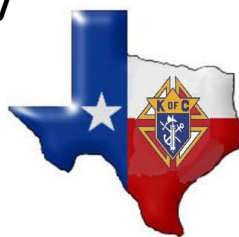


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KEEP IT GOING!

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State Per Capita

State Per Capita is an assessment and payment, required per Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of the Texas State Council Bylaws. State Per Capita is used to fund the operation of the Texas State Council.

As of January 21, 2023, we have had 617 councils that have paid in full their state per capita. Congratulations to the Victoria Diocese for having 100% of their councils paid in full. Tyler Diocese is at 96.88%. We have 25 councils that have made a partial payment and 112 that have made no payment at all.

Those councils that still owe their assessment will be receiving their 2nd assessment notice which is due on or before March 1, 2023. Delinquent councils or their representatives are ineligible to participate in state sponsored activities and/or events such as seating delegates at the state convention, state athletic events such as softball, bowling and golf, state youth free-throw and educational scholarships, etc. Please make your checks payable to "Texas State Council" and mail them to the State Office. Please put "State Per Capita" in the Memo section of your check.

PAYMENTS FOR PER CAPITA CAN BE MADE ONLINE at www.tkofo.org. Please be sure to put your Council Number in the designated field and complete all fields. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the State Office.

Vivat Jesus

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MEMBERSHIP:

The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalms 27:1)

The New Year is upon us. We must walk boldly with the Light of Christ guiding our path. Share the benefit of membership in the Knights of Columbus with those you encounter along the way.

The New Year also provides us the opportunity to assess our goals for this fraternal year. Where do you stand regarding your Diocesan and District goals? Have you achieved at least 50% of your annual goal? Have you worked with the Councils in your respective Diocese and District to aid them in reaching 50% of their assigned goals?

Again, this January, the Supreme Council has opened the Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI) for the USA. Ensure the councils in your respective areas are taking advantage of this opportunity. The window of opportunity for this initiative will only be open from January 1-31, 2023. If you have councils which participated in the AMI in the last fraternal year, they should already be following the procedures for the Interim Member Billing as outlined in Appendix B of the AMI Guidebook.

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.

We are 6 months into this fraternal year, and we have just under 400 Councils from across the state which have not yet recruited a new member. Texas needs your support. We are counting on your assistance to grow the order.

VIVAT JESUS!

Education, Training, & Communications:

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.

February – 3rd Quarter 2/3 done.

February 15 – Semi-Annual Audit Due – Form 1295

February 15 – Form 10784 Family of the Month (for January) due
Diocesan Free-throws

Get your State Award applications ready & sent in by **March 1**. (See Star Guide)
Schedule Church Membership Drives & Exemplifications for Spring

February 22 – Ash Wednesday

February 22 – April 6 - \$40 for Lent

March – 3rd Quarter done.

March 1 – All State Award applications due for each Director's Area. International Wheelchair Day.

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March 1 – Educational Grant Application Due

March 4 – State Basketball Free-throw – San Antonio

March 10 – State Per Capita Due

March 15 – Form 10784 Family of the Month (for February) due

March 29 – Founder's Day

Conduct Church Membership Drives & Exemplifications

Elect State Convention Delegates & fill out all forms for State Convention

April – 4th Quarter begins **FINISH STRONG!!**

April 9 – Easter Sunday

Start your Sp-7; this is a great time to take inventory on what you need to complete the STAR Council requirements.

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.

Thank you to all the Diocesan Deputies for scheduling the diocesan mid-year conferences. The state deputy, state officers, and state directors have been all over the state getting to know the Knights who are making things happen locally. It has been an enjoyable month for all!

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.

