



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
GALVESTON-HOUSTON CHAPTER**



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

**Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting June: 11, 2024**

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

**Presentations:**

Mamie George Community Center. Mr. Brock Ackers spoke on behalf of the Mamie George Community Center which is the home of Catholic Charities in Fort Bend County located Richmond, Texas. The Charity supports seniors, veterans and vulnerable families with food, rent, and utility assistance, as well as providing a sense of community for their clients. Trini's Corner Market is a "self-select" food pantry where client's "shop" for food in a grocery store like setting allowing clients to maintain their dignity while receiving food assistance. At Patty's Café, seniors can gather for a meal and socialize. With your donation of time and financial support, the Mamie George Community Center also provides large scale drive-through food distributions for families in need. The center also provides exercise and art classes for seniors, services for women veterans, and a special program for grandparents who are the sole caretaker of their grandchildren. Donations help us provide these services. Donations can be made on-line at: <https://CatholicCharities.org/givefortbend>

KSHJ Radio 1430. Mr. Wyatt Goolsby presented information on KSHJ (1430 kHz) a Catholic radio station in Houston, Texas. It is part of the Guadalupe Radio Network, which is owned by La Promesa Foundation, and some local programming from EWTN Radio is also on the schedule. The studios and offices are located in Southeast Houston. KSHJ broadcasts at 5,000 watts by day. But to protect other stations on AM 1430, it reduces power to 1,000 watts at night. A directional antenna is used at all times. The transmitter is off Pleasantville Street in the Pleasantville neighborhood of Houston. Donations of time and financial support can be made on-line or by contacting the radio station.

**Meeting:** Called to order by Chapter President JD Gutierrez at 7:30pm.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** District Master James Hatcher lead all in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance,

**Opening Ode** sung by all.

**Memoriam for Deceased Brothers**

A moment of silence was held for our Brother Knights that have passed on to their eternal rest during the period from the previous meeting: SK Guadalupe Gasce Council 803/Assembly 1094, SK Horace Malonson Assembly 1094, Christopher (?) Council 14512, Taco Guerrero Council 8482, SK Lenord Hochmuth Assembly 2187, David Carillion Council 4917, SK Mark (?) Council 13168, SK Charles Charnell Council 8494/Assembly 2087. 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.

In the interest of brevity let me touch on 3 or 4 simple items

1. The Eucharistic Pilgrimages has come through Houston and has moved on towards Indianapolis. Let's remember to pray for their safety as they travel with the Blessed Sacrament and lets pray for the success of the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21. If you have a chance to go, get organized and go!! This is the chance of a lifetime. Fr. Paul asked if there is anyone here planning to go. Few hands were raised and asked they represent the Chapter.
2. So often we use the phrase "Vivat Jesus" and we need to be careful that is doesn't become a kind of catch phrase or slogan. It is a very powerful declaration. "Vivat" in Latin means "Long Live." So the declaration mean "Long live Jesus!" It is much more than that: may He be exalter, may He thrive and flourish in our lives, may He be victorious in His kingdom. Vivat Jesus! We should have a serious feeling when using that phrase. It is like that prayer at the end of the



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decade of the rosary, “Oh my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to heaven especially those most in need of your mercy.” So, you know when we say that we My think, that’s the jerk down the street or the nosey neighbor. No, guess who that is about? I think we know; it is about us, in need of God’s mercy. Vivat Jesus, in our individual life, in our family life, in our private life, in our public life. Vivat Jesus is an important insight into who we are and how we should behave.

3. Our Worthy Chapter President sent out an important e-mail, addressed to Delegates, District Deputies and Grand Knights. It is about a much-timed series about American Saints and Blesseds. It is a virtual on-line event scheduled for each Tuesday in July (9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.) from 12:00–1:00pm. On July 16<sup>th</sup> it will focus and feature on our own beloved Blessed Micheal McGivney. This is a series we should pay attention too.
4. Bragging about my own Council 8293, we pledged \$1,100.00 for the Blessed Michael McGivney Plaza and are ready to deliver the check at the meeting this evening. I only mention that in the hope of giving the Chapter a good example and inspiration for others to contribute to ensure it gets placed honorably and impressively at St Mary’s Seminary, so all those men coming up will have a wonderful patron and model to emulate as they prepare for ordination and priesthood. So let’s get after this project ... Vivat Jesus!!!

**Secretary’s Report: Chapter Secretary - Vincent Stasio**

Recognizing Fr. Paul, Worthy State Dignitaries, Archdiocesan and Chapter Dignities and my Brothers All

- It was a busy evening signing-in delegates and believe I have accounted for everyone. Tonight’s attendance report: we have fourteen (14) State, Archdiocesan and Chapter Dignitaries, twenty-four (24) District Deputies, which I determined twelve (12) are voting delegates, sixty-two (62) Council Delegates and six (6) visitors, three representing Mamie George and one representing KSHJ. By my count, we have seventy-four (74) voting delegates who have signed in tonight.
- We did issue the May Chapter meeting minutes and have been posted to the Chapter website, which we will later review for approval. With that, I will turn the meeting back to our Chapter President JD Gutierrez for review and approval of Chapter minutes. Thank you...
- Chapter President JD noted we will soon be into a new Fraternal year, there will be a new Delegate forma sent out to the current Grand Knights. When received please pass it onto the new incoming Grand Knight and then inform him to come to the July Chapter meeting.
- The meeting minutes for May 2024 were posted on the Chapter website. I ask if there any corrections to the May meeting minutes as posted on the website? Again, are there any corrections, any correction to the minutes as posted. Hearing none, called for a motion to accept May meeting minutes as posted. Motion made to accept the meeting minutes as posted, motion seconded. Asked for discussion, discussion, discussion. Hearing none, ask for a vote and Minutes are approved.
- Communications: As Fr. Paul mentioned the upcoming series on American Saints. Our Chapter Treasurer printed one hundred copies for your use. They are on the information table, so please take a copy and pass the information on to your council members.

**Treasurer’s Report: Chapter Treasurer - Charles Cantrell**

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I have a great report for you today.

**The Treasurers Report:**

**GH Chapter Checking Account** (ending May 2024)

Starting Balance \$100,211.04, Deposits of \$585.98, Debits of \$2,343.75. Ending balance of \$98,453.27.

Checks in Transit: five (5) check in transit; totaling \$2,977.46. Leaving an Account balance of \$95,475.81

**GH Chapter Savings / CD Account**

Savings: Beginning balance totals \$35,000.00. CD Savings Account remains at \$35,000.00.

