

# OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## State Deputy's Report to the 115<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus

Reverend Father, Supreme Treasurer and PSD, State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, General Agent, Delegates, Ladies and Guests:

I am pleased to report that Columbianism is alive and well in Oklahoma. Since our gathering at the 114<sup>th</sup> annual convention one year ago our Knights and their families have been supporting events and programs throughout Oklahoma employing the practice of our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

During the past year your State Council has engaged in numerous activities including the following

In early June Dee and I attended the Annual State Deputy Installation in New Haven, CT. The installation ceremony was very moving for both Dee and I. The meeting was largely conducted on building quality teams and action plans. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson emphasized that the purpose we must make the organization more inviting to the younger generation.

We kicked off the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year with the State Organizational Meeting and Installation of State Officers on July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup> at St John Nepomuk Church in Yukon, OK. We invited all the Grand Knights to attend the meeting with the District Deputies this year.

The 2019 Supreme Convention was held in Minneapolis, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and Oklahoma was well represented. Archbishop Paul S. Coakley and State Chaplain Fr. M. Price Oswalt were in attendance. The Oklahoma delegation included my wife Dee and me, IPSD John Pierce and Wife Cheryl, plus elected delegates Miguel Grijalva, Chris Victor, Chris King, Dennis Nauman and their wives. Vice Supreme Master David Roewe, his wife Melani, General Agent Kevin Pierce and his wife Amanda also attended.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> the State leadership team conducted a planning session with the host council for the 2020 State Convention at the Lawton Hilton Garden Inn.

Council leadership workshops were held at the Center of Family Love in Okarche and at St Bernard' church in Tulsa on January 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

The running of the Silver Rose in 2019 marked the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the program that began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. On October 19, 2019 the Oklahoma jurisdiction received the Supreme Silver Rose from the Kansas jurisdiction at St. Peter the Apostle in Guymon, OK. The Supreme Rose was then transferred from council to council along a route through Western Oklahoma culminating in its transfer from the Oklahoma jurisdiction to the Texas jurisdiction on November 9, 2019 at a Mass celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Muenster, Texas.

Concurrent with the running of the Supreme Rose through western Oklahoma, the Provincial Rose assigned to District Master Fred Crump traveled along a route through eastern and central Oklahoma. The running of the Provincial Rose commenced September 28, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church Miama, Oklahoma and concluded November 9, 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Former District Master Leroy Giddens served as the 2019 program chairman. Leroy planned the routes through Oklahoma for both Roses and scheduled the special Masses celebrated at numerous Oklahoma parishes with the assistance of Chris King.

In December 2019 a delegation from Oklahoma consisting of District Master Fred Cump and wife Peggy, District Marshal Rick Miller and his wife Laura and traveled to Laredo, Texas to participate in the transfer of the Silver Rose from the Texas jurisdiction to Mexico. On December 6, 2017 a Mass was celebrated at the San Agustin Cathedral in Laredo followed by a procession of over 100 Knights and their families to the center of "Bridge 1 - Gateway to the Americas," where the Rose was transferred to Mexico. Bridge 1 is an international bridge over the Rio Grande River, that marks the border between the United States and Mexico.

In early November, Dee and I attended the State deputy's Mid-Year Meeting in Orlando, FL. The topics covered were presented to our District Deputies on December 14<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> in Tulsa, OK. District Deputies received training on the new exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. In addition, working with our Pastors, implementing the Faith in Action program, young adult and Hispanic development and the Online Membership Program were discussed.

The twenty-third annual Oklahoma Catholic Men's Conference was held February 29, 2020 at the Embassy Suites in Norman, OK. Over the past 24 years the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus have supported the annual men's conference by attending the conference and by volunteering to assist the conference planning team. This year was no exception. Over 600 Brother Knights attended the conference.

Approximately 42 Brother Knights volunteered on the day of the conference to help with several tasks. Our members assisted at the registration desk, assisted the

conference sacristan with the set up the altar and ambo for Mass, acted as greeters by providing directions to attendees and announcing the start of conference sessions, acted as ushers for the love offering collection and provided an Honor Guard at the conference Mass celebrated by Archbishop Paul Coakley. Total conference attendance this year was over 1100 men, a record registration.

