



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GALVESTON-HOUSTON CHAPTER**



CHAPTER PRESIDENT JD GUTIERREZ
Meets at the Northside Columbus Club
607 E Whitney St
Houston, TX 77022

MinOutes of the Regular Business Meeting: April 9, 2024

Monthly Pro-Life Rosary - 6:30pm: Fr. Paul Chovanec led the Rosary for Life before the Chapter meeting.

Presentations:

Mrs. Sarah Cortez, Founder and President of Catholic Literary Arts, provided an update on the next Fearless Catholic Writing Camp on June 10 - 14 at The University of St. Thomas. The Writing Camp started six (6) years ago as a non-profit with 50 students attending and has averaged 50% growth rate each year. This year we expect two Hundred (200) children to attend the weeklong camp. She made an appeal for scholarships and personal donations to support students who want to attend but family finances will not allow them to attend. Ms. Cortez presented testimonies from families that have asked for scholarships to assist their child in attending. The cost for one student attending the camp is \$275.00. She asked all to explore how your council or individual can help this worthy cause. For those Grand Knights or Councils not familiar with the program, please preview the website: <https://www.catholicliteraryarts.org/2024-fearless-catholic-writing-camp>. There is even a short video of students reading their work. This is a worthy endeavor to educate and build literary talent for future generations of Catholics. Please explore how your council can help this worthy cause. Thank You

President JD Gutierrez, provide a short presentation on the new Chapter Website which is now up and running. The good news, the new website will accept existing contact information so member log-in will be seamless. JD asked if there are any questions, likes or dislikes with the website. One suggested changing the background color, away from gray.

Meeting: Called to order by Chapter President JD Gutierrez at 7:35pm.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Paul Chovanec Chapter Chaplain lead all in prayer

Pledge of Allegiance: District Master James Hatcher was not present and the pledge was led by Robert Alcala,

Opening Ode sung by all.

Memoriam for Deceased Brothers

A moment of silence was held for our Brother Knights: SK Philip Gonzalez Council 14512, PGK Pete Davila Council 8404, Richard Mayfield Council 3217, John DeFlora Council 9709, SK Matt Maciejewski Council 8482 and any Brother Knight that has passed on to their eternal rest during the period from the previous meeting until today. Chapter president called for a moment of silence. Robert Alcala, Chapter Vice President moved the memorial chair to its place of honor at the head table.

Chaplain's Report: Fr. Paul Chovanec

Acknowledged Worthy State Officers, Worthy Chapter Officers, Worthy Brothers All.

I have a handful of things I would like to call to your attention this evening:

1. Obviously, we have gotten through Lent, Holy Week, Easter and the solar eclipse. But I want to remind us as whatever good practices we endeavored to add to our spiritual life during Lent, let's keep those up throughout the Easter Season. It always strikes me as very Catholic, in the unfortunate sense, that we can get worked-up about our sins, turn away from sin and such, then when we receive the grace of Holy Week somehow it doesn't excite us quite as much as our worry on the sins we were trying to repent, Lent did its work, Now is the time for the Easter Season to call us to gratitude, devotion and maintenance of the Lenten practices we started at the beginning of Lent.
2. State Convention is coming. I hope to be there beginning on Friday afternoon until evening. Saturday from noon until 9:00pm, mostly as I want to support Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00 – 9:00pm. So, I invite everyone to make the effort to be there during the Banquet, Saturday night events and invite someone to be there at these times.



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3. The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washing D.C, has finally received their official statue of Blessed Michael McGivney, The Statue of our Founder was dedicated in the National Shrine's Hall of American Saints on December 8, 2023. Cardinal Christoph Piere, the Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S., dedicated the statue following the solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop William Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus and Monsignor Rossi, Director of the Basilica participate in the Rite of Dedication. How wonderful that our Saintly Founder is commemorated and Honored in the National Shrine in our Nation's Capital.
4. That being said, let's remember to get excited about our own opportunity to enshrine our own statue of Blessed Michael McGivney at St. Mary's Seminary here in Houston so he will always be a good example to the seminarians preparing to be Priests in service to our Archdiocese and several other Dioceses in Texas.
5. Lastly, if any of you were praying to St. Anthony to help me find my rosary, "He came through." I thought I lost it at the 4th Degree Exemplification in Lake Jackson and "poor" Paul Benke looked high and low for it in Lake Jackson, while all the time in it was under the seat of my car. It is my Knights of Columbus Rosary, "my KC rosary" and I was having a sad chapter believing I lost it. I do have other rosaries, but that is my KC rosary. I am very happy to have it back! I hope we all have Knights of Columbus rosary, carry it in your pocket, pull it out and pray it often, maybe even daily.

God Bless You...

Secretary's Report: Chapter Secretary - Vincent Stasio

Recognizing Fr. Paul, Worthy State Dignitaries, State Visitors and Brother Knights.

