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From the Texas State Council:

KEEP IT GOING!

Terry Frugé, Texas State Deputy

From the Desk of the State Deputy

Brothers,

The 120th Texas State Convention in Houston TX is almost here! I hope all councils in Texas are planning on sending two delegates to Houston on April 26-28, 2024, for an exciting learning opportunity that will give all first time attendees an eye-opening experience of what the Texas State Council and State Council Charities are all about. Over 1200+ Brother Knights and families will take part in this event starting with a Golf Tournament, along with Clergy Luncheon and Seminar, Two Education Session time slots, Awards Ceremony and Welcome Party Rodeo Style on Friday. (Get to Houston as early as possible on Friday to register and participate).

Saturday begins with Opening Mass celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, State Deputy Report, Convention Business Session, two more Education Session Time Slots, Caucus Breakout Session to elect Supreme Convention Delegates, ending with Convention Banquet with additional Awards presented.

Sunday begins with Memorial Mass celebrated by State Chaplain Bishop Michael Sis, Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo. We will then resume Convention Business culminating with Election of State Officers for 2024-2025. We will be blessed with a Cardinal, and six Bishops in attendance from Texas that weekend concelebrating the two Masses and sharing their support of the Knights of Columbus.

You will also have the opportunity to attend Adoration, visit numerous hospitality suites, and a Ladies Luncheon and Breakfast is available, but you need to purchase tickets ahead of time. **It is very important that all attending councils MUST have State per capita paid in full and have a current 3rd Degree Membership Card be presented to enter the Business Session. (Honorary Life Card not sufficient).**

Check the schedule ahead of time to determine which of the four **Education Session** Time Slots you plan on attending. There are two Friday afternoon, and two Saturday afternoon. During the Saturday Education Sessions there will be a 4th Degree Color Guard Competition with the winner presenting the Colors at the Banquet on Saturday night.



Terry Frugé
State Deputy

Deadlines to Consider:

APRIL 2nd - Delegate Certification Forms due

- Clergy Seminar & Luncheon due

April 11th- Hotel Registration Deadline through State Office due

April 21st- Golf Tournament Registration deadline (Cypresswood Golf Club)

Be sure to refer to your State Convention Forms Booklet that has all the information you need to properly register with the State Office or the G/H Convention committee that you can access through the state website. PLEASE do it today! We have a tight schedule with a lot of business to cover so **PLEASE be ON TIME to all events!**

Fraternally,
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Membership:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." - (Ephesians 5:14)

We are less than a month away from the 120th State Convention of the Texas State Council. Your Membership Team is looking forward to seeing this year's Delegates in Houston, Texas. We are excited to celebrate the Membership Growth successes achieved thus far this fraternal year.

We are already 9 months into this fraternal year. Time sure does fly when you are having fun. We have more than 300 Councils from across the state which have not yet recruited a new member. We are counting on your assistance to aid these councils in remaining alive and vibrant.

By now, most of the planned Spring Membership Drives have been completed. If you have more drives scheduled, no worries. Every opportunity to invite a practical Catholic gentleman to join our honored Order is a great day.

Online Membership

Continue to offer Free Online Membership to every practical Catholic gentleman. The Supreme Promo Code, BlessedMcGivney, affords one year of free Online Membership.

All Council/District Active

Every Council Active initiative is designed to encourage all councils to recruit at least one new member during the fraternal year. Texas needs every Council doing their portion.

30 Days:

- Ensure you have your desired training session identified and attendance planned while at the State Convention.
- Offer one-year of Free Online Membership to every practical Catholic Gentleman you encounter
- Schedule follow-up session(s) to contact all potential new Council members
- Stay engaged with the eMembers listed on your Council's Prospect Tab in Officer's Online
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

60 Days:

- Offer one-year of Free Online Membership to every practical Catholic Gentleman you encounter
- Schedule follow-up session(s) to contact all potential new Council members
- Stay engaged with the eMembers listed on your Council's Prospect Tab in Officer's Online
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity
- Exercise your plans to ensure you finish this fraternal year strong for your Council

90 Days:

- Offer one-year of Free Online Membership to every practical Catholic Gentleman you encounter
- Schedule follow-up session(s) to contact all potential new Council members
- Stay engaged with the eMembers listed on your Council's Prospect Tab in Officer's Online
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

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- Ensure you have a strategy in place for a strong start to the next fraternal year

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

Education, Training, & Communications:

“The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.” Luke 6:40

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 train new and established council officers, but especially Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. 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 and the team can also schedule an online training session.

