



**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: May 14, 2024

Monthly Pro-Life Rosary - 6:30pm: Brother Bill Moeller and Fr. Paul Chovanec led in the Rosary for Life before the meeting.

Presentations:

Catholic Organization Of Life (COOL). Mrs. Kim Sunderman, from Holy Rosary Church, spoke on the need for continued support by the KC Chapter and Councils. Mrs. Suderman introduced six (6) of the youth leaders for COOL, a pro-life youth group, for ages 13 - 18, who spoke on their pro-life activities; including praying the rosary outside Planned Parenthood and announcing this year's March of the Surviving Youth (MOTSY) is scheduled for September 21, 2024. As in the past, many council have volunteered their support, Council 3910 providing hotdogs and Council 7230 providing bottled water. If your council is willing and able to help with MOTSY please contact Kim Sunderman (281) 706-9793 / e-mail: womenofworship.kim@gmail.com

ADD John Williams, presented a video on the American Wheelchair Mission's trip to the Philippines, which depicting the need, distribution and impact the wheelchairs have on the community. An informative and moving portrayal of the successful mission.

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 Cornielius Nwora Council 5678/Assembly 3429, SK George Green and SK Fred Hobrecht Council 6878, Chris Kelly Council 145132, Carrol Langer Council 6234, SK Ruben Ocuna Council 13151, Al Wehe Council 12320, Brother and SK Mark Frenetti Assembly 1988. Chapter president called for a moment of silence. Robert Alcalá, 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 three things I would like to call to your particular attention this evening. Not one is new or radical or different.

- National Eucharistic Pilgrimages: which is going through the States going to Indianapolis. The Juan Diego route coming up from Brownsville and going through our City on May 30 - June 2. There are several events scheduled, beginning May 30 with evening event and May 31 morning mass at St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land. May 31, 12:10 pm mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in downtown Houston, May 31, 6:30pm evening prayer at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham. June 1, 12:30pm gather of young adults at the University of St. Thomas. June 2, 10:00am mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Galveston followed by procession to Sacred Heart Church Galveston. I have placed some fliers on the information table and information is abundantly available at the Archdiocesan website. Hope all of you go to some part of the pilgrimage while it is in Houston.
- The schedule for the National Eucharistic Congress is published. I really hope some of you will travel and attend the conference in Indianapolis. This is the chance of a lifetime. I would go, but my duties at St. Justin will not permit. The conference will begin on July 17 and run through July 21. Some of the sessions will be "live-streamed" out to parishes. I really would impress upon you to do something for the Parish or Councils to commemorate these event.
- Knights of Columbus Family week. Traditionally it is conducted the week between the date of Fr. McGivney's birthday (August 12) and the anniversary of his death (August 14), Although, Supreme says it can be celebrated any week of the year. To give you some ideas of what can be done, we at St. Justin's will start on Thursday, August 8 with a "KC Social"

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probably beginning with a family rosary or other family event. Friday night, our Vietnamese parishioners will have a mass and the renewal of wedding vows, probably followed by a family party afterwards. Saturday night all of our ACTS Men and Women will have an ACTS reunion coming to the 5:00pm Mass and then on to the reunion. Sunday the Hispanic Ministry will put on a great meal to honor their Altar Servers. Monday, August 12, we will have the anointing of the sick. We will have a couple of other priests come and help with the anointing. The family angle is to have the family bring their sick members to the Lord. On Tuesday, is the Chapter meeting, so other ministries will handle that. On Wednesday the 14th, is the Assumption and the council will hold a Corporate Communion. This may be a little heavy on the Church stuff, but that is not bad in itself. If you get your “thinking caps” on and do a family week you can include all sorts of fun things, family things, like an evening family picnic? The purpose is not to miss the opportunity to do a very hardy and wholesome KC Family week for your Parish between August 12 and August 14. God Bless You...

Secretary’s Report: Chapter Secretary - Vincent Stasio

Recognizing Fr. Paul, Worthy State Dignitaries and Brother All

- Tonight’s attendance report: we have nine (9) State, Archdiocesan and Chapter Dignitaries, twenty-one (21) District Deputies, Thirty -six (36) Council Delegates and thirteen (13) visitors, seven representing with COOL.
- I remind everyone during the June meeting we will be voting on the slate of Chapter Officers for the 2024 -2025 Fraternal year. In order for you Council to cast a vote, we must have an up-to-date Council Delegate Form. I have paper copies of the delegate form with me tonight which can be written-in or you can go the Chapter website at ghknights.org to fill it out and sent to me electronically. In either case you must submit it back to me before the June meeting, If you want to verify that you council has submitted a delegate form please come see me after the meeting.
- Chapter Dues. as a reminder, the council must have Chapter dues paid in full. If you have any questions concerning Chapter dues, please see our Chapter Treasurer Charles Cantrell.
- The April Chapter meeting minutes have been posted to the Chapter website. 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 the meeting minutes for April 2024 were distributed/posted on the Chapter website, and ask if there any corrections to the April meeting minutes as posted? Again, asked if there are any corrections, any correction to the minutes as posted. Hearing none, called for a motion to accept the April 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. Minutes are approved.
- Communications: The Chapter President reported no communication received,

Treasurer’s Report: Chapter Treasurer - Charles Cantrell

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Charles noted, “It is a great day” ... isn’t it? All responded... AMEN!!!

