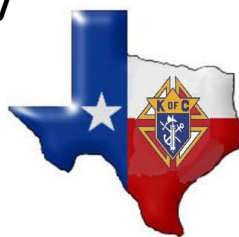


*... from the Texas State Council*



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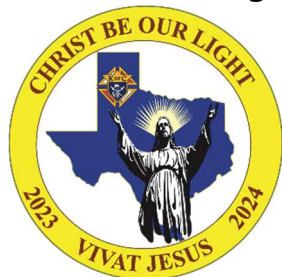


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*From the Texas State Council:*

**KEEP IT GOING!**

**Terry Frugé, Texas State Deputy**

**From the Desk of the State Deputy**

Brothers,

Thanks to all councils for sharing the gift of membership with your Catholic Gentlemen the last 7 months. Texas and the Order are having good years in Membership. Keep up the great work! When you invite a Catholic man into the Order, you are giving him the opportunity to help him become a better father, son, and grandfather.

The State Charity Team has done an incredible job across the state, and we have surpassed many of last years' achievements that State Charities Director Reed Fontenot will cover.

State Director Bill Tillotson and Team are communicating with councils the urgency of Safe Environment Commitment and preparing for Star District status and for many of you, Double Star and beyond... Thanks for your Leadership.

Fraternally,  
Terry Frugé  
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**Membership:**

Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

We are 7 months into this fraternal year, and we have just over 360 Councils from across the state which have not yet recruited a new member. Texas needs their support. We are counting on your assistance aid these councils to grow the Order.

*Brother Knights*, we are called to carry the light of Christ to those who need what membership in the Knights of Columbus has to offer. How are you sharing this light with those you encounter?

*Diocesan Deputies*: Challenge the fraternal leaders of your respective Diocese to take the proactive steps necessary to prepare for the Spring Membership Recruitment Drives.

*District Deputies*: Challenge and assist the leaders within you respective District to ensure they are well prepared for the Spring Membership Recruitment Drives.

*Grand Knights*: Challenge the members of your respective Council to dedicate time in the coming months to take an active role in your planned Membership Recruitment Drives. Ensure needed recruitment materials have been ordered.

*Council Membership Directors*: Assemble you recruiters and ensure they are preparing for the upcoming Spring Membership Recruitment Drives.

The work you do now to prepare for these Spring Membership Drives will ensure we are set up for successful drives. Ensure you are poised to provide a first-class introduction regarding what membership in the Knights of Columbus has to offer.

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.

Calendar items:

**30 Days:**

Ensure your Spring Membership Drive is scheduled.

Order needed recruitment materials from Supplies Online.

Ensure you have your membership team members identified and scheduled for any needed training.

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; use the Council Prosect Tab in Officer's Online.

Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

**60 Days:**

Make final preparations for the Spring Membership Drive.

Offer one-year of Free Online Membership to every practical Catholic Gentleman you encounter

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Schedule follow-up session(s) to contact all potential new Council members; use the Council Project Tab in Officer's Online.

Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

**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; use the Council Project Tab in Officer's Online.

Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

**Education, Training, & Communications:**

**Titus 2:7-8 "In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching."**

Our team is here to fulfill all your needs to be a Star Council. Visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or [www.tkofc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**\*\*\*Do not wait to contact your trainer. Your semi-annual audits are coming up. If you have any questions, reach out sooner rather than later.**

**February 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter underway**

- **February 15** – Semi-Annual Audit Due – Form 1295
- Diocesan Freethrow contests should be done by February 25
- Get your State Award applications ready & sent in by **March 1**. (See Star Guide)
- Schedule Church Membership Drives & Exemplifications for Spring – order your materials now

**March 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ending**

- **March 1** – All State Award applications due for each Director's Area. International Wheelchair Day.
- **March 1** – Educational Grant Application Due
- **March 2** – State Basketball Freethrow – San Antonio – **State per capita MUST be paid to participate**
- **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 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.

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!

- **February Reminders –**

- Submit the following this month – **All due March 1:**
  - Chaplain of the Year (found on Supreme webpage under council forms)
  - State Service Program Award – one from each category: Family, Faith, Life, Community. Entry form located on Supreme website STSP.
  - Family of the Year – form is on Supreme website under Forms.
  - Send them all to the Program Director Pat Henz.
- Consider a Holy Hour and promote it for the entire parish.
- Free Throw District / Diocesan level championships.
- Prepare Food for Families program during Lent.
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Jan) by Feb 15
- Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.