**Total Chapter Funds balance of \$130,475.81.**



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**Chapter Earmarked Funds**

- **Emergency Fund:** CD Account balance remains at \$5,073.12 .
- **Knights for Life Account:** Beginning balance of \$9,183.21 plus interest of \$2.64. Ending balance of \$9,185.95.  
So far we have paid out \$1,700.00 to the Gabriel Project.  
**Knights for Life CD Account:** Balance remains at \$15,000.00 (10-month CD)
- **Galveston-Houston Convention Committee:**  
Checking account: Beginning balance of \$188,498.17, took in deposits of \$215.39, less withdrawals of \$29,413.65,  
Checking Account balance \$89,299.91.  
Savings Account: Balance stands at \$6,381.18 plus \$0.06 in interest. Ending balance \$6,381.22.  
Total for G-H Convention Committee funds \$95,681.13.

**Total of Earmarked Funds of \$124,940.18**

Please turn the report over to the back side, this lists where the money was spent. On the page, it also lists the 2024 State Convention Profit and Loss (P&L) and the Breakout. In review you will see: the raffle and the Country Store were very successful. The Lady's events were successful. The Golf Tournament was super successful. The Friday Night event broke even. We will be writing a check to the State for \$9,225.56. So after all is said and done. The State Convention made a profit of \$16,030.25.

Lastly, we are ahead of schedule on Membership, we have twelve Councils that are members of the Chapter that have not paid dues. So, there is still a chance and six more months to get it paid.

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**

Recognize: Fr. Paul, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Treasurer. Worthy Diocesan Deputy, Chapter Officers and Brothers All.

- Chapter Meal: Let's give Sts. Simon and Jude Council 17653 a really big "Thank You" for tonight's meal. All applauded.
- As everyone is aware, tonight we will conduct Chapter Elections during Old Business. I will be calling ADD John Williams, Nominating Committee Chairman for the second reading of nominations. Then will move into New Business for the election of officers.
- Announcing the "tellers" for counting of ballots, so when I call your name please raise your hand. ADD John Williams, DD Jack Marino and DD Joe Kramer.
- As my out-going report, I am pleased to announce the "State of the Chapter." I have many items to report but will turn that over to the in-coming president to dispense the information. Within the two years that I have been president, and with the current officers, I do believe we had an outstanding term from July 2022 through June 2024.

I want to provide some highlights:

- a. In Galveston Houston we have 120 active councils. The Chapter has current membership of 92 Councils, which is down two councils from 2022. Brother Charles has done an outstanding job in getting councils to pay dues. so much so, that from 2022-2024 payment has increased by 28%.
- b. The number of delegates has increased by 35% and saw an increase in Delegated Forms of 15%. We brought on one new Chapter member application, Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 13151.
- c. Fraternity: Clergy Night has been very successful. Let me share some highlights, to give you an idea of what happens in the background in putting on the Clergy Night event. First, I kept my promise to report at every meeting the status of Clergy Night. Some of the accomplishments, we pursued a new contract moving the event from the Bayou Center to the Stafford Center, and we saved \$8,000 when we moved to the Stafford Center. We have signed a contract for next year. We have new caterers, during the pricing process we were able to bring in Carrabba's, and the survey showed we received high marks pertaining to the food. We instituted a process for volunteers to work the kitchen, with brother Knights assigned to be kitchen managers, to help get the food our quicker and orderly,

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and we assigned Brother David Keating to help with special dietary needs of our dinner guests, which went very well. We have 81 youth volunteers in 2024, previously we have 100 so the youth participation stayed strong. We implemented a “survey of performance” to be filled out by the guests and provided Clergy awards. We had 330 Clergy attend the event and implemented a new sponsorship program and want to highlight the efforts and contributions from the Scanland foundation and Brother Larry Massey. In partnering with the Scanland Foundation in the last two years they donated over \$10,000.00 to help support Clergy Night along with helping with material support for advertising and printing. I want to especially thank The Scanland Foundation for their support.

- d. Texas State Convention Hospitality Suites. We were able to cover Hospitality Suites for the Conventions, in Corpus Christi, Dallas and Houston. In 2023 Council 16102, in 2024 Council 6878 and next year we have Council 7382 from St. Thomas Aquinas leading the Hospitality suite in Corpus Christi.
- e. The Chapter supported the Diocesan Deputy programs ,though our dues, for DD training programs and Grand Knight University. We supported the Free Throw Contest and Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ In Christmas and Citizen essay contest, by offering scholarships In Charity we helped support Project Gabriel, the Christopher Columbus Statue relocation, Catholic Literary Arts, the St. Mary’s Rector Dinner, the RSVP Seminary support, and the Cool Group, which the Chapter donated too.
- f. Financially we are sound as a Chapter. From 2022 -2024 we had a 28% increase in revenue and our expenses remained flat. We will provide specifics, but in total we increased 124%. That is a huge deal for the budget. In terms of our Chapter pre-capita in actuals we were at 120% of our goal. For our Hospitality we were 121% of goal. Financially, we consolidated the Convention and Chapter accounts, as well as converting and restructuring our chapter savings accounts into “high yield” saving CD’s and we have liquidity to support our Knights for Life.
- g. We updated the Chapter website. Please go to [ghknight.org](http://ghknight.org) and log-in to the chapter website, there is a new look but you can still use the same log-in to access. So, existing log-in credentials will work on this site.
- h. I wanted to share these with you, knowing that the Officers and Council’s had to do the work, Really, during the last two years, all I did was added the compass and set direction. You are the ones that did all the work and wanted to give us all a round of applause.
- i. This is my last presentation as Chapter President and want to recite what I wrote in a letter at that time to the Grand Knights: ***“We are the largest Diocese in the State of Texas, and as such we bear the enormous responsibility and opportunity to exemplify our Order as a strong fraternal organization within Galveston-Houston. We can achieve this vision through your active membership and active participation in Chapter meetings. Our goal is to thrive and lead the in the State and in the Order.”*** I wrote that two year ago when I became Chapter President.
- j. Several weeks ago, I was at St. Jerome’s Council 4550, and had the opportunity to be the keynote speaker at their council meeting. I touched upon a few of the items above. Brother Robert Alcalá was there and said my speech was too long. But it wasn’t to recount one thing that I mentioned. What I have been saying this since day one, that the purpose of this chapter is to keep the Order strong in Galveston Houston, I have been saying this all along, because I believe, ***“so goes your Council so goes Galveston-Houston, and so goes Galveston Houston so goes the State and so goes the State of Texas, so goes Order,”*** We have a major influence, you as a council and you as leaders have a major influence on how the Order will continue for many years to come. It is more important now that we stay focused and stay active for future generations. For my kids, your kids and grandkids, and for future Knights. Star Council is good, but this is bigger than just numbers, bigger then awards. it is about our future as Catholics.