- A brief report tonight on attendance: eleven (11) State, Archdiocesan and Chapter Dignitaries, seventeen (17) District Deputies, forty (40) Council Delegates and two (2) visitors, did sign in, one being Mrs. Cortez. That is all I have to report. I now turn the meeting back to our worthy Chapter President, JD.
- Chapter President JD noted the meeting minutes for March were distributed via e-mail and also posted on the Chapter website. Do we have any corrections to the meeting minutes as posted? Any corrections, any corrections? Hearing none, called for a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Motion was made to accept the meeting minutes as posted, seconded and minutes are approved.
- Communications: The Chapter received three such communications:
First: communications for the "COOL" group, a lengthy letter, essentially containing their "State of the Union" message on what is to come next year and asking for financial support on their efforts with "pro-life." If you want to read this letter, I have it with me and you can read it after tonight's meeting. The Chapter does provide a monitory donation.
Second: We did receive a check (money back) from the Stafford Center, but don't know exactly why, but will explore it. I have asked our Chapter Treasure, Brother Cantrell, to look into it and report back to the membership.
Third: We received vintage photographs of the Texas Knights of Columbus from the 1920's, and it is posted on this board to my left, received from a women, Shella Boshare(?) from Fargo, North Dakota. Her great uncle Ed Weinberg was a Knight of Columbus and band member in Houston. These photos show and is titled, "the Knights of Columbus band in San Antonio and Houston and Knights from Houston and noted she did not want them to be lost, so sent them to us here in Houston. We believe they have some historical and archival value, So now, what are we to do with them. We don't know of a "KC Museum" here in Texas,
State Deputy Terry Fugue noted that we do have a State of Texas Archives for the "good stuff" and that is probably where this will go. He noted that Past Texas State Deputy, Doug E. Oldmixon is the Historian for the State in Austin, and he will know what to do with it. We, the Texas State Knight help fund the Catholic Archives. Terry will deliver these photos to PSD Doug Oldmixon. That is all I have on Communications.

At this time I call upon Charles Cantrell to present the Treasurer's Report. .

Treasurer's Report: Chapter Treasurer - Charles Cantrell

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1. Membership and Pre-Capita: 75 councils have paid pre-capita, which leaves only 18 councils that are delinquent.

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2. Chapter Bi-Laws state: if a member council is delinquent for three (3) or more years, they will be required to re-apply for Chapter membership. We have ten (10) councils that I will be sending notices of suspension.
- o Delinquent for seven (7) years, from District 66 - Councils 6812 and District 76 – Council 6859
 - o Delinquent for six (6) years District 81 - Council 3077 (pay Hospitality fee but not the pre-capita)
 - o Delinquent for five (5) years District 67 - Council 10562; District 81 - Council 15796; District 78 - Council 15949
 - o Delinquent for four (4) years District 89 - Council 8734; District 76-Council 13165; District 102 - Council 15105; District 67 – Council 16218

If you are the District Deputy for any of these Councils, I ask you to please talk to your Councils about the benefits of being a member of the Chapter.

GH Chapter Checking Account (ending March 2024)

- Checking: Starting Balance of \$137,304.22, had Deposits of \$7,424.86 less Debits of \$44,821.90 (which \$40,000.00 went into the CD's). Leaving an ending balance of \$99,907.18.
- Checks in Transit: five (5) check in transit; totaling \$1,436.42. Leaving an Account balance of \$98,470.76

GH Chapter Savings / CD Account

- Savings: beginning balance of \$0.00. Transferred \$25,000.00 and \$10,000.00 into the new CD's totaling \$35,000.00.

Total Chapter Funds balance of \$133.470.76

Chapter Earmarked Funds

- **Emergency Relief Fund:** No activity. We transferred funds into the new CD.
Emergency Fund CD Account balance of \$5,073.12 .
- **Knights for Life Account:** Beginning balance of \$24,277.82 less debit and transfer of \$15,000.00 into a CD and collected interest of \$2.75. Remaining balance of \$9, 280.57.
Knights for Life CD Account: Beginning balance of \$15,000.00
- **Galveston-Houston Convention Committee:**
Checking account: Beginning balance of \$34,680.98, plus deposit of \$32,217.99. Withdrawals of \$8,908.99, plus interest of \$0.06, leaving an ending balance of \$57,989.98.
Savings Account: Beginning balance of \$6, 381.11 plus \$0.05 in interest.

Total of Earmarked Funds of \$93,724.78

Any questions? Any Questions? Hearing none, that ends my report. Thank you.

Chapter President asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion was made and seconded. Then asked if there is any discussion, discussion, discussion. Hearing none, Vote to accept the treasurer's report was approved.

President's Report: Chapter President, JD Gutierrez

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- o Chapter Meal: Let's give David Keating and his team a round of applause for coordinating tonight's meal. Next month's meal will be provided by Annunciation Council 17060.
- o Chapter Elections: Wanted to remind everyone that Chapter elections are coming up. I have placed excerpts of the Bi-Laws and rules on the information table. Councils must be a registered member of the Chapter and be a member in good standing with your council dues paid. Any back dues must be paid up to date 30 days prior to the elections. which is May 12th. If you have any questions about Chapter dues please see Charles Cantrell, Chapter Treasurer.
- o I also put on the information table a listing of Councils which need to pay dues and/or have yet to submit a current Delegate form. In order for you to vote. We have a number of councils that have paid dues but did not submit a Delegate form, and many councils that have submitted a Delegate form but are delinquent to dues. Again, the list is on the table, if you believe it this is in error please see Charles Cantrell.
- o The elections will be conducted in the June Chapter meeting (June 11th) and new officers take office on July 1. You have until April 15 to submit to me **in writing** your intention to run for officer.