*****The State Advocate, Major Directors, and select committeemen are preparing for some great small group breakout sessions at the convention. Be on the lookout later this month for a message with each session and a brief description of what will be covered.**

*****Do not wait to contact your trainer. The last few months of the fraternal year have many important activities and deadlines. If you have any questions, reach out sooner rather than later.**

April – 4th Quarter begins FINISH STRONG!!

- **April 26 – 28** – Texas State Convention; be on the lookout for messages on activities related to the convention
- Conduct Church Membership Drives & Exemplifications; this is a great time to speak with those new Catholic members who entered the Church on Holy Saturday through RCIA
- Start your Sp-7; this is a great time to take inventory on what you need to complete the STAR Council requirements.
- Begin your budget workshops for the next fraternal year

May – 4th Quarter is underway FINISH STRONG!!

- Start (or complete) and submit your Sp7
- Conduct your first round of nominations for council officers for the upcoming fraternal year

June – 4th Quarter is ending FINISH STRONG!!

- **June 15** – Last day for council elections.
- **June 18** – Father’s Day
- **June 30** – Columbian Award – Form SP-7 (Send in as early as possible) – **CANNOT BE LATE!**
- **June 30** – Report of Officers – Form 185 for Fraternal Year 23-24

- **June 30** – Report of Service Program Personnel Report – Form 365 for Fraternal Year 23-24
- **June 30** – District Deputy Semi-Annual Audit - Form 944B
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The state ETC team wish you and your families a most happy and blessed Easter.

Let Christ Be Your Light

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Tydings

Education, Training, & Communications (ETC) Director

Programs:

Program Director's Reminders:

The success of any council comes from the success of its programs. Successful programs bring new members. Without these two, a council begins to fail.

The key to any successful program is planning. Get your planning done now!

April Reminders –

- Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7. Conduct a Divine Mercy Chaplet for the parish.
- This is the last Quarter of the Fraternal Year – what programs do you still lack for Star Council? Plan them now.
- Check and see if your local pregnancy center needs an Ultrasound machine
- Special Olympics Spring Games – be a volunteer.
- State Bowling Tournament in Houston on April 13/14 & 20/21
- Get ready for the 120th State Convention in Houston April 26-28. Lots of great workshops on Friday and Saturday.
- Submit the Family of the Month (for March) by April 15
- Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.

May Reminders –

- The Seminarians will be leaving school for the summer so don't forget them. Send them a note and some money to help them through the summer.
- Are any of your Seminarians getting ordained? Have the council show him that you support him and will be praying for him.
- Have you conducted at least four programs in each of the Life, Family, Community, Faith categories? You have two months to get them done.
- Submit the Family of the Month (for April) by May 15
- Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.
- Submit your Columbian Award SP-7 now. If there are any issues, you have time to get it corrected.

June Reminders –

- This is the last month of the fraternal year – This is the key form that needs to be submitted now:
- Columbian Award / SP7 - This is the only report that is NOT accepted after the due date. Do it TODAY!
- Who will need some help this summer? Work out a plan to assist those in need with yard work or house repairs. Helping Hands / Leave No Neighbor Behind.
- Submit the Family of the Month (for May) by June 15
- Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.

Remember: Every Program is an opportunity for every Knight to put their Faith in Action and step Into the Breach. Your Program Team is here and available to help you throughout the year.

Pat Henz
State Program Director
Texas State Council

Star Council Awards

In April, we should be focusing on completing all the tasks required to reach Star Council status. Make sure and keep up with your council's progress in the Star Tracker.

As of now, your council should have:

- Recruited at least 75% of your membership goal
- Hosted at least two Fraternal Benefit Events with at least 10 or 14 unique members or membership eligible men (for councils less than or greater than 100 members)
- Submitted the Service Program Personnel Form 365
- Submitted the Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728
- Be 100% Safe Environment Compliant
- Be up to date on Supreme Per Capita payments

If your council is lacking in any of these areas, NOW is the time to get caught up. Upcoming in the next few months:

Columbian Award Form SP-7

- March 1 marks the date this form is typically accepted at Supreme. I recommend submitting this form at the earliest opportunity since that will allow time to react if there are issues.
- There will be a webinar on April 3 at 7 PM on how to fill out the Form SP-7. Invites were sent to GKs and FSs of record.
- To fill out the form, download the PDF version, fill it out, and submit it by cut and pasting into the Online Portal. You cannot save your work in the Online Portal and submit later. And you can only submit online once – if you submit an incomplete form, you're now going to be e-mailing in a PDF and waiting weeks, if not months, for it to be processed.