With that, I thank you for allowing me to lead. I have learned a lot and look forward to working with you in the future. Thank You

**Chapter/Diocesan Committee Reports:**

In the interest of time, we ask you to please be brief and try to keep reports under two minutes,

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

Recognize: Fr. Paul, Worthy State and Chapter Officers, Diocesan Deputy and Brothers All:



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As we wrap up the fiscal year, I take this opportunity to tell you all how much I have enjoyed this last year in working with you District Deputies, the Grand Knights at the many great councils in the Archdiocese, and all my other Brother Knights in matters respecting the life and dignity of every person.

Think about it for a minute. The essence of Charity is respect for the life and dignity of every person, so that principle is at the very core of everything we do. Surely, we have Masses for the Unborn, we do Rosary Processions for the Unborn, we pray at Planned Parenthood offices, we donate money to pregnancy centers, and we raise money for ultrasound machines. However, we also visit the sick, help at Special Olympics, distribute food for our social ministries, help with disaster relief, support many other needs of our communities, venerate our clergy (who minister to the people, including us, at Mass), and much more... all with respect for the life and dignity of those persons that we help.

I look forward to 2024-2025, during which we will reach accomplishments that are even more significant. I hope most of you will be back, but I know some Grand Knights will become PGK's, so I look forward to meeting those who are new in that role, as well as the Life Directors for the councils. Be sure they know how to contact me for everything Pro-Life, and they should get on my email distribution list.

### **PROGRAMS:**

#### **1. ACE Wings Program**

We have seen that respect for the life of the unborn is where we begin, but not where we end. However, that also presents challenges for us as we add new members. Immediately after the C-U-F exemplification, the Life Director should sign up the new members as ACE Wings candidates. This is the next step in the formation of new Knights. They should be mentored in the meaning of the ACE Wings program and informed of upcoming events that qualify for the ACE Wings while also integrating the new members into the other council events that respect life and human dignity in different ways. I realize that not every council has an ACE Wings program, and every council may not even have a Life Director. Please encourage them where necessary. I'm readily available to explain the program, convey its importance in the formation of our new Knights, to help councils get started.

#### **2. ASAP Program**

By now, most decisions have been made for council end-of-fiscal-year donations. Remember that donations to pregnancy centers and maternity homes qualify for additional grants from Supreme. Councils should deliver the checks and submit the required papers to Supreme on-line before June 30: [kofc.org/asap](http://kofc.org/asap)

#### **3. Gabriel Projects**

I hope that many councils have been able to make donations to Gabriel Projects at their own church, a nearby church that serves the community in that respect, or a Gabriel Project at a church elsewhere that has limited resources. When such donations are made, please get the same paperwork as for the ASAP donations. However, do not send those papers to Supreme, you send them to me attached to an email, and include the name, email address, and KC member number of the Grand Knight. Remember, under the Chapter "Project Gabriel" the parishes can get grants from Chapter and from Supreme, but I must handle the paperwork and do the accounting.

#### **4. Ultrasound Initiatives**

I congratulate council 6812 led by GK Rich Kaus at St Michael's in Lake Jackson for raising money to get a portable ultrasound for Pregnancy Help Center (PHC) in Lake Jackson. PHC is outfitting a mobile pregnancy help unit to reach into adjacent communities where women with few resources are vulnerable to the lie that an abortion is the solution to all their problems. And, the abortion pills are readily available, despite Texas State law. It is tragic that so many women are being harmed by taking these pills in desperation without medical advice or an ultrasound. If you determine that a pregnancy help center needs to replace an ultrasound or needs to acquire a new ultrasound due to growth and expansion, or needs a portable ultrasound, please get in touch with me right away. I will take it from there. Likewise, if you wish to sponsor an ultrasound machine, please contact me. It is easier than you think.

#### **5. Pregnancy Help Centers ...need your help**

Every council should know all about the pregnancy centers that are in their part of the archdiocese. Key members should visit there, establish a relationship with the director, know what programs are available, and most importantly, know what the council can do to help. Typically, monetary donations are appreciated, but councils/parishes often have "diaper drives" (anything for babies, including food and clothing). Every council can guide every parish to support the nearest pregnancy help centers. Another thing to consider is a "clean up day" the place can be cleaned top to bottom including areas that do not ordinarily get



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much attention; sometimes painting, repairs, or landscaping can be done...sometimes in December, as a Christmas present to the facility. That would also be an ACE Wings event.

### **6. Buses to Austin...the Texas Rally for Life**

Provide guidance to councils so that every district is sending at least one bus to Austin on Saturday, January 25, 2025. I realize that it is a bit late for budget considerations, if not already done, although I have been urging councils to make plans for this event. However, it is not too late to begin such planning in the new fiscal year. Every district is different, so know the capability of the councils and parishes. However, a council/parish can do more than they ever thought possible if they just have a vision and take action. The key is to get the cost per seat down to \$20; then a bus can be filled. In some cases, a strong council might carry out an additional fundraiser and get the parish behind the project to send a bus full of Knights, their families, and other parishioners to Austin.

In other cases where financial resources and populations are smaller, one council in a district may choose to be the lead council and sponsor the bus while asking the other councils/parishes in the district to join in and help fill the bus.

The Respect Life Ministry at St. Mary Magdalene in Humble sent a bus not completely filled to Austin in January 2023. It was the first time ever that this parish sent a bus to Austin, and many Knights signed on. It was not a KC event (this is my parish) but we gave moral support to the cause. In January 2024, they sent two buses to Austin, completely filled with a waiting list. No parish ever sent two buses to Austin. This year they plan three buses!

As always, I am readily available to tutor councils on how they can do more than they ever thought they could do and sponsor a bus to Austin, even if it is the first time.

I will not spend more space here expounding on how important the Texas Rally for Life is, but it is critical to the pro-life future of Texas. There are factions planning to spend tens of millions of dollars to influence our elections and overturn pro-life laws. It is up to us to be sure that the life and dignity of every person is protected, even if still in the womb. The President of Texas Rally for Life is Joe Pojman, unsurprisingly a 3rd degree Knight. Remember, it was the Knights of Columbus that sponsored the first National March for Life in January 1974, one year after the Roe decision by the Supreme Court.

### **7. Coogs for Life**

The pro-life group at University of Houston has protested the "Satanic Golden Medusa" on display at the Downtown campus and gained a lot of attention. I have visited there twice, and I gave a lecture to them on the future of the Pro-Life movement, The President of CFL is David Bartlett (at age 20) is also the Grand Knight of the college council at U of H. He and I met with Joe Pojman recently when he was in town. CFL is among the finalists for College Pro-Life Group of the Year. By voting when I sent earlier emails on this issue, I hope we will put them over the top! Do we see a pattern here? The foregoing should inform us that it is we, the Knights of Columbus, who are making the difference. We dare not fall short and we will not. Let us all pray that we will always be found doing what God wants us to do, now and as we tackle the challenges of the future.