Are there any questions pertaining to the Presidents Report? Hearing none, we will move on to Committee Reports



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Chapter/Diocesan Committee Reports:

In the interest of time, we ask you to please try to keep reports short and to the point.

George Brooks – Culture of Life (the complete transcript as published by Dr. Brooks follows below)

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I sent out in separate emails and information sheet on how to conduct a “Baby Bottle Boomerang” as a fundraiser and I also sent an information sheet on how to fill a bus to Austin for the Texas Rally for Life next January..

If you have any questions, ask your District Deputy or pick up my card/contact information and sent me an e-mail so I can help.

Coog’s For Life: They did a couple of demonstrations concerning the “so-called” Satanic Golden Medusa, I placed photos on the back table, If you care to make a donation to support them, UofH charges a \$750 fee and they are strapped for money. If you can contribute to the efforts, please send me an e-mail and I will provide information on how to send that in. It is important that we create a body of “pro-life” leaders for tomorrow.

Margaret Hotze: I put some information on the table, as she passed away on March 27. After the Supreme court ruled in Roe vs. Wade in January 1973, she co-founded the Texas Right to Life. Later that year she helped open the first crisis pregnancy center and founded *The Life Advocate*, the only Life newspaper in Texas and served as editor. Go on-line and look up her obituary, she was a staunch support of Right to Life. After reading her obituary it will make you think that you have not done much

Gabriel Projects: Also remind councils to consider making (and budgeting) a donation to their parish Gabriel Project and to those parishes where Gabriel Projects are under pressure from women with significant needs. I have not attached information in order not to clutter this newsletter.

Remind the councils to send me the Donation Receipt Letter and the parish W-9 form so I can apply to Supreme and Chapter for additional grant money to these Gabriel Projects recipients. Have them contact me if they do not know how this works and you are unable to explain it.

ACE Wings: Encourage councils that do not have a program to start an ACE Wings program. Have them contact me for information, and I will be happy to visit and help them get started.

For those who have an ACE Wings program, I am likewise eager to help any way I can, for example help with motivating men to participate. At the same time, I have had much success enrolling new members to the council in the ACE Wings program. I meet them at the CUF and sign them up. Becoming qualified to wear the ACE Wings is part of their formation as a new Knight. I will contact them to participate in qualifying Pro-Life events and keep track of the events they have completed.

I have not attached more information on those events that are qualified for the ACE Wings program, but I have an explanatory document for those men that I am eager to share.

Pregnancy Centers: Don’t forget about the pregnancy centers the need help or Ultrasound machines. Please e-mail me and I will help wherever and whenever.

Upcoming Pro-Life Events

As always, please visit: https://buildingacultureoflife.org/?page_id=46

1. March 6-April 15: Diaper drive for Adria Women’s Health, 10000 Emmett F. Lowry, Suit1240, Texas City, TX 77591, call Aubrey (409) 945-2888 (diapers and other items always needed for their clients).
2. April 12: PACN Spring Gala “Arise”, 7:00PM, The Woodlands Waterway Marriott, 1601Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, TX. 77380. Featuring Charlie Kirk as keynote speaker.
<https://pacncommunity.org/gala/> <https://pacn.ejoinme.org/register> <https://pacn.org/>
3. April 20: Helpers, Mass for the Unborn, 8:00 AM, St. Ambrose, 4213 Mangum Road. Followed by Rosary and prayers at Women’s Reproductive Services, park and assemble at Lyndon’s BBQ, 5320 Hollister.
4. April 20: LifeFirst 2024 Dinner for Life, 5:00 PM, Mims Baptist Church, 1609 Porter Road, Conroe. Keynote speaker Dr. George Delgado, main developer of the Abortion Pill Reversal medical protocol. <https://lifefirst.org/2024-dinner-for-life/>
5. April 20: Loving Choice fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 14512, following the 5:30pm Mass at St. Edward Catholic Church, Parish Life Center, 2601 Spring Stuebner Rd, Spring, TX.
6. May 10: Houston Coalition for Life Annual Benefit Dinner, 6:00-9:30 pm, Bayou City Event Center, 9401 Knight Rd, <https://files.constantcontact.com/b8a0abae201/6a803f07-bd41-4984-a821-e0333f2743bd.pdf?rdr=true>



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7. May 12: Mother's Day, celebrate our mothers who chose to give us life.
8. May 18: Helpers, Mass for the Unborn, 8:00 AM, Annunciation Catholic Church, 1618 Texas Ave., Houston, followed by Rosary and prayers at Planned Parenthood, 4600 Gulf Fwy,
9. June: Helpers: Cancelled at present due to the proposed site for the prayers, Women's Center of Houston, is closed permanently.

Current Events: ! Watch for events celebrating the Dobbs decision in June 2022. https://buildingacultureoflife.org/?page_id=45
This is where I post educational updates on important pro-life events. I recently posted the story about the "Satanic Golden Medusa" (2-14-24). I will soon be updating the stories on the lawsuit against the FDA for permitting women to be harmed by getting the abortion pills without seeing a doctor and having an ultrasound.