- **March Reminders –**

- Entries for Chaplain of the Year, State Service Program Awards, and Family of the Year are due MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>.
- State Free Throw Championship March 2<sup>nd</sup> in San Antonio.
- Good Friday Family Program – March 29
- Easter Egg Hunt with religious items hidden in some eggs.
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Feb) by March 15
- Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.

- **April Reminders –**

- 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.
- Get ready for the 118<sup>th</sup> State Convention
- Submit the Family of the Month (for March) by April 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**

Hopefully you were able to attend your Diocesan Conference and get fired up about the second half of the year. Make sure and keep up with your council's progress in the Star Tracker.

Coming up in the next few months:

**NOW** – This is the due date for the Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728. The information provided on this form is what Supreme uses to prove to the IRS we are a charity, so it is vital this be completed on time. Many councils are late with this form because they are trying to be very accurate in their accounting. The good news is no one audits this report. Remember that accuracy is nice, but timeliness is mandatory.

Also on this date, submittal of a Form 10784 for Special Olympics (SO) activities is required for the LSA with Distinction. Every council that pays State Charities contributes to Special Olympics, so count 2.5% of that payment as a SO donation on the Form 10784.

**February 15** – The next Semiannual Audit Form 1295-2 is due. This assures the financial health of your council, so please get this done.

**March 1** – This is the deadline for several things. First are entries to the state contests – State Service Program Awards, Family of the Year, Chaplain of the Year and State Education Grants. Submittal of at least ONE of these forms is required for the LSA with Distinction. These contests are scored within a week of receipt, so be on time submitting to Pat Henz.

Also, if State Per Caps were not previously paid, this is the deadline for payment for the LSA.

Also, you can start submitting your Columbian Award Form SP-7 in March. Finish this along, along with your Fraternal Benefit Night requirements, and come to the Convention in April complete with your 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.

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](mailto: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](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf)

Remember Supreme Per Capita billing is based on January 1, 2024 roster. 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](http://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. Supreme Per Capita is due before April 10.

Note State Per Capita was assessed based on July 1 Roster. This is due before March 1.

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. 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.

Our team is ready to get you 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 in Texas,

I am very impressed at your answering the call for your Bishops' Charity of choice! Some key facts of what you are doing to as Texas Knights:

- 93.87% to goal in just the first six months
- SIX Dioceses' already over 100%
- 567 councils earned Quick Start by paying both State Charities and State per Capita by 12/31/23
  - 68% of councils earned Quick Start. Victoria led the way with the highest %!
- 113 District Deputies earned Quick Start
  - 51% of District Deputies earned Quick Start, that is, surpassing 100% of District goal and all councils contributing at least 25%

As a reminder, once the Diocese exceeds 100% then ALL additional funds go to the Bishop. In fact, several Dioceses are already planning extra fundraisers to go above and beyond: Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Laredo and San Angelo are just a few! THANK YOU! We cannot slow down so I urge all councils to make your contributions asap!

<i>Diocese</i>	<i># of councils</i>	<i># of district deputies</i>	<i>Charity Goal</i>	<i>Contributions</i>	<i>Percentage 1/15/24</i>	<i>Delta</i>
El Paso	39	11	\$22,230.00	\$22,583.00	108.26 %	\$1,837.00
Tyler	33	9	\$21,370.00	\$22,230.00	104.02 %	\$860.00
Beaumont	29	7	\$23,935.00	\$24,690.00	103.15 %	\$755.00
San Angelo	36	10	\$27,500.00	\$26,407.50	101.69 %	\$463.50
Austin	95	22	\$100,905.00	\$101,866.55	101.25 %	\$1,261.55
Victoria	32	8	\$56,500.00	\$56,895.00	100.70 %	\$395.00
Galveston/Houston	138	39	\$167,365.00	\$164,678.46	98.39%	\$2,686.54
Fort Worth	68	19	\$80,590.00	\$78,985.00	98.03%	\$1,585.00