- We have a table to my left, with convention apparel, pins and hats for sale at reduced rates. If interested in purchasing, pins reduced from \$5 to \$2 each, shirts reduced from \$35 to \$25 each, T-shirts at \$10 each, and hats at \$10 each. Buy a hat and any shirt you get the pin for FREE. Also, Robert Alcala has a “Square” so you can pay by credit card.
- Tony Butera, noted if anyone is interested in buying a convention backpack or briefcase he can order them at full price. If you want one come give me your name and he will get it ordered.
- Membership and Chapter Dues: we are doing great; we are down to eleven (11) councils delinquent in dues. This is the best the Chapter has done since the beginning of recorded information back in 2019, when we only had 33 Councils. I did provide our Chapter President with contact information on Councils that have yet to pay.

Now the Treasurers Report:

GH Chapter Checking Account (ending April 2024)

Starting Balance \$99,907.18, Deposits of \$2022.80, Debits of \$1,718.94. Ending balance of \$100,211.04.

Checks in Transit: two (2) check in transit; totaling \$340.00. Leaving an Account balance of \$99,871.04



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GH Chapter Savings / CD Account

Savings: Beginning balance totaling \$35,000.00. Transferred to CD Savings Account remains at \$35,000.000

Total Chapter Funds balance of \$134,871.04.

Chapter Earmarked Funds

- **Emergency Fund CD Account** balance of \$5,073.12 .
- **Knights for Life Account:** Beginning balance of \$9,280.57, less debit of \$100.00 and interest of \$2.64. Ending balance of \$9,183.21.
Knights for Life CD Account: Balance of \$15,000.00 (10-month CD)
- **Galveston-Houston Convention Committee:**
Checking account: Beginning balance of \$57,989.98, took in deposits of \$78,090.51, less withdrawals of \$17,582.32, Checking Account balance of \$188,498.17.
Savings Account: Balance stands at \$6, 381.11 plus \$0.05 in interest. Ending balance \$6,381.18.
Total for G-H Convention Committee funds \$124,879.33.

Total of Earmarked Funds of \$154,135.66

Charles noted once the Convention expenses are completed, paid and audited, we will transfer the funds into a CD and close the convention accounts until needed for the 2027 Houston Convention. Wells-Fargo has charged the account a fee of \$53.35 “for excess of cash” for depositing more than \$5000 in a month. Fee equates to more interest than paid in the last three years.

Question: when will the Convention accounts be ready for audit? **Answer:** Diocesan Deputy Ron Frerich noted, we are still receiving small invoices and reimbursable expenses. I suspect this will be finalized by end of month. Audit to take place in June. Charles noted, “about a week after the audit we can transfer funds to a CD and account will be closed.

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 thank Council 17060 Church of the Annunciation for providing tonight’s meal. Thank you for stepping up PGK Don Quintero. Applause by all. Next month’s meal provided by Sts. Simon and Jude Council 17653.
- Announcement from Larry Massey, President JD read the announcement, “We sincerely thank everyone for all the hard work you have done in support of the Seminarians and exceeding the \$90,000.00 donation goal, In appreciation the Scanlan Foundation will be providing a catered BBQ meal at the July meeting for the Chapter member.” Applause by all.
- Chapter Elections: As mentioned, elections are coming up next month and the new Chapter Officers will be installed at the July meeting. The June meeting will be my last meeting as Chapter President. I have placed excerpts of the Bi-Laws and rules for elections on the information table. Council must have delegate forms submitted and dues paid in full.
- I will have the nominating committee provide the first reading of the “Slate of Officers” during new Business.
- The Chapter website went live about a 10 days ago. Please go to ghknight.org and log-in to the chapter website. Still the same log-in and layout. All existing log-in credentials will work on this site. At the top of the webpage, you will find links to information and reports. To post CUF go to the Exemplifications tab which is on the upper right margin. We plan on having a training session in the summer. If you are having trouble getting to the website, you will have to disconnect, do not use the old URL link, type in the same address: www.ghknights.org to activate the new URL link.