Feel free to visit, subscribe, or encourage others who wish to be kept informed on the progress of important issues.

Respectfully: George A. Brooks, MD, PhD. Culture of Life Director Knights of Columbus, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
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Larry Massey - Seminarian Vocation / RSVP Report

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1. I put a packet on the information table, I added the months of April, May and June designating a day of pray for each seminarian. So, today remember Mitchell Schumann in prayer today. He is from St. Ignatius Parish and is now studying in Rome.
2. Let me say, "it is an honor to hang with you guys" and here's why, your contribution to the seminary is at \$91,000.00, \$91,000,00 let that soak in. Our goal was \$90,000.00 by June 30, and we still have more donations coming in. That is just good stuff.

I am thinking we will do celebration in July, to be announced. Thank you all for the great work. The seminarians thank you too.

Chris Perales - VA Visitation Coordinator

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1. Tonight I placed a "Board" back there with the latest updates, You can see what your Council and/or Assembly is doing so far this year. As of tonight's meeting, the Archdiocese has a total of 1556 hours of Brothers going to the VA.
2. This month Councils contributed 89 hours and Assemblies Contributed 259 hours. This is a reminder to bring your families. Children should be 15 years or older.
3. This past Sunday, we had a good turnout of fifteen (15) Brothers that visited the Veterans, So, we are doing pretty good and our attendance numbers are slowly improving. .
4. I would like to thank each and everyone who is making the effort to attend. The VA Staff loves us, the Veteran's love us and Fr. Innocence loves us.

Thank you very much. I hope to see you at the visitation very soon. Vivat Jesus!!!

John Williams - American Wheelchair Mission.

1. Thanks to the Council's that have already contributed to the Wheelchair Mission Fund. As of March 31, Galveston-Houston donated \$74, 205.00, about \$8,000.00 behind where we were at this time last year.
2. Brother Charles Cantrell and I have a very small inventory of wheelchairs. Those inventories have dwindled quickly and we need to figure out how to replenish them quickly. We have been getting more request than I have seen before. I ask if your council makes a request for a wheelchair that they help donate to purchase the wheelchairs.
3. A wheelchair costs \$150.00 each. I have asked each Council to budget and donate \$500.00 to the Wheelchair Mission.

Thank You for your donations.



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Old Business:

I ask if there is any Old Business to come before the Chapter, any old Business. Hearing none, I move to New Business

New Business:

Chapter President ask if there is any New business to come before the Chapter members.

Alfred Zintec member of St. Faustina Council 16103 and Assembly 2721. I am here tonight asking every Council, Assembly and District to contribute to the building of a brand-new St. Faustina Church in Katy, Texas that will house 2,000 seats. I am soliciting your prayers and the opportunity to build the Kingdom of God on the west side of Houston. Pledges will be accepted in any denomination. I know we support a lot of projects and support a lot of efforts, But I say, building more Churches to build the Kingdom here in Houston is the most important. This church will cost between \$40 – \$45 Million. Please join me in making this project a reality. with your donations. See me after the meeting or go on-line to St. Faustina Church website. Thank you....

Frederick Sunderman Council 6557. I would like to bring up for consideration to the Chapter and Councils. My son and family have a ministry called 3-2-1 voices.com where we record people saying the rosary. We are willing to come to the June Chapter meeting and record the rosary prior to our Chapter meeting,. If approved by the Chapter members, we will record and publish pictures, running in the background, of the different councils reciting the rosary. We will pay the music rights to publish and show the event on YouTube. **Question:** you are not asking for any money for this. **Answer:** No, just permission to record, publish and post on YouTube. My children work for radio station KSBJ 1430 AM. It will be free/no charge.

Chapter President noted he would like more details on how this will work before asking for a motion. He requested the Chapter be provided with more detail before going to approval.

Chapter President ask if there is any other New business. Hearing none, he asked the Worthy Diocesan Deputy for his report,

Diocesan Deputy Report – Ron Frerich

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1. Everyone grab a pen and write this date down; April 18 at 7:00pm CST. There is a webinar titled, “Practical tips for a strong finish.” I need you to get this out to all of the Grand Knights. District Deputies need to go on-line right now and register for this presentation. DDs were sent a registration site, and you need to view this webinar, Galveston-Houston needs a strong finish. We are on track to do better than last year, but that doesn't mean we will actually do better. We need Star Council. Getting Star means you are supporting your Pastors and Parishes. Pastor's tell me they need help!!
2. SP-7: DDs I need you to fill out a SP-7 for each of your councils. You know your councils and you go to all their events. and you know what they do. So, fill out an SP-7 and then meet with the Grand Knight and review it with him. We have GK's that do not realize all the councils has done already. Some of the Grand Knights have turned theirs in, but many have not. We need to get this done now, don't wait for June, do it now,
3. Star Districts: three District Deputies in the State already have made Star District, one in Dallas and two are in Galveston Houston, that's Rick Johnson and Bob Schmith. Thank you guys (applause by all). That means they have Star Councils. We have five DD's in the top 25 in Texas and hopefully all five will make Star District. If your council has completed the four Programs and achieved sixteen credits, get them turned in. Many of the Councils are good at turning in the Form 10784. If you council is not so good at it, I ask the GK's and FS's to make sure you turn in a completed Form 10784 for each program. I do not want to see the SP-7 turned back due to lack of information. All the Program information is to be listed the 10784 as there is no room to expound on the SP -7
4. Membership: we are doing pretty good this month, as we are at 36.11% of our membership goal for April. We have a “boat load” of exemplifications coming up this month. I encourage you to get your e-membership roles down by getting the e-members to an exemplification The on-line exemplifications are working really well, There are a number of Councils doing these with much success. Use the on-line exemplifications if this is what it takes to get them in.

