovered that a prior period adjustment was needed to properly record per capita receivables, net. The effect of this adjustment for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 was to increase per capita receivables, net by \$45,827, increase per capita dues revenues by \$3,537, and increase the beginning balance of net assets without donor restrictions by \$42,290. The fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 financial statements presented herein have been restated to reflect this adjustment.

Note 3 – Concentrations and Credit Risk

The Council employs cash management techniques that attempt to maximize interest income and minimize uninsured balances in their financial institutions and investment firms, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the Security Investment Protection Corporation (SIPC). Effective January 1, 2013, deposit insurance coverage by the FDIC was changed to \$250,000 per bank per entity for all interest bearing and non-interest bearing accounts. Securities are protected by the SIPC which currently protects brokerage accounts up to \$500,000 in securities, including up to \$250,000 for cash. Additional coverage is frequently offered for brokerage accounts for amounts in excess of the \$500,000 SIPC limit. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Council had uninsured cash and investment balances of \$1,861,486 and \$2,089,393, respectively. It is the Council’s policy to maintain these accounts at high quality investment firms and financial institutions. The Council has not experienced any losses in these accounts in the past.

Note 4 – Investments

At June 30, 2023 and 2022, investments consisted of the following:

Investments:	2023	2022
Bond funds	\$ 618,008	\$ 537,024
Real estate funds	95,742	-
Stock funds	1,147,732	1,285,955
Total	\$ 1,861,482	\$ 1,822,979

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022***Note 5 – Fair Value Disclosures**

The Council follows the provisions of FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, whose provisions relate to the Council's financial assets and liabilities be carried at fair value and the Council's fair value disclosures related to financial assets and liabilities. FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, expands related disclosure requirements, and specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on the nature of the inputs used to develop the fair value measures.

Guidance provided by the FASB defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When measuring fair value, a fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Council has the ability to access at the measurement date. The type of investments included in Level 1 includes listed equities and listed derivatives.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The valuation methods used may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of the net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Council believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2023.

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

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 5 – Fair Value Disclosures (continued)

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Council’s assets and liabilities at fair value as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

Description	2023 Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:				
Bond funds	\$ 618,008	\$ 618,008	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	95,742	95,742	-	-
Stock funds	1,147,732	1,147,732	-	-
Total	\$ 1,861,482	\$ 1,861,482	\$ -	\$ -

Description	2022 Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:				
Bond funds	\$ 537,024	\$ 537,024	\$ -	\$ -
Stock funds	1,285,955	1,285,955	-	-
Total	\$ 1,822,979	\$ 1,822,979	\$ -	\$ -

Note 6 – Related Party

State Council Charities (the “Organization”) is a related nonprofit organization and the Council has a direct controlling financial interest in the Organization. The Council records all shared personnel expenses in the Council’s accounting records and then allocates the cost to the Organization based on the personnel’s allocation of time. The Organization reimburses the Council for all costs associated with the use of employees incurred by the Council on behalf of the Organization. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Council incurred and was subsequently reimbursed for \$106,802 and \$102,724, respectively, in personnel costs on behalf of the Organization. Total receivables from the Organization at June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$27,920 and \$120, respectively.

Note 7 – Operating Lease Commitments

The Council entered into various operating lease agreements set to expire at various dates through February 2028.

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 7 – Operating Lease Commitments (continued)

The following summarizes the line items in the statements of financial position for the operating leases as of June 30, 2023:

Operating leases:	
Operating right-of-use assets	<u>\$ 126,594</u>
Operating lease liability – short-term	\$ 68,591
Operating lease liability – long-term	<u>58,003</u>
Total operating lease liabilities	<u>\$ 126,594</u>

The following summarizes the weighted-average remaining operating lease term and discount rate as of June 30, 2023 :

Weighted-average remaining lease term:	
Operating leases	2.05 years
Weighted-average discount rate:	
Operating leases	0.98%

Future minimum operating lease payments are as follows:

<i>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</i>	Undiscounted Cash Flows	Interest	Discounted Cash Flows
2024	\$ 69,492	\$ (901)	\$ 68,591
2025	45,088	(366)	44,722
2026	10,924	(169)	10,755
2027	1,647	(71)	1,576
2028	960	(10)	950
Total	<u>\$ 128,111</u>	<u>\$ (1,517)</u>	<u>\$ 126,594</u>

The following summarizes the line items in the statements of functional expenses which include the components of the operating lease expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

Operating lease expense	\$ 67,793
Interest expense	<u>1,371</u>
Total operating lease costs	<u>\$ 69,164</u>

Texas State Council

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 7 – Operating Lease Commitments (continued)

The following summarizes cash flow information related to operating leases for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities:	
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ <u>69,164</u>

Note 8 – Retirement Plans

The Council maintains a 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan (the “Plan”) that covers staff employees who meet certain eligibility requirements. The Plan requires the Council to make contributions of 6% of eligible salaries. The Council’s contributions to the Plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$6,873 and \$6,738, respectively. The Council also maintains a defined contribution retirement plan (the “Contribution Plan”) that covers the Executive Secretary. The Contribution Plan requires the Council to make contributions of 6% of eligible salary. The Council’s contributions to the Contribution Plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$5,409 and \$5,303, respectively.