That’s all I have for tonight. Are there any questions? Hearing none, we will move onto Committee Reports

Chapter/Diocesan Committee Reports:

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



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Jerry "G" Giegerich – Emergency Awareness Coordinator

Emergency Awareness:

1. Last year's hurricane season was an easy one. We were very thankful for that. Unfortunately, 2024 appears to be an active one with predictions of five (5) named storms in the Gulf.
2. Council Emergency Response Coordinator (CREC's): Now is the time to get with your CERC's to see if they will remain in the CREC position and get them in front of your members. The CERC is the council's contact if an emergency situation arises, I ask the DDs to get with the Grand Knights and get this in place as soon as possible. If your council does not appoint a CERC, I will have to work with and through the Grand Knight.
3. I have placed a flier on the information table. On the back of the flier is the listing of all CERC's. We have almost 60% of the council's with a CERC in place.

Financial Secretary Training:

1. I ask all Financial Secretaries to complete KC forms 185 and 365 by June 30, 2024. By using member management you can submit electronically and easily get them in before June 30 Using Member Management will make it easier to obtain their contact information and easier to submit electronically in lieu of mailing them to Supreme when complete,
2. Beginning next month, I will be scheduling video conferences with the FS's to cover more about using Member Management. Each month will focus on a different topic and going into "Best Practices" for reporting.

More Information to come. Thank you very much

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:

To the DD's and members on my mailing list I have send e-mails with information using bullet points, making it easier to read. As we prepare to wrap up this fiscal year, encourage councils to designate money by making a calendar and planning a budget for 2024-2025. This message will focus on a few things that I hope may be valuable. While much of my job is to help our councils support pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and Gabriel Projects, I also promote the ACE Wings program in the councils, and I encourage each parish to have a Pro-Life Ministry.

If we think about it for a moment, everything we Knights do is to respect the life and dignity of every person in all stages of life, in all conditions, and in all circumstances. That is why we support pregnancy centers, maternity homes, Gabriel Projects, Special Olympics, VA Visitation, American Wheelchair Mission, and provide help with disasters, etc. If your council has donated to the Gabriel Project at you parish, get a letter from the parish office noting your donation amount and sent it to me, I will then send it to Supreme and the Chapter to receive additional funds. When we support our parishes and clergy, etc., we are still fulfilling the same mission and the same with building faith, family, and community....life and dignity for all.

Surely, we focus a lot on the helpless unborn and mothers in dreadful circumstances that we cannot even imagine. We empower those who can provide direct help to these women and children. Over 65 million babies have been aborted in the last 50 years...in the US alone! For this reason, our brother Knights who are not fully engaged with these concepts should be mentored until they can act independently.

Programs:

1. ACE Wings Program

Continue to encourage this program as an essential part of the formation of Knights. At the same time, all new Knights should be enrolled at the time of their CUF. Start them off right and integrate them into all of the activities the council does.

2. ASAP Program

As councils begin to make end-of-year donations, remind them to file online with the ASAP Program for the appropriate grant.



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3. Gabriel Projects

Those councils making a donation to a Gabriel Project should deliver the check, obtain a signed Donation Receipt Letter from the parish office and get a completed W-9 form. They should send those documents to me along with the member number of the Grand Knight. I will file with Supreme and with Chapter for the appropriate grants and keep a record of these donations. Be aware of any special needs the parish has so that the Gabriel Project knows it has the support of the council.

4. Pregnancy Centers

The council Life Director (or a designated person) should visit those (approved) pregnancy centers near the parish and be aware of their needs. Be sure that they know we stand with them.

5. Ultrasound Initiative

One of the most valuable things our pregnancy centers do is show the mothers the tiny baby growing inside of them. Only the most callous or troubled women will want to proceed with an abortion after seeing the ultrasound image. Our councils should be aware of any needs related to the use of the ultrasound machine...is it requiring frequent repairs, is it modern enough to see the desirable image at the earliest moment in development of the baby, are they expanding their services to a new location or getting a mobile? Report to me any needs that the council cannot meet especially if they is need for a new ultrasound machine.

6. Buses to Austin in January 2025

As we plan for the new fiscal year, let us not forget to budget for a bus to Austin for the Texas Rally for Life. Consider a Baby Bottle Boomerang (BBB) to help raise the money for a bus. Each council could sponsor a bus for their parish, or the councils in a district could go together to sponsor a bus or two. A BBB is a way to get the council members involved working together. It will raise much or all of the money needed for the bus. People want to go, but the cost is often too high. By raising money and getting the cost down to \$20 per seat, there is no problem filling a bus. It can be a life-changing experience.

6. Let Me Help. Take my contact information and be sure the Grand Knight in every council should know how to contact me with any questions about any of the above.