Let Christ Be Your Light

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Tydings

Education, Training, & Communications (ETC) Director

Programs:**SUBMIT YOUR PROGRAM AWARD ENTRIES BY MARCH 1, 2023**

Worthy Grand Knights Please review with your Council to submit all your State entries for your Programs, IN PARTICULAR your entry for the Blessed Fr. McGivney award, for Clergy of the Year

Council entry form available: <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state-blessed-michael-mcgivney-award.pdf>

Council State Programs award:

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

Please submit your entries to my email:

carlosmartinez1223@gmail.com

The State Free Throw Championships

It's time for preparing for final Diocesan Free Throw Competitions in preparation for the State Free Throw Championships scheduled as per the following:

Date: Saturday March 4, 2023

Location:

Ed White Middle School

Athletic Facility

7800 Midcrown Drive

San Antonio, TX, 78218

Hotels:

Days Inn by Wyndham (800) 225-3297

9401 North Interstate 35

San Antonio, TX, 78233

Extended Stay Inn (210) 569-6791

9735 North Interstate 35

San Antonio TX, 78233

Drury Inn & Suites (210) 657-1107

4900 Crestwind Dr

San Antonio TX, 78239

Econo Lodge (210) 637-0622

9503 North Interstate 35

San Antonio TX, 78233

Praying all arrive safely.

Pro-Life & Pregnancy Resource Support

Please wear your ACE Wings proudly and promote all eligible to attain their Wings. Contact Tom Clark - Chairman for details

The Pregnancy Resources need continues. Please work with your programs team to promote this program and help the Order reach its goal to donate \$5 million to pregnancy centers and maternity homes before the end of the 2022-2023 fraternal year! Digital ASAP resources are now available at kofc.org/asap.

Contact Andrew Clark – Chairman Ultrasound initiative for more details

Pilgrim Icon and Vocations Support

The Pilgrim Icon is available 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 depend on your Councils to offset their personal financial needs. Please take an active position in support of the RSVP program. Consider allocating some of your council's budget for at least a \$500 donation to earn a \$100 refund from the Supreme Council. Visit kofc.org/rsvp to learn more.

30 Day Events

- District and Diocesan Free Throw contests
- Continue the Shield a Badge Program
- Start (or continue) the Into The Breach Video Series.
- Helping Hands - who needs some assistance?
- Submit the Family of the Month
- Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month

60 Day Events

- March 4 State Free Throw Championship

- Submit your Council Program Awards entries March 1, 2023, to Carlos X. Martinez – Programs Dir,
- Submit the Family of the Month
- Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month

90 Day Events

- **Prepare for the State Convention May 5 – 7, 2023 Dallas**

Please continue to promote your Councils and the Programs that sustain your success.

Let Christ Be Your Light!

Vivat Jesus,

Carlos X. Martinez

State Programs Director

Star Council Awards

As we head into Lent, this is a great time to focus your council's activities on the Faith activities of the Faith in Action programs. At this time of year, many men in your parishes are refocusing their relationship with Jesus Christ. Now is a great time to give these men the opportunity to deepen their faith through the Knights. Following are some ideas of programs you may want to try.

Consider hosting a Holy Hour in your parish. We should encourage deep personal encounters with Christ through Eucharistic adoration in the form of Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions. As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ is truly present – body, blood, soul, and divinity – in the Eucharist. As such, we are compelled to grow in our devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to share His presence with the world.

Also consider hosting one of your parish Stations of the Cross. Your pastor may welcome parish groups putting on the Stations – many great versions can be found online. This will raise the visibility of your council and give your members a chance to deepen their faith.

The “Into the Breach” program provides a wealth of videos that members of your parish will gain from. Many councils have one video they watch, then get together and have a group discussion about it. This can be done in person or virtually. Advertising this in your parish may draw in men who are looking for a faith program which they can do on their own time.

Links to all these programs and more can be found on the Supreme website at:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/index.html>

By putting on these or other programs, you can knock out several of the requirements for your SP-7 Form and hopefully draw more men into your council. But most importantly, you will draw Catholic men closer to Christ.

90 Day Look Ahead

NOW – Forms 185, 365, 1728 and Special Olympics Form 10784 should already have been submitted. Check Star Tracker to verify all have been received.

February 15 – Semiannual Audit form 1295 DUE.

March 1 – State Service Program Awards, State Educational Grants, State Family of the Year and State Chaplain of the Year applications DUE.