Respectfully,

George A. Brooks, MD, PhD. Culture of Life Director Knights of Columbus, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
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### **Larry Massey - RSVP / Seminarian Coordinator**

Recognized Fr. Paul and Brothers Knights All.

- o Talking about our Seminarrians in the RSVP Program and of course, Galveston-Houston has done it again. Right now our donations stand at \$97,600.00 contributed to the Seminarrians. We surpassed our goal of \$90,000.00, which seemed like a bit of a hill, but we surpassed the goal. Because of that, the Knights of my Council 10390 St. Vincent de Paul and the Scanland Foundation is going to treat everyone next month to a Bar-B-Que dinner catered by Demeris. That will be the Treat for exceeding our goal.
- o Also, I have the names of Seminarrians enrolled at St. Mary's Seminary this coming semester. Hopefully, they have them all listed. We have a good-sized class coming in and would be good to learn their names. We will also have awards to be given to the exemplary councils that have supported the Seminarrians. So we will have lots of action coming next month.

Thank you ....

### **Chris Perales - VA Visitation Coordinator**

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- The new website [ghknights.org](http://ghknights.org) is up and running. The VA Visitation tab is on the left side of the screen. Click on it and you will see two things: 1. the photo library named archives and 2. when you click on the Excel file the names of the Councils and Assemblies with visitation date will come up. I will be updating the spread sheet as we go along.
- Last Sunday we had three (3) Brothers that visited the Veterans, low but better than nothing, The Sunday before on May 26, we had twenty-six (26) Brother that showed, which was a really good attendance.
- One last thing, Last Sunday when Tido and I were exiting the Hospital, we had a veteran in one of our Knights of Columbus wheelchairs. We approached that veteran and said, “God Bless you, this is one of the wheelchairs the Knights of Columbus donated to the hospital.” He said, “God Bless Knights and Thank You.”  
I say this only to show the lives we have affected by donating the 160 wheelchairs is immeasurable.  
God Bless you. Vivat Jesus!!!

### Dennis Trainer – Council Membership / Retention Committee

Recognized Fr. Paul, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Treasurer, Worthy Diocesan Deputy, Chapter Officers and Brothers All. For those who do not know me, I am Dennis Trainer, and my next task will be one of the COR Coordinators in the Archdiocese.

#### COR

1. What COR is and what it is not: COR is not a Faith-In-Action Program, so you do not submit a 10784 and it cannot be added to your SP-7 Form. What COR is; it is a Supreme initiative. It is an incentive and not a program, as it is only for Men. The initiative is focused on forming and strengthening Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by joining them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and doing this by Prayer, Formation and Fraternity. We are not limited to Catholic Men and should invite Jewish men and other men into our groups. Agonistics definitely welcome them in. COR can enhance your existing Faith-In-Action programs. For example, if you are doing a “Rosary” or “Into The Breach” it can work hand in hand with COR. If you have a “That Man Is You” program, that is a match in Heaven.
2. Evangelizing Faith Formation (EFF) is the group name, basically the governing essence of this initiative. Next month I will provide information to bring it all together, to see how this grows and stacks up, think of COR as a Banana Split.

#### Retention

1. As of June 1, the State listed 215 Councils, with 89,250 total members which is about 25,000 less than we had five year ago, cause by the Affiliate Membership Initiative (AMI) Program which transferred non-active/non-paying members off the membership rolls.
2. In Galveston-Houston we have 39 Districts, with 137 Councils (18 which are dormant) with 19,234 members. Again due to the AMI program we lost about 10,000 members. I know that every council out there still has members that are not active. Between now and the October/November timeframe get you membership numbers correct and up-to speed.

That’s my report. Thank you ...

### Antonio “Tido” Perales - State VA Visitation

1. I want to thank everybody here, for coming to the VA Hospital to help with delivery of Wheelchairs it was just phenomenal, So much so that Supreme send a documentary film crew to make this video of our efforts. Video playing.
2. Again brothers, we could not have been successful at this without your help. I want to thank each and every one of you for standing up for this. Wheelchairs are extremely important to the veterans. We have even seen the Knights of Columbus wheelchairs used in Washington DC when they took the veterans there to participate in the Memorial walk. It was an honorable and memorable event. which was shown on the news stations in DC. What we are doing here is not just a beginning or an end, but It is continuing the great future for the Knights of Columbus with the VA Veterans.
3. Right now we need many brothers to visit each Sunday. But we will soon begin scheduling Councils and Assemblies for VA Visitation. Let’s keep this going.

Thank You so much and God Bless!!!

### Old Business:

Chapter President ask if there is any Old Business to come before the Chapter

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Chapter President called upon the ADD John Williams, to come up and present the second reading of the Slate of Officers.

**John Williams - Nominating Committee Chairman**

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1. I will now present the second reading of the proposed Slate of Chapter Officers for the 2024–2025 Fraternal year.

The proposed slate of officers are as follows:

For Chapter President: Sir Knight Robert Alcalá - Council 10861 St. Ignatius of Loyola

For Chapter Vice President: Sir Knight Vincent Stasio - Council 3910 St. Thomas More

For Chapter Secretary: Sir Knight Don Quintero - Council 17060 Church of the Annunciation

For Treasurer: Sir Knight Charles Cantrell – Council 7382 – St. Thomas Aquinas

Any other Old Business? Any other Old Business? Any other Old Business? We will move on to New Business for elections,

**New Business:**

Chapter President ask if there is any New business? Any new Business, Any new Business, We will move to the Officer elections.

Chapter President announced he will turn the meeting over to Worthy Diocesan Deputy Ron Frerich to run the elections