7. Catholic View of Respect for the Life and Dignity of Every Person

As Catholic gentlemen and Knights of Columbus, we voice our respect for the life and dignity of every person, and we earn our ACE Wings as part of our formation in becoming a Knight who understands what we do for others and why. My council Lecturer published the attached document on this subject, with which we should all become more familiar.

8. On Catholic Faith and Respect for Life and Human Dignity

Helping any nurse who was/is being assigned to assist a doctor in providing birth control against her moral principles as a devoted Catholic. This particular nurse was subsequently reassigned.

9. The Future of the Pro-Life Movement

We are doing a lot, but we are not stemming the tide of new women entering the system and seeking help in desperate circumstances. I give a talk on this subject on request. It is a companion lecture to my book Building a Culture of Life. Please visit my web site, below for more information.

Respectfully,

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Chris Perales - VA Visitation Coordinator

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

As of the end of April, we had 1,644 manhours that have accumulated from July 2023 through April 2024. I want to recognize the Councils and Assemblies that have the contributed the most hours during this time period. Council 7382 - 396 hours, Council 4204 - 272 hours, Council 12818 - 152 hours. Assembly 2243 - 456 hours, Assembly 2517 - 92 hours, Assembly 2685 - 88 hours.

That concludes my report and I will turn this over to Brother Tido present his report Vivat Jesus....



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Antonio "Tido" Perales - State VA Visitation

1. I want to thank everybody here, God Bless each and every one of you for making this thing happen. We were able to get enough manhours out there, I knew it would be hard to get this thing started after the pandemic. Without your help we would have never gotten the Faith in Jesus Award in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. So, thank You.
2. The delivery of Wheelchairs to the VA was phenomenal. Many of the veterans took those same wheelchairs to Washington D.C. and were rolling them around in D.C with the Knights of Columbus name on the back of the wheelchairs. They were very proud of them. The wheelchair campaign worked tremendously. Keeping in mind that without your leadership, support and generosity we would not had been able to get this going.

Thank You so much and God Bless!!!

John Williams - American Wheelchair Mission.

I hope everyone enjoyed the video clip of my trip to the Philippines. All applauded.

1. So far for this fraternal year, the Galveston-Houston dioceses has donated approximately \$77,000.00 to the wheelchair mission, about \$7,000.00 less then this time last year. We still have about six weeks to make donations. Please do so.
2. This year, in addition to asking Councils to purchase a wheelchair and/or make a \$500 donation, we are asking you to coordinate and host a Wheelchair Mission at your Parish. Please give some thought, get with you Pastor and see if we can make this happen. We will provide all the information and brochures you may need. As you can see in the video the need is great and one wheelchair benefits the whole community.

Thank You for your contributions.

Old Business:

Chapter President ask if there is any Old Business to come before the Chapter, any old Business. any old business?

I have one piece of old business, to remind you of the elections. I put an excerpt of the Bi-Laws pertaining to Elections on the information table. So on your way out, please feel free to pick up a copy. It contains all information on how we run elections,

New Business:

Chapter President ask if there is any New business? Any New Business? So before moving to the Nominating Committee.

1. Brother Tido reminded me that at the June Chapter meeting we will have a guest speaker from the Mamie George Community Center / Catholic Charities, Mr. Shane Baker, Senior Development Officer with Catholic Charities will be speaking about the needs they have at Mamie George in Fort Bend County. So be sure to be here next month for that presentation.
2. At this time I will call upon the Nominating Committee to come up and present the First Reading on the Slate of Officers. ADD John Williams spoke on behalf of the committee members ADD Tony Scarpa and DD Joaquin Perez. We have received a full slate of names for Chapter Offices for the 2024 – 2025 Fraternal year.

They are as follows:

- For Chapter President: Robert Alcalá
- For Chapter Vice President: Vincent (Vinny) Stasio
- For Chapter Secretary: Don Quintero
- For Treasurer: Charles Cantrell

Nominations are closed as of this time. Next month at the Chapter Meeting nominations from the floor will be accepted, up to the point of elections. This concludes my presentation, Thank you

Chapter President stated next month we will have our Second Reading of the Nominations and followed by the Elections.