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- 5 Star Tracker: please check your Star Tracker, which tracks all the programs needed for Star. We are falling behind on Safe Environment and Fraternal Benefits. Safe Environment, if we are out supporting our kids and families, I don't understand why we are not getting Directors and Grand Knights into the training. It is almost too late, as the deadline is May 1st. If you do not have your members certified before the end of this month you cannot make Star Council no matter how well you do with membership or programs.
- 6 Fraternal Benefits: We had a bunch of members attend the Fraternal Benefits webinar on April 2nd. Grand Knights make sure you get the names turned in. No other webinars are scheduled right now, so you may have to do in-person events.
- 7 Affiliate Membership Initiative: AMI's are due in May. You need to get those members names to the District Deputies.
- 8 Supreme Per-Capita. There are some councils that have not paid yet. I sent that information out to the District Deputies. Pre-Capita is due tomorrow, so you need to go on-line and pay by credit card or you will be suspended. If you council is suspended you cannot vote for the Chapter Officers or send delegates to the State Convention.
- 9 Texas State Convention: we still need volunteers and helpers. The Friday night event is in need of people to help. We need people to sign up for Country Store to sell convention products and items. We have good leaders but they need helpers to man the sales tables. There are a bunch of other tasks that need helpers, Don Quintero will need helpers in setting up the Altar and Sacred item for both Saturday and Sunday Mass and moving the Altar off the stage after mass. We need volunteers to haul these items from the Dominican Center to the Hotel and then back on Sunday/Monday.
- 10 Coog's for Life: I do want to ask for monetary support/donations for the Googs for Life. They ran the protest march against the Golden Medusa, that Dr. George talked about, and had to pay the University a fee for security and cleanup. We need to help them out, as it is about \$700 for each event. If you can donate please send checks to the Chapter, and in the memo line note "dedicated funds Goog's for Life." David Bartlett is the president of the Goog's for Life and joined the Knights at the exemplification last month, which brought in four new members He is a strong individual. They are college students and do not have any funds. This will help bring focus to the Knights and bring in more members, That's all I have. You are doing a great job. Thank you...

State Officers, State Committeemen and Worthy Master Reports

Chapter President asked for State Committeeman to come forward to give their Reports.

- **Reed Fontenot - Texas State Council State Charities Director**
Announced: My council has adopted a resolution supporting my candidacy to State Office. Every council has received a copy of this resolution by e-mail. I am available to speak to anyone who would like to visit "one-on-one" about my qualifications.
- **Jerry Moch – State Convention Golf Committee Chairman**
 1. I am happy to announce today that our Convention Golf Committee in now operating about **\$4,000.00 in the black**. All our fixed expenses and anticipated expenses are paid for and we are in pretty good shape. So, from this point forward 100% of any new registration or sponsorship will go directly to support convention operations and our designated "Pro-Life" charity the Loving Choice Pregnancy Center in Spring, Texas.
 2. We currently have ninety-sever (97) players from nine Dioceses across this great State of Texas, and we still have room for thirty-one (31) more. **Players do not need to attend the convention**. So, pass the word that we can take new registrations until April 20, If you can't play we are asking Councils and Brother Knights to sponsor a hole for \$125.00 or a custom Pin Flag that you can display in your office or council chambers.
 3. We are planning a premium tournament with an on-site cook, with hot Breakfast Tacos and a tasty Brisket luncheon cooked on site by brothers from Council 6557, recruited by ADD John Williams, "thank you John." If you didn't know, Council 6557 won two 1st Place Prizes at the Houston Livestock Show Bar-B-Que Cookoff
 4. Tournament fliers are on the table or go on-line to the Convention website and register on-line. If you have any questions contact me, my number is on the flier.Thank you Brothers. Vivat Jesus...

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- **Tony Butera State Convention Hospitality Suite**

Recognized Fr. Paul, State Officers, Diocesan Deputy, Chapter Officers, and All Brothers Hospitality Suite at the State Convention, My Council 6878 is in charge of the Hospitality Suite.

1. **Football Frenzy:** How many of you Councils sold all their tickets last year? I told you guys I would personally award the top DD and Top Council with a monetary donation. Every Grand Knight is to pick up football Frenzy tickets for the next fraternal year. So, If you Grand Knights pick up your Football Frenzy tickets on Friday at the Convention, I will give you a special pass to the Hospitality Suite. If you don't, we have a "big Bouncer" that will keep you out.
2. **District Deputies:** If your Grand Knights do not pick them up by Sunday morning, your DD's will be all over you, We have the tickets bagged for each District and the District Deputy will have to come get them and distribute to you.
3. The State Pre-Capita was increased last year, first time in a very long time, So the more tickets we sell the better change we have to cover expenses and keep Pre-Capita down where it is.
4. We are going to have a great Hospitality room and everyone here is welcome. So, come see us and we will have a great Stater Convention. Hope to see you there. Thanks ...