Note 9 – Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

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

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 226,087	\$ 511,716
Receivables collectible in less than one year	65,266	96,772
Investments	<u>1,861,482</u>	<u>1,822,979</u>
Total financial assets	<u>2,152,835</u>	2,431,467
With donor restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs For Expenditures Within One Year	<u>\$ 2,152,835</u>	\$ 2,431,467

Audited Financial Statements

State Council Charities

*For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022
With Independent Auditor's Report*

State Council Charities

Audited Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 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 statements of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of State Council Charities as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the fiscal years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

State Council Charities does not combine a related nonprofit organization which has a direct controlling financial interest in State Council Charities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require such a combination. If the financial statements of the Texas State Council had been combined with those of State Council Charities, total net assets would have been increased by \$2,114,829 and \$2,273,754 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the change in net assets would decrease by \$158,925 and \$440,696 for the fiscal years then ended, all respectively.

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 statements of activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require investments to be reported at fair value. The effects of this departure are not readily determinable.

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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.

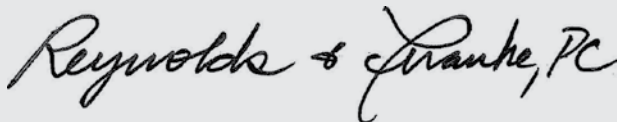
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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
November 17, 2023

Audited Financial Statements

State Council Charities

Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 31,406	\$ 84,949
Other receivables	23,036	-
Prepaid expenses	17,678	14,780
Total current assets	72,120	99,729
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	44,650	52,865
Investments, at cost	1,152,646	1,109,184
Operating investments, at fair value	647,692	664,836
Total assets	\$ 1,917,108	\$ 1,926,614
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 592,096	\$ 618,606
Accounts payable - related party	27,920	120
Total current liabilities	620,016	618,726
Total liabilities	620,016	618,726
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	99,796	145,839
With Board designations	758,098	735,718
Total without donor restrictions	857,894	881,557
With donor restrictions	439,198	426,331
Total net assets	1,297,092	1,307,888
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,917,108	\$ 1,926,614

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

State Council Charities

Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and Revenues:			
Contributions	\$ 1,033,964	\$ 20,792	\$ 1,054,756
Investment earnings	81,967	-	81,967
Total support and revenues	<u>1,115,931</u>	<u>20,792</u>	<u>1,136,723</u>
Net assets released from donor restrictions	<u>7,925</u>	<u>(7,925)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support, revenues, and reclassifications	<u>1,123,856</u>	<u>12,867</u>	<u>1,136,723</u>
Expenses:			
Program services	1,040,728	-	1,040,728
Fundraising	66,825	-	66,825
General and administrative	39,966	-	39,966
Total expenses	<u>1,147,519</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,147,519</u>
Total change in net assets	(23,663)	12,867	(10,796)
Net assets, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>881,557</u>	<u>426,331</u>	<u>1,307,888</u>
Net assets, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 857,894</u>	<u>\$ 439,198</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,092</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

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

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, 2023

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>General and Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries and wages	\$ 85,442	\$ 5,340	\$ 16,020	\$ 106,802
Contributions	739,471	-	-	739,471
Financial grants	99,033	-	-	99,033
Grants and support	94,542	-	-	94,542
Fundraising	-	60,657	3,229	63,886
Other operations	13,240	828	2,482	16,550
Contract services	-	-	14,935	14,935
Publication	9,000	-	-	9,000
Miscellaneous	-	-	3,300	3,300
	<u>\$ 1,040,728</u>	<u>\$ 66,825</u>	<u>\$ 39,966</u>	<u>\$ 1,147,519</u>
Total expenses				
Percentage of total expenses	<u>91%</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>100%</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

	Program Services	Fundraising	General and Administrative	Total
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
Total expenses	\$ 1,065,995	\$ 62,074	\$ 36,731	\$ 1,164,800
Percentage of total expenses	92%	5%	3%	100%