1. Diocesan Deputy announced the first item is the election of Chapter President for the coming fraternal year. On the slate we have Robert Alcalá. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Any other nominations for Chapter President from the floor? Hearing none, motion was made and seconded to close nominations and elect Robert Alcalá for President of the Chapter by acclamation. All in favor say “Yea” opposed say “Nay”. The Yea’s have it.
2. Diocesan Deputy announced for Chapter Vice President we have Vincent Stasio on the slate. Are there any other nominations for Vice President from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Any other nominations for Chapter Vice President from the floor? Hearing none, motion was made and seconded to close nominations and elect Vincent Stasio for Vice President of the Chapter by acclamation. All in favor say “Yea” opposed say “Nay.” The “Yea’s” have it.
3. Diocesan Deputy announced for Chapter Secretary we have Don Quintero on the slate. Are there any other nominations from the floor for Secretary? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Any other nominations for Chapter Secretary from the floor? Motion was made from the floor from the floor for DD Bob Schmidh for the position of Chapter Secretary. Diocesan Deputy again asked if there any other nominations for Secretary from the floor? Are there any other nominations from the floor? Any other nominations for Chapter Secretary from the floor? Hearing none, motion was made and seconded to close nominations and proceed with voting by paper ballot. Diocesan Deputy noted we now have two members running for the position of Chapter Secretary, Brother Don Quintero and Brother Bob Schmidh. Both candidates had designated speakers to provide a two-minute nomination speech: Freddie Santos Grand Knight with Council 13166 spoke for Bob Schmidh. Larry Massey Council 10390 presented the nominate speech for Don Quintero. Delegates were advised to listen to each speech before paper ballots were distributed. Upon completion, the “Tellers” were directed to collect the ballots. Tellers completed the count and advised the Diocesan Deputy that Bob Schmidh is the new Chapter Secretary. Afterwards, motion was made and seconded to destroy the ballots. All were in favor.
4. Diocesan Deputy announced for Chapter Treasurer we have Charles Cantrell on the slate. Are there any other nominations for Treasurer from the floor? Any other nominations from the floor? Any other nominations for Chapter Treasures from the floor? Hearing none, motion was made and seconded to close nominations and elect Charles Cantrell for Chapter Treasurer by acclamation. All in favor say “Yea” opposed say “Nay.” The “Yea’s” have it.

**Diocesan Deputy Report – Ron Frerich**

Recognized Fr. Paul, Worthy State Officers, Chapter Officers and Brother Knights

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1. I now have a very, very special award to present, one in which the State Deputy himself participated in the selection. The award is for Patriotism, which is for the Knight, within the entire State of Texas, which best demonstrates Patriotism. This gentleman won the Patriotism Award at the State Convention Banquet. It is a phenomenal award, and I am pleased to present the Patriotism Award to Tido Perales. Applause by all.
2. Diocesan Deputy announced awards for the Grand Knights and membership Directors for the fraternal year 2023 – 2024, that made their membership goals this year. It is a heavy duty, Knights of Columbus keyring. I have put them out by District, so District Deputies, you can go by and pick them up for distribution.
3. Star Councils: last year we set a record for Star Council, and we are on track to beat last year's numbers. We have around 40 councils and have many other councils that may be included in the list but lacking in Fraternal Benefits events. We have two Fraternal Benefit events scheduled, one virtual on June 18, which I sent information to all the DD's on how to sign-up and one in-person even at Our Lady Of Walsingham on June 26 at 7:00pm. You have two chances in June to meet that goal. So, if your council need one or both events get to it.
4. Safe Environment: It boggles the mind; we are here to protect our children and families. Several councils have yet to meet Safe Environment certification, and that greatly bothers me. You have until June 15, to get the names of members that need training to get certified. It takes about two weeks to get this turned around so you need to start before June 15<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards there is not enough time to get this done before the end of the Fraternal year,
5. SP-7's needs to be in by June 28<sup>th</sup> no later than 3:00pm Central Time, to make the close of business in Connecticut. So, I urge you to get your SP-7 submitted tomorrow and don't wait for the last minute to get this done. There have been some issues in Supreme with tracking Fraternal Benefit events and the number of attendees at each event. My advice to you is to again submit/resubmit the 11077 Forms by e-mail and explain in the body of the e-mail why you are resubmitting. You can go to "Star-Tracker" and verify where your council stands on achieving Star Council. The newest Star-Tracker came out just before this meeting. Also, as a favor to me, please look at the Special Olympics forms, as every council in the entire Diocese is supposed to submit 10784 on Special Olympics.
6. Meeting Protocol, this just came out "hot and heavy" a brand-new publication #11620. Everything you need to know about protocol meetings, ceremonies, officer installations, exemplifications, etc., get your Financial Secretary to order multiple copies so you can see what is required for each event. You are required by the Bi-Laws to have two meetings a month, one is an officer planning meeting and one council meeting, each with a different agenda for meeting.
7. Convention Audit. So everyone knows, we held the audit last night on the convention funds. I want to thank three people in particular, Jerry "G" Giegerich with Council 6878, Larry Bynum with Council 7382 and DD Joaquin Perez with Council 3217 as they served as auditors. Also, I thank Chapter President JD Gutierrez for helping in setting this up and monitoring the procedures, Chapter Treasurer Charles Cantrell and ADD Sam Gonzales, Convention Treasurer. Sam Gonzalez needs more thanks than we can possibly give him. It all worked pretty darn good.
8. Diocesan Summer Conference. I put flyers on the information table, read it so we can get it done and on your calendar, It is on Saturday, July 20, from 9:00am – 1:00pm in this very room at the Northside Columbus Club. We will be providing breakfast, lunch and informational materials. Every council is required to attend.
9. Grand Knight University is on August 10 at St Lorraine Parish Hall. Cost is \$25/Grand Knight, and the council should pay the cost. We will be providing breakfast, lunch and informational materials. **You need to bring a laptop.** We are going to have a professional Financial Secretary there with the ADDs conducting the classes and you will be projecting information on the screen and at your place from your laptop, entering forms 185 and 365 and all other forms. You will learn where to find everything on the website, how to do data extract and how to do everything you should be doing. Make sure your laptop battery is fully charged. Make sure your new Grand Knights know about this.
10. Dr. George didn't have time, So I will tell you, Lake Jackson Council 6812 just purchased a new Ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) in their area. Also, Dickerson Council 3217 and Friendswood Council 8494 are getting together to purchase an Ultrasound unit a PRC in Friendswood, replacing one that was so old it is literally working on 3.5 " floppy discs. Thank you guys for doing that.

You are all doing really good guys. Thanks You ...



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Chapter President JD announced that he was giving President Elect a brief moment to speak:

- **Robert Alcala – Chapter President Elect**

Fr. Paul, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Treasurer, Worthy Diocesan Deputy, Follow Officers, Delegates and Brothers All:

It is with immense gratitude and humility that I stand here before you today, accepting the role of Chapter President for the Galveston-Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. I am deeply honored by the trust and confidence you have placed in me and I am committed to upholding the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that define our organization. First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to my predecessor, Sir Knight JD Gutierrez for his dedicated service and exemplary leadership. His tireless efforts have strengthened the Chapter providing a solid foundation in which we can continue to build upon. I also want to acknowledge the unwavering support of my family and my fellow Knights who have encouraged me and the dedication that has made this journey possible. I would like to take a moment to personally thank my dear brother knight, Sir Knight David Keating, it was his personal invitation that started me and kept me on this path. Also to Sir Knight James Hatcher for his ongoing spiritual guidance and confidence in my abilities. Thank you both.