Note: Chapter President JD announced Saturday's lunch will be distributed from the hospitality suite. Make sure you spread the word to your delegates to go to Houston's Hospitality Suite and get lunch.

- **Antonio "Tido" Perales - State VA Visitation**

Recognized Fr. Paul, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Diocesan Deputy, Chapter Officers, and All Brothers I am here on behalf of our State Program Director, Brother Pat Henz, to pass on a message to you.

1. There is still time to submit your "Family of the Month" as you have until Monday, April 15 to get it done.
2. **Programs:** If you need to complete Programs, make sure you get these in on time to qualify for the Columbia Award.
3. Pat wants me to extend his thanks for everything you are doing and to keep up the good work.

God Bless you all. Vivat Jesus ...

Note: Chapter President JD announced next year's State Convention will be in Corpus Christi. We are in need of a Council to run the Hospitality Suite. Expenses for the suite are paid by the Chapter. If your Council will take the lead on this please contact me.

Chapter President noted that James Hatcher, Master of the First District of Texas is absent tonight.

- **Worthy District Marshall Robert Alcala will present his report:**

Recognized Fr. Paul, State Offices, Diocesan Deputy, Chapter dignitaries and Brothers All, I bring you the report from our Worthy District Master James Hatcher.

1. I would like to thank all Sir Knights that helped in the Easter and Lenten events. This is a very special time in our Liturgical year and each of you helped to make it much more special. Thank you again.
2. The month of April does not slow down from March as we enter the Easter Season on our journey to Pentecost. This pass Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday and parishes across the First District celebrated this day with special programs, music, and the reciting of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.
3. This coming Saturday, April 13, 2024, we will have two district turnouts.
First: The Biennial Meeting for the First District of Texas at St. Jerome Catholic Church located at 8825 Kempwood Dr. The meeting is held in the Parish Activity Center and is open to all Sir Knights. Please remember to bring an up-to-date 3rd and 4th degree membership card. Proper attire is encouraged for all.
Second event: At the same time on Saturday is the Solemnity of the Cathedrals and the dedication of the New Fiorenza Plaza. I urge all Sir Knights not attending the biennial meeting to please go to the Co-Cathedral for mass and dedication. Assemble time is at 9:45 am and Celebration is at 10:00
4. On April 26-28, 2024, will be the 120th annual Texas State Convention to be held right here in Houston at the Hilton of the Americas. We will have opening mass on Saturday morning April 27, 2024, with Cardinal



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DiNardo and the Memorial Mass on Sunday morning with our State Chaplain, Bishop Sis from the Diocese of San Angelo. I hope all Sir Knights will come and join their Brother Sir Knights from across Texas

5. I would like to remind all Sir Knights that our next 4th degree exemplification will be June 22, 2024, at St. Simon and Jude in the Woodlands. I hope you will make preparations to attend and better yet, recruit a good Catholic gentleman to be part of the 4th degree. Come and support your candidate at the exemplification.

In closing, Sir Knight James Hatcher wishes you and your families a very special and blessed Lent and Easter. Lastly, Sir Knight David Lambrix, Quarter Master, is here helping to selling any of the Fourth Degree District apparel. Please help support the Fourth Degree in that fund raiser. Come see SK Lambrix after the meeting.

Chapter President announced, at this time, I call upon our State Treasurer Bob Goss.

- **Bob Goss – State Treasurer**

Recognizing Fr. Paul, Worthy State Deputy, and Worthy Brothers All

First and foremost, thank you, what a great job. I can't remember when Galveston-Houston did not hit their membership quota. You have that chance, by going out there talking to your council getting new members, We can do it.

1. As I said before, people are watching, inspire them. invite them and let them join, In that way we can help our Parishes, our Priests, our Council. You do this, you get \them to join. Thank you for that.
2. Charities: You hit your goal but keep going. We would like to get more donations for Cardinal DiNardo. I hear he will be at every Mass during the Convention. That is what you mean to him. Show up at the Convention. Tell you Brother Knights to show up. If you can, bring your wives. When the wives see and learn what you do they will come. As I said before, my Fiancé Sheryl watched the Knights and now believes we are not just talk! Because of our former Assistant State Chaplain, during the organization meeting last yest, he asked her "how it is going? She answered, "not so good." Fr. Mark jumped on it, and the Cardinal noticed she lives out of state and allowed her to do "zoom" meetings for preparation. The Easter Vigil was the most wonderful ceremony. She was the only convert, There were some young kids that joined the faith, but she was the only convert, and it was pretty neat. I asked her several time at the end of the day, how was it? She said Awesome, Every day she said Awesome. The Brother Knights at the meeting held a reception for her at 1:00am. Fr. Mark was there and about twenty other people. That is what Knights do. She is still glowing from the experience. So, when I tell you these things, you make the difference,
3. Protect you families. If you can only afford the Knights of Columbus annuities, get an annuity to protect your families, so they have some financial security when you are gone.
4. Fraternal Benefit Nights: You can bring Catholic families to attend. They don't have to be in the Knights of Columbus to learn about our insurance protection. Bring them in, let them listen to the Insurance presentation, Let the wives know about the insurance and learn about other benefits like annuities and long-term care insurance..
5. State Convention: You know it is April 26–28, Your heard our Diocesan Deputy, and our Brother Don say they need help. Get involved and help. When your wife and children see what you do, they will support your efforts even more.
6. Tell your delegates this is important as they get to see how the Knights of Columbus function, If you are a delegate, you vote on the resolutions, you vote on the budget, and you vote on the State Officers. You get to choose. There are some really good guys running for State office. You make it happen,