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Chapter President then announced: at this time I will call upon our Worthy Diocesan Deputy Ron Frerich to give his report:

Diocesan Deputy Report – Ron Frerich

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1. I need to make this a “Thank You” event. We just completed the 120th State Convention. Much of the planning and the work is completed by the Texas State Office and State Officers put on a lot of that event and there is a lot of things the Galveston-Houston Knights have to do to help. It took a lot of manpower to make this convention work and I believe we did a fabulous job. I want to thank the guys who helped us out.
 - a. Friday Morning early was the Golf Tournament, which was just phenomenal, Jerry Moch was the chairman, with Joe Diamond and PGK Gabe Chekschinder providing assistance. They just did a phenomenal job. It was a great location and the weather cooperated too which made it great for the Tournament,
 - b. Friday Night Event. The venue was located at the top of the Cathedral Center building, DGK Jay Roussel was the chairman with Charles Cantrell acting a co-chair. They did a really great job. There was a live band, food, drinks and dancing, We had everything, even a photo booth. Bus transportation to and from the hotel. There were guest singers singing “Rambling Man” which was pretty cool. It was just a wonderful night
 - c. The Ladies Events. It was well planned and thought out. Lead by Debbie Frerich and Silvia Gutierrez. Those ladies did a fabulous job. Between Debbie and Silvia it was just great and they did a wonderful job
 - d. The Masses. I never knew what was involved in putting on a Mass for more than 1,600plus folks. We had eight Bishops, and all kinds of other Clergy, Deacons and whatever. It was a massive effort lead by DD Reggie Vasquez and GK Johnny Salinas. They did a fabulous job getting it all organized and executed. It went quickly and spiritually. PGK Don Quintero coordinate the efforts in getting the Altar and religious items brought over from the Chancery and set up for each Mass. Don was there and got folks to lift the Altar onto the stage and then putting it away for the convention presentations was a huge undertaking. We had to get music for the mass, and then get the music and approved and a Choir to lead the signing during the Mass. At the last minute, we learned the Cardinal wanted communion under both Species, so we have to double the altar servers. To continue that thought, Deacon Dale set up a chapel and coordinated Adoration. We had 215 people sign in for Adoration and at least 215 more who spent an hour at Adoration and did not sign in. We even had to set up for Mass on short order, for a Bishop that wanted to have mass on Friday afternoon.
 - e. Last but not least, the “men in black” from Council 6878, put on a Hospitality Suite that was to die-for. I was a just fabulous. They did a great job and everyone attending had a great time.
2. Awards: on the tables up front, there are a bunch of awards, some from the end of last year and this year’s “Quick Start and Jump Start” award winners. DDs come get them to distribute to you councils, If you are the GK of your Council, and your DD is not here, please come up, sign for your awards and give them to your DD to distribute.
3. Star Councils: we are shooting for another record for Star Councils. We had a record last year and are on track to set another this year. We are really doing good on membership, but not on Fraternal Benefits or Safe Environment. Supreme has a Fraternal Benefits “webinar” coming up on May 22nd at 6:00pm. I sent fliers with a QR code to link with the webinar. If you have a Spanish speaking council, we have a Spanish language webinar is on May 29th at 7:00pm. It is really simple and lasts about an hour. So, get your guys to do this. We do not have any other dates for June, so this is the last one for this Fraternal year. So if you need to complete the Fraternal Benefits night, start working to schedule one with your Field Agent.
4. Membership: If your council is short of the goal by a few members, some need a bit more new members, I have asked the DD’s to give me dates for running a membership drive. I do have many councils putting on a Church Drive to recruit new members towards the end of May and first week in June, to meet your goal for Star Council. I have a copy of “Star Tracker” if it is all green that is good. You GK’s and FS’s also have access to the Star Tracker to review.



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- 5 SP-7. Reminder to get your SP-7's in now, and don't wait for the last minute to get this submitted. We already turned in some, and about half were accepted, the other half got rejected because of errors. This gave them the opportunity to correct the errors and resubmit. So get the in soon, to allow time to correct any errors..
- 6 Diocesan Summer Conference. Put this in your calendar, it is here in this room at the Northside Columbus Club on Saturday, July 20, from 9:00am–1:00pm. Everyone and every council is required to attend.
- 7 Forms 185 and 365. They **both** have to be completed and turned in by July 1, 2024. Repeat **both** due on July 1st. Do them on-line using Member Management. Once completed and submitted on-line, it automatically goes to Supreme. However, when completed you have to save a copy of each and physically send/e-mail each (the 185 and 365) to the State, copy to me the Diocesan Deputy and your District Deputy. It is critical you get this done by July 1st.
You are doing good guys. I appreciate it. Thanks You ...

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

- **Tony Butera – Football Frenzy Chairman**

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

1. Before I give my report, I have a presentation to the ten (10) members of my Council 6878 is in charge of the Hospitality Suite and that worked Hospitality Suite at the State Convention. The six men present tonight, will receive an award and be recognized for their work at the Hospitality Suite. Thank you....
2. Football Frenzy: How many of you picked up your Council's Football Frenzy tickets when at the convention? Show of hands. Tony threw them small soft-foam footballs to thank them for picking the tickets up.
 - a. If you did not pick up you tickets, I have your ticket packet with me tonight and those not here I will give them to the DD's for distribution at the next meeting.
 - b. I ask each council to include a budget to purchase tickets and offer a discount to your members to purchase more. Ticket price is \$10/each. My council includes in the budget \$1,000.00 to purchase the tickets and offsets the cost to your members by selling them for \$5/each. At the last meeting, our DGK purchased 70 of our 100 tickets at the council meeting. The members pay \$5 and the Council pays \$5.
 - c. There were a number of councils that did not buy a ticket last year, not one ticket. I have GK's tell me they could not sell ten (10) tickets. We have an opportunity and can do better this year.