For the again this year in a row the State Council set up a greeting table at the conference. This year our Regional Growth Director, Ray Lopez, attended the conference and assisted at our greeting table. Our General Agent and many of our Field Agents also assisted at the greeting table. This year we set up a dedicated Supreme Into the Breach Video Segments plus we utilized the Online Membership program to sign up men who wanted to join. After the conclusion of the meeting we held an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, which 15 men attended.

The support of our seminarians continues to be a vital component of our State Council programs. Through the Supreme managed Christopher fund, the Supreme supported RSVP program, the Oklahoma State Council Pennies for Heaven program and the Oklahoma State Council 365 Club, funds to support vocations are provided to the dioceses and funds are provided directly to our seminarians. This year the State Officer wives sent Valentine's greetings and \$50.00 gift cards to all 38 seminarians.

The Oklahoma Jurisdiction is known for finishing strong and this year it is important that we make every effort to finish as strong as possible. Membership Director Zak Kastl will provide recruitment recommendations in his report to this convention. Zak and his team stand ready to assist you in recruitment planning and execution.

With the world disaster of the Covid-19 virus our year has moved to a very challenging 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. In Mid-March all councils we asked to stop holding meeting and events as part social distancing imposed by the President of the United States. As evidenced by our success at the Catholic men's conference this year, the Online Membership Program can produce excellent recruiting results during this time. Oklahoma Councils started holding virtual meetings.

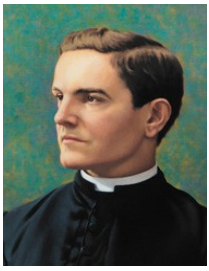
Our State convention was redesigned as a Virtual Convention and will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2020. The PSD's Meeting will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All reports were collected and posted on the state website for review.

I would like to extend my thanks and the thanks of the State Officers to our State Chaplain Father M. Price Oswald for his continued service to the State Council. Fr. Oswald's guidance and counseling to me and the State Officers has been a true blessing.

In closing I would like to extend my thanks to the State Officers and the entire State Family for your tireless support. And I would like to thank you my Brother Knights for all that you do to support our members, their families and our parishes. Serving as your State Deputy for the past year has been a privilege and an honor. Dee and I sincerely appreciate all the prayers and loving support you have provided.

VIVAT JESUS!

Matthew Maly  
State Deputy



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April 10, 2020

Worthy State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Officers, District Deputies, Program Chairmen, Insurance Representatives, Delegates and Brother Knights: the Secretary's report to the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus is as follows:

Membership census as reported by the Supreme Council on April 1, 2019, were used to calculate each subordinate council's per capita and public relations assessment. To date all councils in Oklahoma except for 7 have paid their assessment for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year and all councils with the exception of those in arrears are eligible to seat delegates at this convention.

The total membership of the Oklahoma State Council as of April 1, 2020 is 8,753 consisting of 3,706 insurance members and 5,047 associate members according to the Supreme Council records. This figure reflects net gain of 38 insurance members and a net gain of 62 associate members for a total gain of 100 members since July 1, 2019. The current membership includes 289 Honorary members, 1,229 Honorary Life members and 317 Inactive members.

The State Secretary receives and records all funds collected before they are deposited by the State Treasurer. Checks are written by the State Treasurer after receipt of warrants that are issued by the State Secretary and approved by the State Deputy. A complete accounting of all fund transactions for the prior fiscal year are included in the State Treasurer's report.

In December, delegate forms were sent to all councils. These delegate forms provide a means for Councils to report the names of their delegates to this convention as well as their alternates. Credentials for this convention were mailed to the delegates on April 19, 2019 after verification that each council was in good standing with both Supreme and the State.

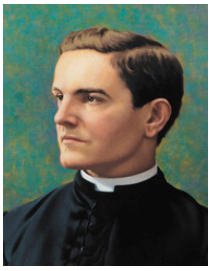
Minutes of the State Officers and other state meetings have recorded for the past year. The minutes of the 114<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Oklahoma State Convention have been posted on the State Website and CD's will be provided upon request.

The names of all Oklahoma Knights of Columbus members reported to the State Council who have died since last convention will read at Mass to be held at a next years Memorial Mass and their names will be recorded in this year's convention minutes. The State Council requests that a Mass be offered for all deceased members in their home parish provided a request by the council is received by the State Secretary. I encourage all Council's take advantage of this benefit. This year 28 such requests were received and Masses requested.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the State Secretary during the past year. I am grateful for the encouragement and support given me by the State Chaplain, my fellow State Officers, District Deputies, Program Directors, Insurance Representatives, Council Officers and my Brother Knights across the State of Oklahoma.