God Bless and thank you for what you do

Chapter President asked all to join him in welcoming our State Deputy, Terry Frugé

- **Terry Frugé - Texas State Deputy**

Recognized Rev. Fr. Paul, Worthy State Officers and Brother Knights... Thank you!

1. We have been doing a lot of work all year leading up to this month by the Galveston Houston Convention



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Committee. I know you guys will do an incredible job.

2. Membership: Galveston-Houston Membership for April, as of now, you have 26 new members, which is 36% of April's goal, Statewide, yesterday we reported passing Florida. In Division 1, we are sitting at 89% of our Circle of Honor goal. Hopefully by the convention will be in the 90's. So, it is a question of "when" we will make out goal.
3. District Deputies: In the past years, we have had an incentive for convention housing, 30% of membership goal you get one night stay, reaching 100% of you membership goal you get two-night stay. If your Councils did not reach 30% you do not qualify for housing. The cut-off is 12:00 midnight on April 25. In talking to Derek Raby, the State Membership Director, there are 22 DDs in the state needing only one more new member to reach 30% .
1. The **Finish Line**: How many of you do not receive the Finish Line publication, which is e-mailed to you by Constant Contact? A few members present raised hands. The Finish Line is sent to all, At the beginning, it has a 30-60-90-day outlook of everything that is going on it the State. Articles from me and other State Directors with a lot of good information. The key items this time cover the State Convention. Some high-lights, your **Council must have State Per-capita paid** or Delegates will not be seated, You need to show a current and valid 3rd Degree membership card or an Honorary Life Membership Card. Please ask your Delegates to be on time for all the events and meetings. There is a lot going on and we crammed a lot of information into each session. This is a good chance to attend and learn from the Education Sessions, two on Friday afternoon and two on Saturday, You will have a list of these sessions prior to coming. Please have you guys be there on time
2. **Hotel registration deadline** is this Thursday, April 11, Registrations are to come through the State Office. There you will also register for the events and pay for your rooms and events. I want to give a "Big" thanks to the Galveston-Houston Convention Committee, You all did a fantastic job putting this together. Thank You...
3. I want to Congratulate the Councils that won the "Banners" from the Supreme contest that brought in 6 new members in the three-month period. There were 90 winners across the state. Galveston Houston had 24.
4. Wheelchairs: We heard tonight that Galveston-Houston currently raised \$74,000.00. Statewide we brought in over \$800,000.00 by the end of March. There was a council in Dallas the raised \$30,000.00 this past weekend, The wheelchair guys dis some a heck of a job and are shooting for One Million Dollars by end of the Fraternal year.
5. SP-7: I get copies of them, and it is amazing the forms that come in with errors and omissions. Some show a Council that meets a minimum of twelve (12) times a year and lists no money being dispersed and/or no hours listed for charitable activities. This cannot be correct. In some cases they may not understand the form. I will have an updated list and distribute it to all the Diocesan Deputies to follow up with DDs and the Councils. DDs normally do not get copies of the reports, but I want you to know what is being turned in, work to educate the process.
6. State Charities: you guys are doing a great job in donating to State Charities. The state is just shout of 96% of our Charity Goal, about \$29,000.00 short of our State Charity goal. Galveston-Houston has already surpassed 100% of their Charity goal.
7. Clergy and Seminarian Luncheon, also has a cut-off date of April 2nd.As of end of the month we may have as many as 6 or 7 Bishops attending. We know that Cardinal DiNardo will be attending and doing one of the Masses, Also Bishop Sis our State Chaplain will do the Memorial Mass on Sunday morning. I know we will have a 4th Degree turn-out at the Masses.

Lastly, I want to thank our Diocesan Deputy, who also wears the hat or State Convention Chairman and the great job you all have done under the leadership of Ron Frerich. Thank You

Chapter President called for District Deputies to give reports.

District Deputy Reports

- Reggie Vasquez – District 90

Just a quick follow up on the Convention, for the Mass on Saturday and Sunday, we will need twelve (12) guys to be Ushers. Task is very simple; you will start the collection. We have twelve sections and with 12 Ushers, each will take a section to pass the collection basket. When you finish your section, bring the collection to the back of the room.

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Then, the same 12 guys will help get the “communion flow” started. That’s it, twelve guys for both Masses.