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

State Council Charities

Statements of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (10,796)	\$ (76,949)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(51,497)	71,394
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	8,215	(52,865)
Other receivables	(23,036)	26,498
Prepaid expenses	(2,898)	(1,500)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(26,510)	(36,819)
Accounts payable - related party	27,800	(27,415)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(78,722)</u>	<u>(97,656)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales of investments	-	500,000
Sales (purchases) of investments, net	68,641	(398,629)
Contributions to Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	(21,082)	(5,000)
Contributions to Christopher Fund	(22,380)	(555)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>25,179</u>	<u>95,816</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(53,543)	(1,840)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the fiscal year	<u>84,949</u>	<u>86,789</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the fiscal year	<u>\$ 31,406</u>	<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 Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 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 periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Accounting

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

Basis of Presentation

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Financial 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 statements of activities as net assets released from donor restrictions.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Federal Income Taxes

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

The most significant tax positions of the Organization are its assertion that it is exempt from income taxes and its determination of whether any revenue amounts are subject to unrelated business income tax (UBIT). Management has determined that the Organization had no activities subject to UBIT during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 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, 2022, 2021, and 2020 are open to examination by the IRS as of June 30, 2023.

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

Allocation of Expenses

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

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenues

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

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 November 17, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 – Concentrations and Credit Risk

The Organization employs cash management techniques that attempt to maximize interest income and minimize uninsured balances in their financial institutions and investment firms, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the Security Investment Protection Corporation (SIPC). Effective January 1, 2013, deposit insurance coverage by the FDIC was changed to \$250,000 per bank per entity for all interest bearing and non-interest bearing accounts. Securities are protected by the SIPC which currently protects brokerage accounts up to \$500,000 in securities, including up to \$250,000 for cash. Additional coverage is frequently offered for brokerage accounts for amounts in excess of the \$500,000 SIPC limit. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Organization had uninsured cash and investment balances of \$1,800,287 and \$1,774,019, respectively. It is the Organization’s policy to maintain these accounts at high quality investment firms and financial institutions. The Organization has not experienced any losses in these accounts in the past.

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Note 2 – Concentrations and Credit Risk (continued)

During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, 91% and 88%, respectively, of total support and revenues comes either directly from the Knights of Columbus members or indirectly from the members through the various Knights of Columbus subordinate councils throughout Texas Catholic dioceses. Management believes the Organization is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to contributions from local councils.

Note 3 – Fair Value Disclosures

The Organization follows the provisions of FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, whose provisions relate to the Organization's financial assets and liabilities be carried at fair value and the Organization's fair value disclosures related to financial assets and liabilities. FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, expands related disclosure requirements, and specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on the nature of the inputs used to develop the fair value measures.

Guidance provided by the FASB defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When measuring fair value, a fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access at the measurement date. The type of investments included in Level 1 includes listed equities and listed derivatives.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The valuation methods used may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of the net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Organization believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2023.

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Note 3 – Fair Value Disclosures (continued)

The Organization’s financial instruments consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, other receivables, 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.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization’s assets and liabilities at fair value as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

Description	2023 Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:				
Bond funds	\$ 215,883	\$ 215,883	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate funds	32,949	32,949	-	-
Stock funds	398,860	398,860	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 647,692</u>	<u>\$ 647,692</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Description	2022 Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:				
Bond funds	\$ 162,790	\$ 162,790	\$ -	\$ -
Stock funds	502,046	502,046	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 664,836</u>	<u>\$ 664,836</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 4 – Operating Investments

At June 30, 2023 and 2022, operating investments consisted of the following:

Investments:	2023	2022
Bond funds	\$ 215,883	\$ 162,790
Real estate funds	32,949	-
Stock funds	398,860	502,046
Total	<u>\$ 647,692</u>	<u>\$ 664,836</u>

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Note 5 – Investments Managed by Related Party

The Christopher Fund is a matching fund contribution program established by the Supreme Council in 1992. Each year, the Organization may contribute to the fund up to \$5 per new Texas member to the Christopher Fund. The Christopher Fund 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, 2023 and 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, 2023 and 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, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Christopher Fund		
Supreme Council match per capita	\$ 569,340	\$ 546,960
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund		
Income (without restriction – Board-designated)	188,758	188,758
Contributions (with donor restrictions)	394,548	373,466
Total Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund	<u>583,306</u>	<u>562,224</u>
Total investments, at cost	<u>\$ 1,152,646</u>	<u>\$ 1,109,184</u>