I believe everyone can sell \$100 worth of tickets and councils can sell \$500 worth. Let's do it! God Bless You Guys

- **David Keating - State Charities Director**

Recognized State Deputy, State Treasurer, Diocesan Deputy, Chapter Officers, and Brothers All,

1. At the end of April, Galveston-Houston has contributed \$170,353.46 or 101.97% of goal. Congratulations!!
2. Council in Galveston-Houston: we have 101 Councils that have met their Charity goal. We still have 19 councils that still have the opportunity to make their Charity goal and 11 Councils that have NOT yet contributed to Charity.
3. Since January 31, 2024, G-H has contributed only \$2,095.00 in three months. Yes, we have met our goal, but in order for us to make that check to Cardinal DiNardo as large as last year's we have some more work. So, if your council had more success in your fund-raising efforts and can contribute more to State Charities, every dollar given to State Charities at this point, dollar-for-dollar goes to the Archdiocese Catholic Education Funds.

I thank you, from the State Deputy and from the Cardinal but and most of all, I thank you from the children that will benefit from a Catholic Education.

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,

Before I start me report, I hope the special Ladies in your life had a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day, the past Sunday.

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1. I want to add my thanks to all that attended the Texas State Convention. Whether you were attending for the first time, a Delegate from your council, a District Deputy, a volunteer that worked in many areas, or a Sir Knight participating in the honor guard for one of the two masses, Saturday we have 145+ Sir Knights and Sunday we had 110+ Sir Knights. I think we can all agree, this was a convention we can all be proud of. I know we wanted to do a great job for our State Deputy and his Officers and I think we accomplished that goal.
2. Items coming up for the Fourth Degree:
May 30th - Baccalaureate Mass for Cristo Rey High School at the Co-Cathedral.
June 1st - Priestly Ordination at the Co-Cathedral
June 1st - Priestly Ordination at the Basilica in Beaumont
May 30th to June 2nd - The Eucharistic Pilgrimage starting at St. Laurence in Sugar Land and ending at Sacred Heart in Galveston.
June 3rd - The Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be Beaumont starting at Our Lady of the Assumption and ending at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica.
June 22nd - 4th Degree Exemplification at St. Simon and Jude in the Woodlands. Father Pat Garrett, pastor of St. Simon and Jude will also be our class honoree.
3. I attended two beautiful events this past week.
May 7th at Warren Chapel at St. Dominic Village was the Installation of Acolytes.
May 11th was the Transitional Diaconate Ordination Mass at the Co-Cathedral. Our celebrant was Bishop Italo Dell'Oro for both. The Bishop referring to St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, spoke on being worthy of your calling. This struck me in that we as knights are called. We are called to prayer, to organize, to serve, we are called to put our faith into action. We are called to remember of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection. We are called to remember those that came before us and to build on that legacy. As St. Paul tells us we are called by Almighty God. Let's be worthy of our calling as Knights of Columbus.

God Bless....

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, for all of you that have worked so hard this year, thank you. For GK's that may be finishing their time in office, let's keep going and show those new guys how it's done. You DDs work with your folks to put on a CUF.

1. As you have been told, filing the new 185 and 365 is very important, The year is not over, we are just beginning. Continuing to build on the success.
2. We have a chance for a record year on membership goals. You have done a great job and we are so close to exceeding the accomplishments of the past. If your councils have not yet done a recruitment drive and maybe a couple of members short, do another drive. Our Diocesan Deputy has been asking, pushing and pleading for you to do an exemplification in May and June. You in Houston may be able to meet membership numbers that we have not seen in a long time. So please keep going.
3. Something interesting; how many people know the difference between the Dioceses or Parish and the Knights? What's the difference ... they are two different entities. I said this over and over for six maybe eight years. I had people tell me they have completed the Safe Environment requirements and show me an e-mail train for compliance from the Dioceses. We are a different entity, each with different requirements for training. I had this conversation with a member who is pretty high up, wearing a red badge, which should have known the difference. So, please check the safe environment report for your councils. If you see red or yellow boxes, which indicate non-compliance or pending status, go talk to your folks.
4. Fraternal Benefit Nights: this got many of us last year. The council has to have two separate Fraternal Benefits nights with different members attending each meeting to achieve the numbers for minimum requirements. As you

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heard from the Diocesan Deputy, time is running out. Get you members to attend the webinar or schedule a benefit night with you Field Agent. Having KC insurance is a “Safety Net” for you family when you are gone.

