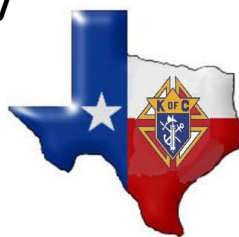


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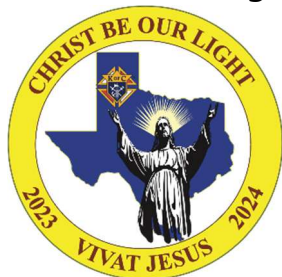


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KEEP IT GOING!

Terry Frugé, Texas State Deputy



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From the Desk of the State Deputy

We Need an Encore of Last Year

Brothers,

As I mentioned in my Constant Contact message last week, you gentlemen did a great job in the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year, and we are off to another great start. While it was incredible to bring in 4511 new Catholic Gentlemen to join our councils, it is important that we plug these new members into an orientation, a mentoring program, or some type of webinar or starter training that gets these brothers with an understanding of what they have really joined.

They joined for a reason, and we must help them cultivate their intentions and desire to help through the many programs and Charitable endeavors the Knights can initiate for them. Some councils pair up new recruits with an experienced hand to "show them the ropes", call them to ride to a meeting or event with them and bring them to Diocesan or District Conferences. While it has been suggested that when you recruit someone, you should assume the role of mentor for your new recruit, and while this usually works pretty well, the evolution of eMembership has slightly altered this theory as many sign-up online without being recruited by an individual. They read all the amazing things Knights do, and they decided to join. These new brothers will need an experienced Knight to educate them, otherwise they may lose interest and become a statistic ending up in Affiliate Program down the road and no one wants that.

For you brothers in the Austin Diocese, Diocesan Deputy Bill Tartaglia has stepped down from his position for medical reasons effective 8/1/23. Assistant Diocesan Deputy, Victor Medina, will take over as Diocesan Deputy, and Bill will assume the Assistant Diocesan Deputy Role as long as his COPD allows. I want to thank Bill for his hard work for the past year, and for Victor taking over on short notice.

Also, Congratulations to Sir Knight Pat Conway, for being assigned the Vice Supreme Master position by Supreme. Bill will be responsible for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province which includes Texas and Oklahoma replacing SK Matt Maly. The six Texas District Masters and the one Oklahoma DM will report to Pat.

Keep up the good work!

VIVAT JESUS!

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Membership:

Fast Start

Brother Knights we now one full month into the new fraternal year. We had a good Jump Start into this new year. We now need to keep our membership growth on the fast track. To keep this fraternal year off to a strong **"Fast Start"**, please ensure you share the [August and September Only](#) incentives with all our Council members. The details can be found below. These are also included in the Membership Update communications sent each week.

Grand Knight (GK) and Membership Director (MD) - Fast Start Incentives

Every GK and MD whose Council brings in their first 5 new members, for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, as set by the Supreme Council, between August 1 – September 30, 2023, will receive a Texas KofC Membership Cap.

Every GK and MD whose Council achieves 100% of their Membership Intake Goal, for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, as set by the Supreme Council, between August 1 - September 30, 2023, will each receive a Texas KofC Membership Polo Shirt.

Council - Fast Start Incentives

Every Council which achieves or exceeds their Council Membership Intake Goal, as set by the Supreme Council, between August 1 - September 30, 2023, can earn the incentive rewards as listed below.

- **100%** of goal – earn KofC Table Covering
- **200%** of goal – earn KofC Flagship Banner

DISTRICT DEPUTY (DD) – MEMBERSHIP GROWTH – INCENTIVES

District Deputy – Fast Start Incentive – August 1 - September 30, 2023

Achieve or exceed the below percentage of the District membership goal, as set by Supreme.

- **30%** of goal: Texas KofC Recruiter Cap
- **75%** of goal: Texas KofC Recruiter Polo Shirt
- **100%+** of goal: Texas KofC Recruiter Jacket

Note: A Council or a District Deputy can only earn one incentive award per % of intake period and can earn again for a higher % intake period.

