

Culture of Life

This is a call to all Knights to help create a Culture of Life in the state of Texas and to rid ourselves of the culture of death that is pushed into our lives. This is done through prayer, civic action, organizing and participating in Pro Life events, and through donations of funds to various Pro-Life ministries such as pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes throughout the state. Please feel free to contact me or anyone in my committee for help in any of these areas... we are here to serve you and to continue to make Texas the most Pro-Life state in the country.

The ACE Wings

The **ACE** in ACE Wings stands for - Pro Life without **A**pology, without **C**ompromise, without **E**xception. To earn the ACE Wings a Knight must do 5 public Pro Life events – a guide to these events can be found on the ACE Wing form located online at tkofc.org. Please note that only certain events can be repeated, again this is outlined on the form itself. This year's premium event will be the Texas rally for Life held in January in Austin. This event will count for 3 of the 5 events needed to earn the ACE Wings.

In the past the ACE Wings were often thought of as an award. Please never refer to it as an award – Each set of ACE Wings represents a child that was lost to abortion – and you cannot “win” this...!! Please simply refer to them as “ACE Wings” and please wear them often, not just to KofC Meetings.

It takes a real man, a brave Knight, to earn and wear the ACE Wings!

Please treat them with the same respect you would any blessed object – ACE wings are sent to you blessed. A guide for wearing the ACE Wings will be distributed to your Diocesan Pro Life Chairman in the near future. He will distribute it to the rest of the Diocese.

Please Note *** All of the following forms are available on the www.tkofc.org website – simply search for Culture of Life. All of the ACE Wing forms will be on the right side of the page***

The Silver ACE Wings (est. 2003) continue to be the foundation in which the Texas Knights have to show others that the lives of those children who were aborted would have mattered, that they would have enjoyed the same things we all enjoy. A Knight works 5 public Pro Life events and once completed turns in his paperwork to the State Culture of Life Chairman for his consideration. If a Knight earns the ACE Wings **he may elect to purchase a set for his wife and children (Children must be 10 years of age or older** since these represent a child lost to abortion and they are blessed objects and must be treated with respect). Cost for the additional sets of wings is \$7 each.

Special Forces ACE Wing (SFAW) (est. 2017). The SFAW is black with the gold precious feet in the middle. These are to be presented to Knights in a Council that are often on the front lines defending the preborn... these are the men a Council calls upon when a Pro Life event needs to be staffed, when volunteers are needed for 40 Days for Life, when Marshals are needed to protect Marchers at the Texas Rally for Life, or any of the March for Life events held across the state... to name just a few items.

How do you get the SFAW? The Grand Knight, in cooperation with the Council Pro-Life Chairman, can choose up to 10 members of their Council per year to receive the SFAW per year – The Council will submit a form to the State Culture of Life Chairman for his consideration. The cost of each wing will be \$5 – including shipping. The funds for the SFAW must be paid for in advance.

- The Knight must have already earned his Silver ACE Wings.
- Spouses may also receive the SFAW if the Knight so elects. (\$5 cost)
- Children of Knights and Squires are NOT eligible to receive the SFAW, but they are still eligible to receive the Silver ACE Wings if a Knight so elects – the \$7 charge for these remain the same.

The Gold ACE Wings (2013) are part of our ACE Wings system to recognize those Knights (Knights only please – however consideration will be given to non-Knights on special cases – Abby Johnson is a Gold ACE Wing recipient) whose constant and fearless love for the preborn have helped babies to live and Pro-Life ministries to thrive. Gold ACE Wings are presented to Knights that have been recognized for their outstanding Pro-Life efforts year in and year out by the Diocesan Deputy in each of the 15 Diocese's in Texas. Each Diocesan Deputy is allowed to present up to two Knights and their spouses the Gold ACE Wings each year. The Gold ACE Wings can only be earned once. The Gold ACE Wing form is also available at www.tkoofc.org

Please feel free to contact me with questions on any of the above items

Blessings always,

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