5. As for the Convention, our new State Deputy Elect, Ron Alanzo called and asked me to pass this on. He said, “he and his wife thought this was the finest convention, it just flew by, because everything worked.” That was because of you. So I thank you; you did a fabulous job. Let’s keep it going and show the State, Galveston-Houston can do it. 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

1. Galveston Houston Convention Committee and the Eulogy Committee. All that was said before is true. In fact, the eulogy during the Mass was just incredible. Reggie and Johnny did such a good job with that. The number of Sir Knights during each Mass was incredible. To have seven or eight Cardinals and Bishops there at any given time was incredible. We talked about Adoration already, Fr. Mark brought the Fr. McGivney relic, it was unseemingly and along with the Fr. McGivney prayer cards when touched to the first relic, became elevated to a third relic, which is pretty incredible. Again, these “Men-in-Black” did a fantastic job with the Hospitality suite. We had almost 1,300 people at the Banquet Dinner, it was a beautiful sight when look out from the head table. The Supreme Advocate John Varela, this was his first time here in Texas, wrote me a letter thanking me and praising all the stuff that was accomplished and wanting to congratulate the Chaiman and the committee for the incredible job that everyone did, was obviously from the heart. From the Friday night event, those who left early missed a good thing, with the “Legends” playing, Cruz Hinojosa and the band, and talked me into coming up and singing was probably a good thing the many people already left the event. It was a good time and everyone enjoyed being there. We didn’t know how the buses would be, running to and from the hotel to the event, but it all went flawless.
2. Membership-wise: we had a great April throughout the State. Texas had 609 new member intake joining the Order. That has been the best in at least the past eleven years that I know. Galveston Houston had over 110 new members. which was 1/6th of the of the state members and 153% of goal. Nine of the fifteen Diocese in the State met or exceeded their goal. That is what it took to get 609 new members. With two months left if we do close to the same thing will have our best year ever. We had already made “Circle of Honor” in the first part of the month, but this will elevate us to the “Pinnacle” level. It is you guys in the councils, along with the District Deputies working for Star Council who brought us to this success. That was fantastic. Supreme Secretary, Patrick Mason, put out a letter, which tied in with the video from Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight asking we each recruit one man and offering every council the Membership Drive Kit, which are now available through Officers online and ready to ship to you. So, now there is no excuse not to get them.
3. So far for the month of May, Galveston-Houston brought in 33 members which is 34% of our goal, In Texas, we have 190 new members out of our goal of 482. As we say, time and time again, as Houston goes, so goes the State and as Texas goes so goes the Order. We are joined at the hip all the way up.
4. We also have a contest going on between the Dioceses, that Galveston Houston is leading on two events, dealing with Golfing on a Division 1 score card where Galveston-Houston is up on Fort Worth and San Antonio.
5. Circle of Honor we reach that on May 6th. We reached 4,380 new members Statewide. As of today we have 4510 new members, so we only need about 740 new member in the next month and a half to reach Pinnacle, and to have the best year Texas has ever had. When Terry Simonton was State Deputy 5239 is the record, which has been standing for many years. So, it is within reach.
6. At the Convention we had a “Pass-the-Hat” fundraiser, and we brought in over \$6,000.00 and I thank you for that. But it is not over, we still have a couple of weeks for the State to turn in the forms to Supreme, which is the end of May. You can go on-line as a council or individual, which many of you have to contribute to the fund.



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7. The Diocesan Deputy, shocked me again today, I got a call from one of the General Agents, asking when Galveston-Houston will have their summer Diocesan Conference. I didn't know but told him I would find out tonight. A few minutes later he text me saying summer is scheduled July 20 and the winter one is January 2025 in Pearland. So, with all that he has going on, he has scheduled the summer and winter. Great Job.
8. **The Finish Line:** Hopefully, most of you guys are getting the e-mail edition sent to you. As of tonight, you should be receiving the **Texas Knight** on-. Mark Johnson is in charge of putting this out. Check Constant Contact.
9. Charities, we are having such a great year with our Charities. Wheelchairs have done incredible. Last year we did almost a Million dollars, right now will we are over a \$1.1 to 1.2 Million across the State. John Williams and others throughout the state are putting on Wheelchair Sunday Fundraisers in the Parishes. My church will probably fill a shipping container. Just an incredible jobs. When looking back at 2nd place to California at \$150,000.00 I smile.
10. With Quick Start, Special Olympics, COR Initiative, Star Councils, we had 208 last year and will probably pass that number this year. It is just incredible.
11. When you see in the **Finish Line** or the **Texas Knight**, I put out a letter, referring to a situation at the convention with a brother Grand Knight. The bottom line is my rebuttal to the Grand Knight saving some new recruits for next year. So, if you come across this situation, if the person is going to be stubborn you can suggest they bring them on as e-members. This way you get some coverage and continued contact to bring them in when you can, Again, great job on the convention, I don't think I've been to a better one. Thank you guys for all you have done. God Bless!!!