As we move forward together, our mission remains clear, to serve our communities, support our Parishes and foster a spirit of brotherhood among our members and ourselves. We will continue to extend a helping hand to those in need, champion the values we hold dear and work tirelessly to make a positive impact in the lives of others. In these challenging times our commitment to serve is more important than ever. Let us strive to be a beacon of hope and compassion inspiring others through our actions and our faith. Together we can overcome any obstacle and achieve great things. I am excited about the future of our Chapter and look forward to working alongside each of you. Thank you again for this incredible honor. God Bless the State of Texas, the Texas State Council, the Galveston-Houston Chapter and the Order of the Knights of Columbus and may God guide us in our endeavors. Vivat Jesus!!!

**Chapter President asked for State Committeeman to come forward and provide their reports.**

- **David Keating - State Charities Director**

Recognized Fr. Paul, State Deputy, State Treasurer, Diocesan Deputy, Chapter Officers, and Brothers All,

1. As of May 31, Galveston-Houston Councils contributed \$170,576.61 or 101.92% of goal. Thank you brothers!
2. In the first seven days of June, we had another \$2,260.00 of contributions including one Council who made their charity goal, another one who added an additional \$1,000.00 to their charity commitment and two other councils who added money to their already 100% contributions. We are now at \$177,836.61 or 103.27% of goal.
3. We still have Councils that can join the other councils in making their goal by June 30. Some still have not contributed anything at all. So, maybe you can purchase a Charity Pin and contribute \$20.00 to charity. In this way Galveston-Houston councils can be 100% charity active in supporting State Charities.
4. Remember, at this point every donation "dollar for dollar" everything your council contributes, whether it is making you goal or adding to your contribution, 100% will go to Cardinal DiNardo at clergy night next year.

I want to thank you, on behalf of the Texas State Council, our worthy State Deputy, State Charity Director and on behalf of his Eminence Cardinal. But most importantly, thank you from the children that will benefit from a Catholic Education. Brothers let's finish strong as we have only nineteen (19) more days to go. Vivat Jesus!

- **Tony Butera – Football Frenzy Chairman**

Recognized Fr. Paul, State Officers, Diocesan Deputy, Chapter Officers (new and old), and All Brothers

1. First of all, if anyone needs more Football Frenzy tickets I have them with me, they are in groups of ten tickets.
2. I do want to thank everybody that sold tickets. I was surprised to learn at the State Convention that some councils did not sell any. I even asked councils to budget for the purchase 10 tickets and offer a discount to your members to purchase the tickets priced at \$10/each. In this way you could sell more tickets and have a chance to win.



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3. I will be giving cash prizes of \$50.00 to the five councils that sold the most tickets and the one council that had the highest percentage increase in sales. I couldn't get that number from prior years, so I will use the honor system. You guys can come to me and tell me what increase(s) the council had from the prior year and you will win \$50.00.
4. I now announce the councils that sold the highest amounts of money and tickets.  
Council 14700 at \$2,000.00 / sold 200 tickets  
Council 14512 at \$1,500.00 / sold 150 tickets  
Council 7382 at \$1,330.00 / sold 133 tickets  
Council 6878 at \$1,020.00 / sold 102 tickets  
Council 7036 at \$800.00 / sold 80 tickets
5. As for the Highest Percentage. Once I get this figured out I will announce the winning Council.  
Thanks again and if you need more tickets please come see me after the meeting, God Bless you guys ....

• **Merv Albert – State Membership Chairman**

Recognized: Fr. Paul, State Deputy, State Secretary Elect, Diocesan Deputy, Chapter Officers and Brothers All,

1. I have Good News and Not So Good News

- The Not So Good News: in the five Dioceses in the First District of Texas, Galveston-Houston is in 4<sup>th</sup> Place. which means we have some work to do. The other not so good news, in the Circle of Honor, Texas has moved up to #3, not yet #1. Now the good news, we have nineteen(19) days left, and we can save Texas. The men in this room can save Texas. As JD mentioned earlier, "so goes Galveston-Houston, so goes Texas." So guys, it is up to us. We have 39 Districts, so if one Council in each District brought in one member we would make up the 35 members we are behind and can be #1 in the Circle of Honor,
- Those of you that were at the Diocesan Conference when I talked about recruitment and bringing in new members. Don't go in and ask, "you want to join the Knights of Columbus." But look for that guy that is always in mass on Sunday. You know his face, but maybe not his name. This is the guy I want you to concentrate on in the next 19 days. Go up and introduce yourself and invite him to come help with an event, any event. Invite him to join you in helping, without telling him you are a Knight. Tell him you need his help in helping Father with a program of project Father needs. I guarantee if you do that, after one or two times he will be going to you and ask about joining the Knights of Columbus. Do this now, as we have time, so take the first step and do it now.
- Some Good News: This may be the last meeting that I will be addressing you as Membership Chairman as I have just agreed to be a District Deputy for District 83. So you are still stuck with me. It has been good working with you these last few years and I appreciate all you have done to grow the Order in Galveston-Houston.
- More Good News, Juan Perez is still heading the team, so talk to him about church recruiting drives and getting e-members into the Council. Please use him and let's grow membership in the State of Texas.

Thank you. Happy Father's Day to all, and to Fr. Paul it goes for you too ... Vivat Jesus!

**Chapter President then announced all to welcome the Master of the First District, SK James Hatcher for his presentation.**

• **SK James Hatcher – Master of the First District of Texas**

Recognized Fr. Paul, State Offices, Diocesan Deputy, Chapter dignitaries and Brothers All,

I had a meeting with the Vice-Supreme Master last night, and wanted me to pass on his gratitude and appreciation to all the Knights in Galveston-Houston Diocese for their work at the VA and the Wheelchair program. This is one of the programs that went up to Supreme for the Patriot Award. He was very impressed with the work and the success of the program. I/we know just how much this meant to the veterans at the VA Hospital. Congratulations and thank you again.

- I want to thank all Sir Knights that worked tirelessly to meet the requests made on the local and district level since our Chapter meeting in May. We concluded our Easter season, only to welcome in the birthday of our church at Pentecost. We welcomed our military personnel into Houston for the Warriors to Lourdes Program as well as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage which was celebrated in Houston, Galveston and Beaumont. We celebrated the

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Ordination of five young men to the Holy Priesthood, two in Beaumont and three in Galveston-Houston. During this time, the Sacrament of Confirmation is taking place across the entire first District. Many of our assemblies participated in annual events to show gratitude and fraternal remembrance to the men and women that served and died for our country.

- This is the Mantle of Service the Sir Knights wear with pride as we assemble to support our Parishes, our Dioceses and our Country. As District Master, I could not be prouder to be part of these men's ranks.
- I invite all our third-degree brother Knights to come and join the ranks of the fourth degree. We have our Summer Exemplification coming up on June 22, 2024, at St. Simon and Jude and there is still time to join us. If you are already a Fourth Degree, get out there and assist your councils in recruiting good catholic men into our order. You will help our councils, as well as give you an opportunity to further that man's journey into the fourth degree.
- We have the State Organizational Meeting coming up in July, and just as we did for the Texas State Convention, many of you will come and be part of the Organizational Mass.