Example: A Council may have earned the incentive for 100% "Jump Start" but NOT again for the 100% "Fast Start" Incentive. They must achieve 150% or higher at "Fast Start" Incentive to be awarded. The more you grow your Council throughout the year, the more you can be awarded.

***Membership intakes are based on Supremes' Daily Progress Report.**

***All decisions are final as of the deadline listed.**

Texas are you up for the challenge? Will you capitalize on the available incentives?

Offering membership in our Order, via the Online Membership opportunity, remains the best way to do so and it is FREE! Utilize the new promotional code [BlessedMcGivney](#) when you invite practical Catholic gentlemen to Join Us (kofc.org/joinus)! Keep these new online members engaged in the activities at the parish so they can see, firsthand, the good works being accomplished by the Council.

District Deputies be ready to assist your councils. Plan and Schedule Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity each month.

Brother Knights of the Texas State Council, continue all the great work you are doing. Do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the State Membership Team. We are here to aid you in reaching your goals.

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey

Membership Director

Calendar:

30-Days –

- Schedule Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and coordinated these with your DD
- Ensure Council Recruitment Team members are identified and receive latest training.

60 Days –

- Schedule Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and coordinate these with your DD
- Schedule October Membership Drive. Coordinate needs with your Pastor.

90 Days –

- Schedule Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and coordinate these with your DD
- Conduct Order wide membership recruitment drive.

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

Education, Training, & Communications:

“Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.” – Mark 9:2-3

Our team is here to fulfill all your needs to be a Star Council. Visit www.kofc.org or www.tkofc.org at least weekly. Check out the Star Guide Section on the State website & download the latest version. Email all forms to the correct Supreme email address (located in the Star Guide) & to the Texas State Council at forms@tkofc.org. Copy all forms to your District & Diocesan Deputy.

Our Financial Secretary Trainers are ready to begin training new and established council officers, but especially Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. Diocesan Deputies, please schedule your live training sessions by the end of August. David Solis (Chairman) dsolis4027@aol.com 915-238-8735 can assist you with scheduling training sessions. The room needs to have adequate wireless internet to accommodate all trainees. David can also schedule an online training session.

Our Territorial Growth Director, Bob Kish, is available to conduct in-person training sessions in your dioceses. If you are interested, please work with your diocesan deputy to schedule him.

August

- **August 12** – Blessed Father J. McGivney Birthday

- **August 14** – Blessed Father J, McGivney Memorial
- **August 15** – Feast of the Assumption of
- **August 15** – Form 1295 Council Audit Due

September— Last month of 1st Quarter. Re-evaluate plans and adjust as needed

- **September 11** - Day of Prayer – Host a Blue Mass for 1st Responders
- **September 15**—Form 10784 Family of the Month (for August) due
- **September 30** - Roundtable Coordinator Form 2629 Due
- Plan your October Membership Drives.

October – 2nd Quarter begins.

October 7 – Our Lady of the Holy Rosary – Schedule Rosary or Holy Hour

October 10 – Supreme Per Capita due

October 9 – **Columbus Day** - Church Membership Drives around this National Holiday.

October 15—Form 10784 Family of the Month (for September) due

Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month.

Let Christ Be Your Light

Vivat Jesus!

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Brother Knights,

We are off and programming away! Your councils are actively in service of your parishes and Catholic communities. Keep the momentum towards the Columbian Award which ultimately will drive your council to attain Star Council!

Faith in Action

Please work with your pastors in coordinating and supporting the Eucharistic processions for your parish. Here is a link to the Eucharistic Revival website for more information:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>**Pro-Life & Pregnancy Resource Support**

This is the 20th year of the ACE Wings program! Please continue to pray for the continued support of Pro-Life and know that now more than ever your support is needed. Please wear your ACE Wings proudly and promote all eligible to attain their Wings.

The Supreme ASAP Program remains active and in need of our support. Please work to support a diocesan approved pregnancy center today.