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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, 2023:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Support Received</u>	<u>Released from Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:				
Disaster relief	\$ 17,821	\$ 1,679	\$ (2,500)	\$ 17,000
Ultrasound machine	23,075	10,000	(5,425)	27,650
Held in perpetuity:				
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund Corpus	<u>385,435</u>	<u>9,113</u>	-	<u>394,548</u>
Total	<u>\$ 426,331</u>	<u>\$ 20,792</u>	<u>\$ (7,925)</u>	<u>\$ 439,198</u>

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>385,435</u>
Total	<u>\$ 387,270</u>	<u>\$ 57,461</u>	<u>\$ (18,400)</u>	<u>\$ 426,331</u>

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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, 2023:

	<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	\$ 546,960	\$ 22,380	\$ -	\$ 569,340
Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund Income	<u>188,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,758</u>
Total	<u>\$ 735,718</u>	<u>\$ 22,380</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 758,098</u>

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 years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Council paid \$106,802 and \$102,724, respectively, in personnel costs, which were reimbursed by the Organization. Total payables due to the Council at June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$27,920 and \$120, respectively.

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Note 9 – Commitments and Contingencies

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

Note 10 – Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

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

The following reflects the Organization’s financial assets as of the statements of financial position date, reduced by amounts not available for general use within one year of the statements of financial position date because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions or internal designations. Amounts available include donor-restricted amounts that are available for expenditure in the following 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.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 31,406	\$ 84,949
Cash and cash equivalents with donor restrictions	44,650	52,865
Other receivables collectible in less than one year	23,036	-
Investments, at cost	1,152,646	1,109,184
Operating investments, at fair value	<u>647,692</u>	<u>664,836</u>
 Total financial assets	 1,899,430	 1,911,834
 With Board designations	 (758,098)	 (735,718)
With donor restrictions	<u>(439,198)</u>	<u>(426,331)</u>
 Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs For Expenditures Within One Year	 <u>\$ 702,134</u>	 <u>\$ 749,785</u>

ByLaws of The Texas State Council

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

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

ARTICLE II - STRUCTURE

SECTION 1. NAME AND JURISDICTION:

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

SECTION 2. LEGAL STRUCTURE:

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

SECTION 3. PURPOSES:

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

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP:

- (A) The voting membership of the State Council shall consist of: (1) the Grand Knight, and a Past Grand Knight or the Deputy Grand Knight, or their duly elected representatives, actually residing in the State of Texas from each Subordinate Council in good standing, and (2) State Officers.
- (B) Except as otherwise provided herein, the non-voting membership of the State Council, who shall be permitted all other privileges of membership, shall consist of: (1) Past State Deputies, (2) District Deputies, and (3) ex-officio State Officers.
- (C) 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 at the state convention.
- (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. APPENDICES:

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

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

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

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. STATE OFFICERS:

- (A) The officers of the State Council are: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, State Warden, Immediate Past State Deputy, and State Chaplain.
- (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 or are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus Assets Advisors. Such depositories shall be selected by a majority vote of the State Officers.
- (B) Any standard business depository procedure approved by a majority of the State Officers may be utilized by the State Treasurer or his designee to improve the efficiency and operation of the State Council.

SECTION 6. RECORD OF FUNDS:

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

SECTION 7. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:

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

SECTION 8. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM:

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

SECTION 9. SPECIAL AUDIT:

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

ARTICLE VI - CONVENTION

SECTION 1. DATE AND PLACE:

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

SECTION 2. PRESIDING OFFICER:

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

SECTION 3. CREDENTIALS:

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

SECTION 4. TEMPORARY ROLL CALL:

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

SECTION 5. DELEGATE SEATING CONTESTS:

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

SECTION 6. MEETINGS CONDUCTED:

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

SECTION 7. RESOLUTIONS:

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

- (C) sent to the Executive Secretary for distribution with the other resolutions or petitions. Prior to distribution, the Executive Secretary shall certify that each resolution or petition submitted to the State Officers has been duly submitted by the State Advocate to the State Officers as referenced in this paragraph. Unless a resolution or petition has been timely filed with the State Advocate, no resolution or petition shall be considered by the State Council except under the following conditions:
 - (1) the out of time resolution or petition must be:
 - (a) presented in writing for deliberation and recommendation at the meeting of the Resolutions Committee held in conjunction with the Convention; and
 - (b) once all timely Resolutions have been voted on, the State Advocate will announce the existence of the out of time resolution(s) or petition(s) to the Resolution Committee, and
 - (c) the presenter of the out of time Resolution will be allowed ten (10) minutes to present why the out of time resolution should be considered;
 - (d) the Resolution committee will vote on whether to allow the Resolution to go forward for a vote on the merits – a 2/3rd vote of the Resolution Committee members is required to proceed to the merits of the Resolutions;
 - (i) if the out of time Resolution does not receive a 2/3rd vote, no further action is required, the motion is defeated;
 - (ii) if the out of time Resolution receives 2/3rd vote, the presenter will have fifteen (15) minutes to present the merits of the out of time Resolution;
 - (iii) the Resolution committee members will vote on allowing the out of time Resolution to be allowed to be presented from the floor - a 2/3rd vote is required to pass;
 - (iv) if the out of time Resolution does not get 2/3rd vote of the Resolution committee the Resolution fails;
 - (v) if the Resolution committee approves the out of time Resolution by a 2/3rd vote, the out of time Resolution will be allowed to be presented to the State Delegates by a motion from the floor, after the votes on the on-time Resolutions,
 - (vi) the out of time Resolution will require a 2/3rd vote by the State Delegates to be heard;
 - (vii) if the out of time Resolution receives at least 2/3rd votes of the State Convention Delegates, the out of time Resolution will be considered to be approved for consideration by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at the Convention;
 - (2) all Resolutions approved for consideration by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting at the Convention.
 - (D) Resolutions of appreciation and memorial resolutions shall not be required to meet the provisions of Section 7 (B) and (C).

SECTION 8. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Order of Business of the Convention shall be:

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

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

SECTION 9. CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

- (A) The State Deputy shall establish and appoint the members to the Convention Committees which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. The Credentials Committee which shall consist of up to five (5) members, including the State Secretary who shall be the Chair.
 - 2. The Resolutions Committee which shall consist of not less than five (5) and

not more than nine (9) members, including the State Advocate, who shall be the Chair, a member of the Legal Affairs Committee, a Past State Deputy, a District Deputy, and Grand Knights.

3. The Good of the Order Committee, which shall consist of not less than seven (7) and not more than eleven (11) members, shall make a written report to the Convention. The State Treasurer or his designee shall be the Chair.
4. The Standing Audit Committee shall be the Convention Audit Committee and shall make a written report to the Convention of the finances of the State Council and its Affiliated Organization as of April 1. It shall also review and report on the finances of State Council and its Affiliated Organizations to the date of the Convention.
5. The Standing Budget Committee, which shall consist of the State Officers, shall make a written report to the Convention.
- (B) The membership of all Convention Committees, except the Standing Committees, shall consist of voting members of the State Council. All Convention Committees, except the Resolutions, the Good of the Order and the Credentials Committee, may be Standing Committees.

SECTION 10. CONVENTION REPORTS:

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

SECTION 11. LEAVING MEETING:

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

SECTION 12. MEETINGS AND ROBERT'S RULES:

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

ARTICLE VII- ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. FORM OF BALLOT:

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

SECTION 2. TELLERS:

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

SECTION 3. INDIVIDUAL BALLOTS:

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

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. PROCEDURE:

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

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:

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

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ByLaws of The Texas State Council Charities

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

SECTION 1. PURPOSE:

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

ARTICLE II – OFFICE

SECTION 1. OFFICE:

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

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP:

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

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETINGS:

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

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. MANAGEMENT:

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

SECTION 2. NUMBER, QUALIFICATION, ELECTION AND TERM:

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

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

SECTION 3. CHANGE IN NUMBER:

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

SECTION 4. PLACE OF MEETINGS:

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

SECTION 5. REGULAR MEETINGS:

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

SECTION 6. SPECIAL MEETINGS:

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

SECTION 7. QUORUM AND MAJORITY VOTE:

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

SECTION 8. REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR:

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

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NUMBER, QUALIFICATION, ELECTION AND TERM:

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

SECTION 2. PRESIDENT:

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

SECTION 3. VICE PRESIDENT-SECRETARY:

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

SECTION 4. VICE PRESIDENT-SPIRITUAL:

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

SECTION 5. VICE PRESIDENT-LEGAL:

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

SECTION 6. VICE PRESIDENT–ARRANGEMENTS:

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

SECTION 7. TREASURER:

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

SECTION 8. IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY:

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

ARTICLE VI – GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. BOOKS AND RECORDS:

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

SECTION 2. SEAL:

The Corporation elects to have no seal.

SECTION 3. NOTICES:

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

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

- A. Any action required by statute to be taken at a meeting of the members or the directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members or the directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors, as the case may be, entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, and such

consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the directors, as the case may be. The signed consent or a signed copy shall be placed in the minutes book.

- B. Members and directors may participate in and hold a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment so that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

SECTION 5. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

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

SECTION 6. AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS:

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