Chapter President called for District Deputies to give reports.

District Deputy Reports

- Joaquin Perez – District 72
Council 787 will be hosting a CUF using the new exemplification on Sunday, May 19, 2:00pm registration exemplification at 2:30pm. Candidates to attend 12:30pm mass at St. Mary's Church in Galveston, followed by the CUF. Council 3217 will be presenting the Exemplification,

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

Grand Knight Reports

- Rex Roeges GK Council 6878 St. Mary Magdalene Church
 - This weekend May 18 and 19, holding a Wheelchair Church Drive at all Masses.
 - May 25th, will be hosting a CUF in St. Mary's Hall
 - June 2nd, The Feast of Corpus Christi, we will be having a Eucharistic Procession
- Michael Harbour DGK Council 3910 St. Thomas More Church
 - Last weekend we held an Emergency Preparedness Program after all masses, titled Ready Houston. It is a great program with "Free" material from the City of Houston. We had great participation from all Masses, I will pass the information to Gerry "G" Giegerich and/or you can come see me after the meeting.
- Gabriel Couriel GK Council 10390 St. Vincent de Paul Church
 - This Sunday we are hosting a Pancake Breakfast after the 9:00 am and 11:00am Masses.
 - June 1st Council 10390 and Assembly 1094 will host a "Turn-out" for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Afterwards we'll celebrate with a Hotdog luncheon for all parishioners.
 - June 2nd we will hold a blood drive after all masses
 - July 29 we will be serving food at Cafe Catholica. They are offering tables at \$50ea. This is a great opportunity to recruit men between the ages of 24 and 40.
- Frederick Sunderman Council 6557



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June 24, we will be hosting a presentation by SK Larry Pellerito in his “Knights” class covering the History of the Knights. RSVP is required for attendance to let us know you are coming.

- Don Contero, PGK Council 17060 Annunciation Church
Our Council provided dinner tonight and the “donation” bucket is still available for your contributions. Thanks
 - June 1st for the Feast of Corpus Christi, after our traditional Latin Mass at 11:00am, we will be having a Eucharistic Procession. I know it is the same time as the Priest Ordination Mass. So, if you just want to come for the Procession, met us in the “Brides Room” around 12:25pm
 - Also in June, our Chancellor Gabe Cortez, along with his wife Sarah, run the Catholic Literary Arts Fearless Writing Camp at St. Thomas University. So, as we go into the new Fraternal year, I ask your Council, as our Council does, to budgets funds for student scholarships. Each scholarship is \$275.00, Please remember this is your planning

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 \$102.00. The winning ticket #4130466.

Sick and Distressed Prayer List. I will call our Chapter Vice President, Robert Alcala, to read the sick and distressed list. At this time let us add to our prayers tonight the following names.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council/Assembly</u>	<u>Reason</u>
• David Cornelius	2917	Heart Attack
• James Urbanowski	2917	Multiple Health Issues
• SK Cornelius Nwora	5678/3427	Rest In Peace
• SK Lee Meister	7382	Health Issues
• SK George Green	6878	Rest In Peace
• SK Fred Hobrecht	6878	Rest In Peace
• Roberto Duran	7382	Cancer
• DD Bob Schmidt	12320	Hospital with Chest Pains
• Charles Pipkins	Memorial	Brain Tumor/Stroke after surgery
• Tony Bandzul	State Treasurer	Cancer
• Miriam Lay	8293	Rest In Peace
• Robert Sepuhieder	8293	Health Issues
• Bob Sullivent	8293	Health Issues
• Josh Alderete	8293	Renal Failure
• Aleida Camarillo	8293	Cancer
• Chris Scarpa	8494	Hearth Issues in hospital for Surgery
Wife of ADD Tony Scarpa		
• Chris Kelly	14512	Rest In Peace
• Rubin Ocuna	13151	Rest In Peace
• Al Wehe	12329	Rest In Peace
• SK Mark Frenetti	1988	Rest In Peace
• Carrol Langer	6237	Rest In Peace
• Fr. Drew Wo	11343	Cancer
• Roger Gutierrez	8404	Recovery from Burns
• Charles Suderman	3217	Heart Issues in the hospital
• Ann Fertini	10390	Cancer
Widow and Mother of a member		



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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 9:00pm. Next Chapter meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 2024

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

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