Please have your council or join with another council to fund an ultrasound machine. This is the #1 reason mothers decide to support the birth of their baby.

Pilgrim Icon, Vocations and Silver Rose Support

The Pilgrim Icon and traveling Silver Rose is available and is now rotating across the state. Please coordinate with our Chairman Tom Krueger. Our seminarians continue with their curriculums and commitments to the priesthood, and they depend on your councils to offset their personal financial needs. Please support our seminarians and invite them to join your council. You never know, the seminarian you support *today* may be your future council chaplain.

Veterans Program

Let us all acknowledge and pay tribute for all the sacrifices of our military veterans. We pray for continued blessings for them and for their families. Please take time during your council meetings to celebrate and invite all veterans to join the Order.

Athletics

The 49th Annual Johnny Lopez State Golf Tournament is coming up Sept. 15 – 17, 2023 at Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose and Buckhorn Course. Team prizes and individual prizes will be awarded. **Deadline to register is Aug 15th.**

ENTRY REGISTRATION OPTIONS/FEEES Friday Scramble only - \$85.00/player. Saturday & Sunday tournament only - \$160.00/player. Friday, Saturday & Sunday - \$200.00/player. Please include payment of fees with your registration form when submitted. Deadline for entry and payment of fees is August 15th, 2023. The first 220 entries will be accepted.

For questions, text, email or call: Ricky Meyer C: 979-732-7301 H: 979-732-6371 email:

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Larry Solansky C: 979-732-4764 email: larsolo99@gmail.com

Mail Entry Fees to: K of C Texas State Council 1921 Bowie St. Columbus, TX 78934

Please contact Ricky Meyer for more details.

Please order your Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Kits from Supreme, #SC-Kit, through SUPPLIES ONLINE.

The recommended scheduling timeline to conduct your Soccer Challenge is as follows:

Council Soccer Challenge – September

District Soccer Challenge - October

Diocesan Soccer Challenge – October/November

The Programs team is here to support and guide. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Have FUN with Programs!

Let Christ Be Your Light as you lead your Councils.

Vivat Jesus,

Carlos X. Martinez

State Programs Director

30 Day Timeline

Family of the Month

Order Soccer Challenge Kits

Order Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Kits

Rosary Program

Traveling Silver Rose

Traveling St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon

Holy Hours of Adoration

Shield a Badge

60 Day Timeline

Family of the Month

RSVP

Holy Rosary Program

Conduct Soccer Challenge

Begin Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

90 Day Timeline

Family of the Month

Traveling Silver Rose

Traveling Pilgrim Icon

District & Diocesan Soccer Challenge

Council Free Throw Challenge

Council Catholic Essay Contest

Let Christ Be Your Light!

Carlos X. Martinez

State Programs Director

Star Council Awards

As we head into the new Fraternal Year, let's focus on what it takes to make Star Council. While you cannot earn the Star Council award in August, you sure can lose it. Here's what needs to happen over the next three months.

NOW - Submit Report of Officers Chosen Form 185 and Service Program Personnel Form 365. If you've done this, great. If not, get it done ASAP.

NOW - Schedule and hold your annual planning meeting. Planning out the coming Fraternal Year is a great way for councils to ensure success. Plan out at least one membership drive, 8 programs (2 in each of the four Faith In Action program areas) and one fraternal benefit event.

If you have not received a Fraternal Planning Calendar in the mail from Supreme, a copy can be downloaded and printed. This is a great resource that lays out the whole year for you.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/membership/fraternal-leader-success-planner5033.pdf>

NOW - Get your Grand Knight and Directors Safe Environment Compliant. It is vitally important to get the Grand Knight, Program, Community and Family Directors safe environment compliant within the time frame given. This is normally 30-45 days after receiving the notification e-mail from Supreme.

August 1 – Have plans in place for first parish membership drive.

August – Execute first two Faith in Action programs to be on Columbian Award Form SP-7 at year end.

August 15 – Council Semiannual Audit Form 1295-1 is due to Supreme and copy to State Office.