- Tony Scarpa - ADD
The Country Store. We need about 5 or 6 people, in three-hour increments, to work the sales counter. Men and Women can work the counter. So, men bring you wife, and work the same shift. We really do not want Delegates to work the store as they have other pressing duties, like attend meetings. I have a sign-up sheet with me, so come see to sign up after tonight’s meeting. We need people to take a three-hour shift on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the morning.. When you come for your shift we will train you. It’s easy work and will have fun meeting the people. We need your help.
- Charles Cantrell- District 75
 1. Talking about the Convention, the Friday night event is coming up. My wife will be taking the money at the event, plus she will be decorating the room. We will need your help will decorating. So if you could please let me know.
 2. At the Convention, we will “pass-the-hat” in support of the ASAP program, So, Texas is up against the other State Conventions to have a “better/bigger” hat. So if your council has money in the budget for ASAP, this would be a good time to write that check and bring it to the convention. Thank you!
- Robert “Bob” Schmidt - District 92
St. Martha’s in Kingwood, will be holding an Exemplification /CUF on Monday evening April 15, at the Family Life Center. Sign-in at 5:30 pm and the exemplification begins at 7:00pm followed by a light meal.
- JD Gutierrez - District 79
April 24, St. Laurance in Sugar Land, will be hosting a CUF. Registration 6:30pm, exemplification starts at 7:00pm.
- Rick Johnson – District 74
My council, which is a Star Council, was reviewing the Star Tracker report and under Safe Environment found a column marked “C?” Come to find out, “C?” means that council is recognized by Supreme as being in compliance? We tracked it down to a Squire Counselor that had just signed up for the training. My point, if you have a Squire Circle in you church, talk to your Grand Knight to make sure the Squire Counselors are compliant. That was a bit surprising.

Chapter President asked for any other DD reports. Seeing none called for Grand Knights reports.

Grand Knight Reports

- Dale Charpentier GK Council 15512 St. Edwards the Confessor in Spring
 - Saturday, April 20, we will be having a Spaghetti Dinner benefitting Loving Choice Pregnancy Center following the 5:30 Vigil Mass. We do have tickets for sale, please contact me or go to our website.
 - Sunday, April 21, We will be hosting a CUF in our Chaple beginning at 1:00pm. All candidates invited to attend.
- Frederick Sunderman Council 6557.
April 17 through April 21 our council will be hosting one of the concession booths at the LPGA Golf Tournament at Carlton-Woods Country Club. Contact Council 6557 and we can tell you which booth we hosting, Please come by.
- Don Contero, PGK Council 17060 Annunciation Church
 - Tomorrow Wednesday morning we host a Holy Hour starting at 5:30am. We expose the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration, Confession and Mass at 6:30. Followed by a small reception and light snack.
 - Also, I do need help with the convention, with very specific tasks and times that can be done at the Convention, On Saturday and Sunday mornings to set-up the Altar and then move it to make ready for the presentations, Please give me your e-mail address or cell numbers and I can send you the information.
- Bill Huff, GK Council 9708 in Clear lake Sunday, April 21,
This Saturday, April 13, we will be hosting a CUF in the Church, candidate registration beginning at 11:30am. Exemplification at 12:00noon. Followed by reception and luncheon. All candidates invited to attend
- Clay Evans, GK Council 8482 Prince of Peace
I wanted to mention the Priest and Seminarian Basketball game on April 19 at Rice University’s Field House. Our council along with other Councils, will be participating in the tale-gate before the game. Benefiting the Seminarians



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Chapter President asked of there any other GK Reports. Hearing none, we are moving on to the 50/50 drawing,

The 50 - 50 Drawing: Amount \$130.00. The winning ticket #6714557.

Sick and Distressed Prayer List. I will call our Chapter Vice President, Robert Alcala, to read the sick and distressed list. I invite you to hold these names close to your heart. Listen to these names and put them in our hearts and prayers tonight.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council/Assembly</u>	<u>Reason</u>
• Peter Hayes	7206	Cancer
• Joe Drewnoski	7206	Health
• Lee Meister	7382	Health
• Roberto Duran	7382	Cancer
• Charlie Heinrich	2917	Cancer
• Benny Okruhlik	2917	Health
• Miguel Navarro	2917	Kidney / Diabetes
• James Urbanowski	2917	Health
• Jim Azzarello	8293	Heart and Health Issues
• Josh Alderete	8293	Kidney Failure
• Pete Davila PGK	8404	Rest In Peace
• Matt Maciejeski	8482	Rest In Peace
• Jean Gage		Cancer
• Friend of Bob Goss		
• Thomas Bansal	14700	Cancer
• Charles Pipkins	Memorial	Cancer
• James Smail		Cancer
• SK Philip Gonzalez	14512	Rest In Peace
• Aggie		Rest In Peace
• Friend of Sheryl Bowles		
• Louis Macey	14700	Repose of his Soul / Rest In Peace
• Manuel Luna	803	Back Problems
• John Delft	9708	Rest In Peace
• Maria Compean		Prayers / Health
• Wife of DD Marcelino Compean		
• SK John DeFlora	9708	Rest In Peace
• Richard Mayfield	3217	Rest In Peace

Closing Prayer: Fr. Paul led all in closing prayer: For those intensions for which we have been asked to pray, for the intension of Life and those intensions quietly in our own hearts. Let us prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney,

Closing Ode, all sang the Closing Ode

Meeting adjourned 9:19pm. Next Chapter meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Attested: JD Gutierrez, Knights of Columbus Galveston-Houston Chapter President

Attested: Vincent Stasio, Knights of Columbus Galveston-Houston Chapter Secretary

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