God bless you for your willingness to serve, to stand in the breach, to be a good catholic witness, to serve our church and our nation. Happy Father's Day and God Bless

**Chapter President announced, at this time, I invite our worthy State Treasurer Bob Goss to give his report.**

- **Bob Goss – State Treasurer**

Recognizing Fr. Paul, Worthy State Deputy and Brothers All

I want to thank you all from the of my heart for all that you do. As you have heard, "you're it" remember, you got them in by them watching what you do." When you invite them into the Knights, you are giving their families the opportunity to have what we have plus the insurance. But more importantly the ability to offer their time and talents to help all.

1. One of the things we preach, is why to achieve Star Council? People like to be part of a winning team. The plaques are not for you, they go on the wall. It is so other people in the parish and community can see, and may ask what they are for, this give you the opportunity to invite a man. But remember the wives are one of the best recruiters if they know they can be financially protected by the Order.
2. As requested by our Diocesan Deputy, I sent out an e-mail to all the Grand Knights. We have the chance to make history again, by meeting 100% of our membership goal. Looking back, I think the last time we met our membership goal was with Peter Tan, was young (laughs). So, it has been awhile.
3. We have to get those Fraternal Benefit events, There are several opportunities available in town. Make sure your council has the correct number of men that attended. The Grand Knights can now fill out and submit the forms. Don't let this one thing hold your council from being Star.
4. As I mentioned last month, set up a church recruiting drive in the coming weeks. We are really close to making history. Each month Galveston-Houston has been hitting their new membership goal. We now need about twenty-six (26) more people this month. The State needs 306 new members to meet our goal. Let's get the train moving now.
5. Houston will be hosting the Organization Meeting on July 5 – 7 the DDs will be there. So if you want to see how the State works, tell you councils and invite members to come to the Mass. Last year we had the relics of Fr. McGivney with us the whole weekend. That was pretty cool.
6. Thank your members for inspiring us. For me, it has been an honor to represent you all. I have been very honored to be able to watch our State Deputy at work. He doing and has done great in leading us in all the meetings. He plan the events, goes all over the state meeting our members. For that, I want to tell you he has done a great job.

God Bless and thank you for everything ....

**Chapter President now called on our State Deputy, Terry Frugé**

- **Terry Frugé - Texas State Deputy**

Recognized Rev. Fr. Paul, Worthy State Treasurer and Brother Knights

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1. Yes, we are getting close, but we are not done. Again, I want to thank our Chapter President and the Officers for the great job they have done this past two years.
2. I want to piggy-back on something Fr. Paul touched on and the is "Vivat Jesus." Some of you may know, or not, where that has come from. There was a previous Supreme Chaplain in one his talks years ago, that ended with "Vivat Jesu" a Latin term. Past Supreme Deputy, Carl Anderson started to us this in his talks and added the "s" for Vivat Jesus. So, when Carl Anderson said the was fine, it was okay with us and no one was going to question it. But as I traveled the State, there are a number of different pronouncements, in Latin, Spanish and English.
3. As the Membership Chairmen stated, we are pretty close on membership, and we are doing a great job. Last month we were 106% of goal and Galveston-Houston brought in 102 new members. This month we have 20 new members with a goal of 106, so let's keep going, we have 19 more days Circle of Honor was obtained on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. State Charities. We are on the precipice of historic proportion, We have fifteen (15) Dioceses in the State and typically ten of the fifteen achieve their Charity goal. Right now we may have all fifteen out of fifteen make goal. That will be an all-time great, I want to thank David Keating for his long-standing work with Charity.
5. Star Tracker: as mentioned the latest report came out. When you get back home, you need to look closely at the report, especially if your council is on track for Star. We already have 99 Council in the State that has qualified for Star Council. There are a number of councils that have completed the Fraternal Benefit events, but somehow were not shown on the previous reports. So please resubmit Form 1107. If your council has yet to complete the Benefit events, there is one coming up on-line on June 18, information to sign-in was in the Fraternal Leader guide and two in-person events coming up in Galveston-Houston and mentioned by the Diocesan Deputy.
6. SP-7: The report that came out today, shows only two SP-7's added since June 1<sup>st</sup>. I know we had a lot more submitted, so please look at report.
7. Safe Environment compliance: The report will show the Grand Knight and Director training status compliance under column "C." Somehow Parishes with Squire Circles were mistakenly listed as the Councils and non-compliant. If this applies to your council please take a look.
8. E-membership: on Sunday, June 9, you received a Constant Contact e-mail of an on-line "How To" video on bring in e-members. So check the e-mail, find the link to the video and learn about e-members. It is pretty simple to do.
9. How many of you seen the movie "Jesus Thirsts." Few raised hands. Apparently many did not know it was coming out in local theaters. The movie "Jesus Thirsts - The miracle of the eucharistic" was available for three days, and scored big at the box office, grossing over two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and landing at number 1. Since it was so successful, it will be shown in local theater's again on June 18 and June 19. Today, an e-mail on constant contact came out announcing this, so go check it out.
10. Organizational Meeting: everyone required to attend should have gotten the invite by now. So DD's you have until June 16, to register, If you were invited, please go on-line and register,
11. Forms 185 and 365. DDs if you have received a copy of these forms from you councils, please bring a hard copy to the meeting. I know they were submitted on-line but bring the hard copies.
12. State KofC bags (satchels). Typically given to the DD's and Committeemen. So if you would like one, I have a case of 24 with me tonight. There are on the side table, and you can come up after the meeting and get one.
13. Many of you know Larry Zapalac, Past State Deputy from Sugar Land. He talked many time about "Texas has not had its best year yet." At the funeral for PSD Terry Simonton, he touched on that again, on how important that is and how we haven't had our best year yet. Then he made a comment "that this year with the start that this team has gotten, I think it is possible that we could do it this year and have the best year yet." When Javier Martinize PSD from Galveston Houston, in 2010 the Membership Director was Terry Simonton and that year we got to 5,238, that has been the record for the last fourteen years. Right now if we bring in 320 more new members we can break that record. That is how close we are and with that, will achieve Pinnacle. So it is not all about what we do for State. It is about our Councils getting what they need and last year the State had 208 Star Councils. I have to thank you guys for that. If the State can help the council get what they need, and all the SP-7's come in we will be at 200 plus, it is just a matter of how much over 200 we get, If we make that happen, the Councils will get their

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recognition awards, The Districts and Dioceses get their recognition, then the State will get theirs. We are shooting to 5,238 plus. What I shared in the State's change and evolution meeting last week, with the new regime coming in, and what I saw the team they have assembled with new State Deputy Ron Alanzo, I see that record lasting for one year, as it should be

- 14.** I would be remiss if I didn't do what my wife, First Lady Beth, reminded me to do. That is to thank you Brothers on the great job you did with the American Wheelchair Mission. John Williams, assistant Tido, JD and Charles did at the VA. The video presentation was fantastic. As we are sitting right now, we have raised 1.1 million (\$1,100,000.00) maybe even 1.2 million (\$1,200,000.00) for the State. Last year we raised \$966,000.00. So, we are well over the \$2 million dollars mark for the two years. Thank you Brothers great job.