September – Execute next two Faith in Action programs to be on Columbian Award Form SP-7 at year end.

September – Host first Fraternal Benefit Event.

September 15 – District Deputies need to have submitted your Form 944 for each of your councils no later than this date. It's quick, easy and online only. Click this link to get started.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7155219/Form-944-2023-District-Deputy-Annual-Report-on-Council-Status>

October – Execute next two Faith in Action programs to be on Columbian Award Form SP-7 at year end.

Divide your Star Council plan into small, achievable tasks each month and watch your council grow and flourish

Let Christ be our Light
Bill Tillotson
Star Council Director

Council Growth

My Brother Knights,

Luke 8:14-15

14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

What a better way to produce a crop than bringing our great Order to all eligible men in the Catholic Faith. How do you start? **Roundtables.**

Congratulations to the Diocesan of Laredo! Diocesan Deputy – Angel Luna has already met his Roundtable goal. Don't forget Roundtable coordinators must be reappointed each year. Please fill in this form.

https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf

All Roundtables are due to Supreme by June 30, 2024. For a TSC Incentive, they are due to the State office by **December 31, 2023**. For the Diocesan Deputies, get your goal by September 30, 2023, and complete the New Council & Reactivation Goals and you can earn the "Knight on the Town"/ See the Star Guide.

New Council alert: Congratulations!!!! DD 108 Jack Ayers in the Dallas Diocese has a new Council. **Holy Trinity Council 18262**. Thank you for your hard work in growing our Order!!

I understand the Laredo Diocese is next! Please contact our team for help in creating new councils. The link below is for all your required forms:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/council-development-forms.html>

Note the same link is used for all reactivations. Chairman Greg Dutchover is ready to work with you through the reactivation process. Let us work for you. I hear the Laredo Diocese is also working on several reactivations. Will it get done by September 30? I would like to give that Diocesan Deputy a "Knight on the Town". All Diocesan Deputies are eligible & there is time to get it done.

Worthy District Deputies, please remind your councils to go to Officers Online to download their Supreme Per Capita Statement. I have been told some councils still do not understand they are not getting a paper statement from Supreme. Go to:

www.kofc.org > **sign in** > **Click on Reports tab** > **Click on Financial Statement**.

Supreme's 1st half and any past due Supreme Per capita will be on this statement. This is due before October 10, 2023. Note TSC Per Capita (\$10/member) has already been sent out through the mail. This statement will also include your TSC Charity Goal. State PERcapita is due by March 1st or earlier for certain State Awards. Note for **ALL** Diocesan Deputy or District Deputy Incentives – your home Council **MUST** be current with Supreme & State Per Capita. Our team is ready to help you get to your goal; all you need to do is ask.

Vivat Jesus! Let Christ Be Your Light!

David Zeigler, Council Growth Director

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Texas State Council Charities:

Brother Knights,

Charity is the first and foremost principle of the Order. Our Bishops need us to meet and exceed our State Charity goals! 70% of the funds you send to the State Office go directly back to the Bishop in each Diocese for their charity of choice. Once the Diocese exceeds 100% of goal then 100% of the additional funds go back to your Bishop! State Charities and State per Capita statements will be sent out to all active councils by the end of July. We are asking that you PLAN your budgets to include the full amount to be paid before December! You will earn the Quick Start Award for this!

The American Wheelchair Foundation is the First Lady's charity of choice! Each wheelchair you purchase for \$150 positively affects up to 10 other family members. Plan your Wheelchair Sunday Drives and / or collect donations from your members! Contact Bill Weber at 214-405-8023.

Do you have your Knights of Columbus License Plate yet? For a mere \$30 extra per year you can proudly display your Texas 'K of C' License Plate which contains the words "One Nation Under God". \$22 of these funds come back to the state to help Retired Priests in each Diocese! If you already have one, then purchase one for your wife and children as well! Contact Kirby Farek at 361-772-0054. Any Texas DMV can process this specialty plate for you!

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