March 1 – State Per Caps DUE.

Bill Tillotson, Star Council Awards Director

Council Growth

My Brother Knights,

We have seemed to hit high center here just past the ½ way mark. How can we bring men back to the faith and help them focus their lives on our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ if we are not completing our task of Council Growth. We as the leaders must continuously stay on task & complete those new councils, reactivate councils, & reach our Diocesan Roundtable goals. We have completed our Midyear Conferences & been made aware of the Faith Formation initiative our Supreme Knight wants us knights to bring to our councils & parishes to keep men active and growing in their faith. Council Growth helps fulfill his vision. Let “Christ Be the Light” that will shine on your path to the Glory of God! to complete your goal.

Councils still need to go online for your 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.** The 2nd assessment has been done based on January 1, 2023, roster. If your Per capita looks larger than normal, you may have overlooked your 1st assessment payment. Supreme did not suspend those councils that did not pay by October 10, 2022. You still owe the 1st assessment; it was not waived. If you have already paid, thank you. Supreme Per Capita is due by April 10, 2023. State Per Capita is due by March 1, 2023.

As of January 31, 2023, we had 119 Roundtables. Our Goal is 200. Diocesan Deputies please keep your promise to meet your Roundtable goal. Please fill in this form. Note the Grand Knight **MUST** sign the form! We must reach our goal!

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

11 of our 15 Dioceses are in different stages of establishing a new Council or reactivating a Council. Keep up the work and follow the process. All the forms you need for either process 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. This will also allow for the team to verify everything is in order. We will send a complete package to Supreme at one time. This will allow us to get new Council number within hours & reactivations within a few days of paperwork submission.

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

Vivat Jesus! Let Christ Be Your Light!

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Texas State Council Charities:

Brother Knights,

Charity is our first and foremost principle:

'I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger, and you took me into your home.' Matthew 25:35

Our State Charities Team is proud to inform you of your generosity so far this semester as of 1/10/2023! Our Bishops thank you for the strong start with State Charities! Let's keep this going!

- Attainment of 12-month goal = 86.14%
- Two Dioceses over 100%
- 501 Councils have met requirements for Quick Start
 - 507 Councils have paid State Charity goal
 - 622 Councils have paid State per Capita
- 87 District Deputies have exceeded 100%
 - 10 more District Deputies have exceeded 90%
 - 18 more District Deputies have exceeded 80%

Diocese	# of council s	# of district deputie s	Membershi p	Charity Goal	Contributions	Percentag e 12/30
Fort Worth	67	18	8,154	\$81,395.00	\$84,854.00	104.25%
Tyler	32	9	2,146	\$21,345.00	\$21,366.00	100.10%
Victoria	32	8	5,695	\$56,950.00	\$56,700.00	99.56%
El Paso	39	11	2,200	\$22,000.00	\$165,700.26	96.82%
Galveston/Houston	138	39	17,158	\$171,145.0	\$20,670.00	93.95%
Dallas	63	16	8,823	\$88,120.00	\$81,141.00	92.08%
Austin	93	21	10,299	\$101,585.0	\$84,905.00	83.58%
Laredo	27	8	799	\$7,990.00	\$6,560.00	82.10%
Beaumont	29	7	2,585	\$25,540.00	\$20,360.00	79.72%
San Antonio	109	30	11,494	\$114,395.0	\$87,445.00	76.44%
Amarillo	24	6	1,646	\$16,460.00	\$11,645.00	75.06%
San Angelo	35	10	2,715	\$27,150.00	\$12,215.00	74.21%
Lubbock	29	7	1,578	\$15,515.00	\$19,000.00	69.98%
Brownsville	54	14	3,034	\$30,340.00	\$15,740.00	51.88%
Corpus Christi	59	15	3,354	\$33,540.00	\$12,440.00	37.09%
TEXAS	830	219	81,680	\$813,470.00	\$690,038.26	86.14%

Remember that 70% of these contributions go back to each Bishop for the Charity of his choice. Let us focus on meeting our Charity goals and not let our Bishop's down! We are Knights!

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