Link to the PDF

https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap_p.pdf

Link to the Online Portal

<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=SP7C.02>

There will be a special prize drawing at the State Convention for all Grand Knights who have completed their Star Council requirements.

Keep up the good work and VIVAT JESUS!
Bill Tillotson
Star Council Awards Director

Council Growth

My Brother Knights,

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be newborn infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of doctrine and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Ephesians 4:11-16

Our Order & State Family needs you continue to do your part to ensure we continue to grow to help catholic men join our ranks bring us all closer to God!

Remember Supreme Per Capita billing based on January 1, 2024 roster is due April 10, 2024. We still have councils on the suspension list this past October 10. Please see remind those councils to par their Per Capita! They must go online for the Supreme Per Capita Statement:

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

Statement.

Contact us if you need help finding your statement. Please mail payment to:

Knights of Columbus Council Accounts, PO Box 382172, Pittsburg, PA 15251-8172. **Do not mail the payment to Supreme.** If you have already paid, thank you. If you are on the list & have paid, please send copy of check & date sent & we can help remove your council off the suspension list.

- **Congratulations El Paso Diocese for a NEW COUNCIL #18402 in Roger Bacon Parish, El Paso, Texas!** Thank you DD James Weber & everyone involved. We look forward to seeing this new council flourish.
- **Congratulations El Paso Diocese for a REACTIVATION of COUNCIL #7713 in San Elceario Parish, San Elizario, Texas!** Thank you DD James Weber & everyone involved. We look forward to seeing this council continue to grow.
- **Congratulations Brownsville Diocese for a REACTIVATION of COUNCIL #13876 in Cristobal Magallanes, Our Lady of Lourdes, & Our Lady of Fatima Mission, Texas!** Thank you DD Jorge Alanis Weber & everyone involved. We look forward to seeing this council being active in those parishes.

We still have several Dioceses are in different stages of establishing a new Council or reactivating a council. Continue the work to bring new or active Councils to all eligible Catholic men. Please contact our team to walk you through & get your paperwork in order. All the forms you need can be found at the following link:

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

Please gather all forms, forward to the team or me. We want to send a complete package to Supreme at one time.

District Deputies & Grand Knights, we still need to make our Roundtable goal. Please fill in this form. Note the Grand Knight **MUST** sign the form! We can crush this goal! Email all forms to Dan Aguiliar - aguiliar.daniel65@gmail.com. He will verify we have no duplicates, before it is sent to Supreme.

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

Our team is ready to get you to your goal; all you need to do is ask.

The Council Growth Team wishes you all the Joy of our Risen Lord! Happy Easter!

See you all in Houston!!!!

Vivat Jesus! Let Christ Be Your Light!

David Zeigler, Council Growth Director

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Texas State Council Charities:

Brother Knights in Texas,

Bishop Fundraising

The Texas State charity goal for this fraternal year is \$801,135. As of March 22, 2024, we have received contributions totaling \$767,539.51 which represents 95.81% of the State goal. The Quick Start Award was achieved by **569 Councils**, contributing 100% or more of their assigned charity goal and state per capita by December 31, 2023. This is a NEW STATE RECORD! History has shown us we will see this grow by the end of the fraternal year. Will your council be among those successfully meeting their goal? Quick Start Councils as of February 29, 2024:

Diocese	Councils	Quick Start Council
Galveston/Houston	138	98
San Antonio	109	71
Austin	95	67
Ft. Worth	68	54
Dallas	64	46
Corpus Christi	61	20
Brownsville	54	24
El Paso	39	31
San Angelo	36	30
Victoria	32	30
Tyler	33	29
Lubbock	29	23
Beaumont	29	21
Laredo	27	11
Amarillo	24	14
TEXAS TOTAL	838	569

We had 113 Districts Deputies earn Quick Start with all their councils at 100% or more of their assigned goal by December 31, 2023 (See list on following pages). We also had 9 Diocesan Deputies earn the prestigious Hall of Fame Award being over 100% as of February 29, 2024! We thank all those Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies for their leadership in earning these prestigious achievements.