Respectifilly submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Kunnanz".



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May 8, 2020

## State Treasurer's Report – April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

For the General Fund receipts, Per Capita & Public Relations fees were \$66,177.35 or 103.4% of budget. Initiation Fees were only 34.67% of budget at \$520.00, mainly due to the change in format of the Order's degrees. Bank Interest earnings of \$1,050.13 were 87.51% of budget. Convention fee revenue was significantly below budget due to the COVID-19 crisis cancelling the usual convention format. Remaining refunds for same should be processed in May of this year.

Overall, General Fund receipts came in at 79.9% of budget.

For General Fund disbursements, Major Degree expenses were \$2,292.67 (52.11% of budget) due to the same format change mentioned above. Mileage & Per Diem were \$7,992.55, or 87.83% of budget.

General Fund disbursements ended up being 100.1% of budget.

A check for \$1,200 was issued to the Special Olympics of Oklahoma out of the Special Olympics account.

A check for \$8,500 was issued to the Center of Family Love out of the Center of Family Love account.

Direct bank debits totaling \$16,015 were charged to the Disaster Relief fund for the purchase of gift cards to be distributed to disaster victims in Oklahoma.

An independent audit was conducted by C.J. Runyon, PC for the fiscal year 2018-2019. The opinion of the independent auditor was the financial statements provided presented fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the Knights of Columbus Oklahoma State Council as of March 31, 2019, and its revenues and expenses for the year then ended, on the basis of a cash accounting method.

I am grateful to you, my Brother Knights, for selecting me to serve you as Treasurer for the State Council of Oklahoma.

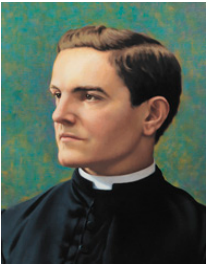
This report is respectfully submitted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020 for inclusion in the minutes of the 115<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma State Council Annual Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Victor  
State Treasurer





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**Re: State Advocate Report**

April 14, 2020

I welcome you all to the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

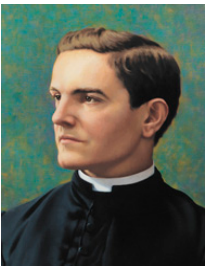
It is the State Advocate's responsibility to ensure these proceedings are conducted in accordance with the bylaws of the Oklahoma State Council.

This year, no proposed amendments to the bylaws and no proposed resolutions were submitted in advance by the state membership or the state council. The Laws and Resolutions Committee has prepared Felicitations and Salutations for a vote of the delegates to this state convention. Pending a favorable vote, these Felicitations and Salutations will be submitted to the Supreme Board of Directors for consideration.

I respectfully submit this report to the minutes of the 115<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Oklahoma State Council.

Fraternally,

Miguel Grijalva  
State Advocate



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IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

RE: State Warden Report 2019 – 2020 Fraternal Year

10 April 2020

**Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Master, Worthy State Membership Experience and Growth Directors, Worthy State Directors, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Delegates, and Brother Knights.**

Over the course of this past fraternal year the Oklahoma State Council held the following meetings across the state.

1. June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, State Officer Planning Meeting, McCloud, OK.
2. July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, State Organizational Meeting and Officer Installation, Yukon, OK.
3. October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, State Convention Planning Meeting in Lawton.
4. December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, District Deputy Mid-Year Meeting in Tulsa, OK.
5. January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, West Workshop in Okarche, OK.
6. January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, State Planning Meeting in OKC.
7. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, East Workshop in Tulsa, OK.
8. April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Virtual State Convention Conference.

Each of these events required the State Warden to ensure that the meeting rooms were setup properly, that the Flags, Plaques, Banners, etc., are available and properly displayed, that the sound system when needed was setup and ready. That all resources needed by the State Officers was on hand, that all information was distributed to all attendees, that all hospitality is available and any required nutrition was available.

It has been an Honor and Privilege to serve the State Officers and you my Brother Knights, as State Warden of the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma during this fraternal year.

I respectfully submit this report to the minutes of the 115<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

*Steven E Rose*

Steven E Rose  
State Warden