With that, I want to thank you Brothers, for the trust and faith you had in me by electing me as a State officer. I was very fortunate to have had a great team, great officers and you guys have been phenomenal. It all starts at the council level. As it is said, "as Galveston-Houston goes, so goes Texas and as Texas goes, so goes the Order." We are the largest jurisdiction in the Americas, only ones larger is the Philippines, and they are 95% Catholic.

I want to thank you for all the hard work that you did, This will be my last meeting sitting up here, then I'll be out there with all of you ,, Vivat Jesus!

**Chapter President called for District Deputies to give reports.**

**District Deputy Reports**

- **Rick Johnson – District 74**  
Council 12385 Corpus Christi, is hosting a CUF on Thursday, June 20. 7:00pm registration, exemplification at 7:30pm.
- **Tony Scarpa – District 101**  
Council 8494 Friendswood is having a Casino Night on Saturday, June 22, the City Mayor and City Councilmen will be dealers. All are invited. Please see the website.  
Also, July 4, Parade led by the Assembly Color Guard with all 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights marching behind. Afterwards, there will be a meal a Mary Queen Church
- **Dennis Hastings – District 69**  
Council 5155 in Angleton will be hosting a CUF on Friday, June 21  
Council 6403 in Alvin is holding a Fraternal Benefits Night on Thursday, June 13. They will be Star Council this year,
- **James DeGhelder – District 82**  
Council 8293 – St. Justin Myrta will be hosting a CUF on Thursday, June 20 presented by the Diocesan District Team registration at 6:30pm, exemplification at 7:00pm, followed by a light reception. All councils are welcome to attend,

Chapter President noted that he will be moving into the State Membership Committee position and will be tracking exemplifications. So, please add your exemplifications to the Chapter Website.

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

**Grand Knight Reports**

- **Dale Charpentier GK Council 14512** – St. Edwards in Spring
  - Sunday, June 23, will be hosting a CUF at 1:00pm in our Chapple.
- **David Bloodworth GK Council 13615** – Our Lady of Walsingham
  - Wednesday, June 26 we will be hosting a Benefit Night. All are welcome to bring their members
- **Freddie Santo GK Council 13166** – St. John of the Cross in New Caney

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- Last month we were honored to hold the first “Columbianettes” organization in the Archdiocese at our church. They are a Ladies Auxiliary which converted into an official organization, with their own leadership and tax identification. Their sole mission matches our mission. They attended a State Convention last week and held their installations. This will come out in the Texas Catholic Herald and received an official letter from the Bishop acknowledging them.
- **Frederick Sunderman Council 6557**
  - Monday, June 24, we have our Family Night with SK Larry Pellerito as a guest speaker, presenting the History of the Knights of Columbus. Come on out, Larry is a great speaker. We are offering Hamburgers and hotdogs. RSVP is required for attendance to let us know you are coming.
  - Also during Family Night we will be presenting four \$1,000.00 scholarships for Catholic Education.
- **Don Contero, on behalf of our Grand Knight elect Mike Stimac Council 17060 Annunciation Church**
  - As not to contend with Astros traffic, we are moving our next meeting to Monday, June 17, we’re calling it a grille night. It is an open night and will do our annual recognitions and you can bring something for the grill.
  - Sunday, June 23 the membership will be making Breakfast Tacos after the morning mass by open donation.
- **Kieth Labrie GK Council 4550 St. Jerome Church**
  - Our Council will be hosting a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, on July 4<sup>th</sup> ... everyone is welcome. Come see me for details.
- **Don Hensley GK Council 4204 - St. Basil Council**
  - Wednesday, June 12, tomorrow morning we have a Men’s Prayer Breakfast beginning at 6:45am at St. Teresa’s Sugar Land.
  - Thursday, June 20, The Councils goes to Mamie George Community Center, that’s our normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday to go and help out.

**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 \$146.00. The winning ticket #4130811.

**Sick and Distressed Prayer List.** I will call our Chapter Vice President, Robert Alcala, to read the sick and distressed prayer. This time to focus on the people who need our prayers.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council/Assembly</u>	<u>Reason</u>
● Josh Alderete	8293	Renal Failure
● Patty DeGhelder	8293	Breast Cancer
Sister of DD James DeGhelder		
● Robert Sepuhieder	8293	Health Issues
● Bob Sullivent	8293	Health Issues
● Aleida Camarillo	8293	Thyroid Cancer
● Minh Straton	4202	Cancer
Wife of Brother Fred Straton		
● SK Lee Meister	7382	Health Issues
● SK Luis Lay Jr.	8482	Mourning Mother’s Passing
● Ruth Claire	12818	Health
● Felipe Ramirez	2917	Health Issues
● Fr. Frank Guenter	4550	Slip and Fall Now In Hospital
● Miguel Navarro	2917	Diabetes, High Blood Sugar and Chest Pains
● David Cornelius	2917	Rest In Peace
● James Urbanovsky	2917	Heart and Lung Issues
● Barbara Pavlos	2917	Knees, Legs and Shoulder Surgery
Wife of Richard Pavlos		
● Manuel Luna	803	Kidney Issues in Hospital 2-weeks

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**CHAPTER PRESIDENT JD GUTIERREZ**  
Meets at the Northside Columbus Club  
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- Guadalupe Gasca                      803/1094                      Rest In Peace
- Horace Malonson                      Assembly 1094                      Rest In Peace
- Charles Heinrich                      2917                      Cancer
- Larry Lopez                      2917                      Diabetes Related Infection
- Barbara Brossman                      2914                      Hospitalize with Infection  
    Wife of Brother Charles Brossman
- John Anthony Martinez                      7901                      Surgery on Monday
- SK Bill Ryan                      13651/3057                      In Hospital on Respirator
- Carmen Sota                      3700
- Wife of SK Fred Soto
- Cheryl                      14700                      Going in for Surgery  
    Fiancée of Bob Goss
- Charles Pipkin                      14700                      Removed Brain Tumor and fell in the shower and had a stroke
- Jessie Mota                      12632                      Cancer

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Paul led all in closing prayer: For those named which we have been asked to pray, and 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** 9:35pm. Next Chapter meeting is Tuesday, July 9, 2024

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

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