<i>Diocese</i>	<i># of councils</i>	<i># of district deputies</i>	<i>Charity Goal</i>	<i>Contributions</i>	<i>Other Diocesan Contribution 3/22/24</i>	<i>Percentage 3/22/24</i>	<i>Delta</i>
Beaumont	29	7	\$23,935.00	\$24,890.00	\$1,333.00	109.56%	\$2,288.00
Lubbock	29	7	\$15,075.00	\$16,510.00		109.52%	\$1,435.00
El Paso	39	11	\$22,230.00	\$22,743.00	\$1,484.00	108.98%	\$1,997.00
Austin	95	22	\$100,905.00	\$103,614.55	\$6,300.00	108.93%	\$9,009.55
Tyler	33	9	\$21,520.00	\$22,800.00		105.95%	\$1,280.00
San Angelo	36	10	\$27,500.00	\$26,407.50	\$1,681.00	102.14%	\$588.50
Victoria	32	8	\$56,500.00	\$56,975.00		100.84%	\$475.00
Galveston/Houston	138	39	\$167,365.00	\$168,468.46		100.66%	\$1,103.46
Laredo	27	9	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00		100.00%	\$0.00
Fort Worth	68	19	\$80,590.00	\$79,974.00	\$20.00	99.26%	\$596.00
TEXAS	838	222	\$801,135.00	\$767,539.51		95.81%	\$33,595.49
San Antonio	109	30	\$113,095.00	\$105,466.00	\$197.00	93.43%	\$7,432.00
Dallas	64	16	\$87,790.00	\$81,301.00		92.61%	\$6,489.00
Amarillo	24	6	\$15,850.00	\$12,445.00		78.52%	\$3,405.00
Brownsville	54	14	\$30,380.00	\$21,450.00		70.61%	\$8,930.00
Corpus Christi	61	15	\$30,600.00	\$16,695.00		54.56%	\$13,905.00

American Wheelchair Mission

The Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission, raise funds to support the purchase of wheel- chairs for distribution worldwide. Many have been distributed in the USA. Our Worthy State Deputy continues to set a goal for each Council to donate at least \$150 to fund the purchase of one wheelchair. Council’s budget should include this as a line item. Grand Knights should include the Wheelchair Ministry as an agenda item on monthly meetings. This is the First Lady’s charity of choice this year so let’s not let her down!

Checks should be made payable to the AMERICAN WHEEL- CHAIR MISSION and mailed to Dan Moberg, American Wheel- chair Mission, 2600 E. Seltice Way, Suite A172, Post Falls, ID. 93854-7991. Please Let Bill Weber know about your donation via email or phone, yankeesweb@tx.rr.com, 214-405-8023.

<i>Diocese</i>	<i># of councils</i>	<i># of district deputies</i>	<i>2022-23 Contributions</i>	<i>2023-24 (3/22/24) Contributions</i>	<i>6/30/24 YOY Difference</i>
TEXAS	838	222	\$966,644.20	\$779,503.95	\$187,140.25
Dallas	64	16	\$470,358.75	\$411,806.56	-\$58,552.19
Galveston/Houston	138	39	\$139,749.11	\$74,055.03	-\$65,694.08
First Lady Initiative Collections			\$0.00	\$33,226.00	\$33,226.00
San Antonio	109	30	\$158,888.87	\$162,297.36	\$3,408.49
Fort Worth	68	19	\$75,450.74	\$15,940.00	-\$59,510.74
Brownsville	54	14	\$1,800.00	\$2,400.00	\$600.00
Austin	95	22	\$23,269.95	\$15,938.00	-\$7,331.95
Corpus Christi	61	15	\$14,714.00	\$10,501.00	-\$4,213.00
San Angelo	36	10	\$13,668.00	\$11,613.00	-\$2,055.00
Victoria	32	8	\$10,045.00	\$19,323.00	\$9,278.00
Beaumont	29	7	\$4,750.00	\$9,879.00	\$5,129.00
Lubbock	29	7	\$9,770.00	\$1,100.00	-\$8,670.00
Tyler	33	9	\$5,005.00	\$7,175.00	\$2,170.00
Amarillo	24	6	\$1,050.00	\$800.00	-\$250.00
Laredo	27	9	\$37,124.78	\$650.00	-\$36,474.78
El Paso	39	11	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$800.00

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