Lubbock	29	7	\$15,075.00	\$14,510.00	96.25%	\$565.00
TEXAS	838	222	\$801,145.00	\$752,012.51	93.87%	\$49,132.49
Laredo	27	9	\$7,960.00	\$7,400.00	92.96%	\$560.00
Dallas	64	16	\$87,790.00	\$80,681.00	91.90%	\$7,109.00
San Antonio	109	30	\$113,095.00	\$102,096.00	90.27%	\$10,999.00
Amarillo	24	6	\$15,850.00	\$12,085.00	76.25%	\$3,765.00
Brownsville	54	14	\$30,380.00	\$20,360.00	67.02%	\$10,020.00
Corpus Christi	61	15	\$30,600.00	\$16,545.00	54.07%	\$14,055.00

Diocese	# of council s	# of district deputie s	Quick Start Council s 2023-24	Quick Start District Deputie s 2023-24	% Council s earned Quick Start	% DD's earne d Quick Start
El Paso	39	11	30	8	77%	73%
Tyler	33	9	28	7	85%	78%
Beaumont	29	7	21	5	72%	71%
San Angelo	36	10	30	6	83%	60%
Austin	95	22	67	12	71%	55%
Victoria	32	8	30	7	94%	88%
Galveston/Houston	138	39	98	25	71%	64%
Fort Worth	68	19	54	11	79%	58%
Lubbock	29	7	23	4	79%	57%
TEXAS	838	222	567	113	68%	51%
Laredo	27	9	11	6	41%	67%
Dallas	64	16	46	9	72%	56%
San Antonio	109	30	71	8	65%	27%
Amarillo	24	6	14	1	58%	17%
Brownsville	54	14	24	2	44%	14%
Corpus Christi	61	15	20	2	33%	13%

**Texas DMV License Plate Program** (AKA Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund - Grants for Retired Priests)

ALL Knights are invited to acquire and display a Texas Knights of Columbus license plate on your vehicle. You should also consider one for your significant other and your children! This proudly proclaims you are a Knight, a Catholic, and the fact America is "One Nation Under



God"! What better statement could you make to those seeing your vehicle on the road? By purchasing or renewing a K of C license plate, you have an opportunity to take care of our Infirm Priests. The price of this specialty license plate is an additional \$30.00 annually added to your registration. When a member chooses to proudly display one of these on their vehicle, \$22.00 of this fee is returned to the State Council Charities for the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund.

A set of the Texas Knights of Columbus license plates may be obtained for automobiles or trucks and are available with the handicap logo. Personalization of the specialty plate is available for an additional \$40 annually. For any questions please contact Kirby Farek, 361-772-0054, [kirbyfarek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kirbyfarek@sbcglobal.net).

Go to: <https://www.myplates.com>

OR complete the form below and bring to your local DMV office.





Current License Plate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application for Specialty License Plate

For County Use Only

License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mo./Yr. of Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

#### Instructions

Submit completed application; payment in the form of a personal check, money order, or cashier's check; and any required attachments to your local county tax assessor-collector's office. **Do not mail cash.** The specialty plate fee is \$30 or \$40 per year, as indicated on page 2, in addition to the annual registration fee. License plates may be personalized for an additional \$40 fee; make your choice below. Fees are not refundable.

When the specialty plate is issued, additional fees may be collected to establish a single expiration date for both the specialty plate and the vehicle registration. If you order by mail, contact your county tax assessor-collector's office in three weeks to verify your plate is ready.

The vehicle must be for personal use only and have a Texas title and registration in your name. If the vehicle is not titled in your name, attach a statement affirming that you have legal right of possession and control of this vehicle at all times. If you recently submitted an application for title, attach a copy of the title application (VTR-500 RTS) receipt. If the vehicle is leased, attach a copy of the lease agreement. Submit a separate application for each vehicle. Contact your county tax assessor-collector if you have any questions.

#### Applicant Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	County
Address		City	State	ZIP
Email			Phone Number	

Vehicle Type: ☐ Passenger car ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle/Moped ☐ Trailer

**Personalize Your Plate** – If you would like to personalize your specialty plate, there will be a \$40 fee per year in addition to the annual registration fee.

- Show personalization(s) exactly as you want them to appear on your license plate(s). You may list more than one option in the event the personalization you have chosen is already issued.
- A personalization that has been issued, is deemed offensive, or conflicts with the regular license plate numbering system cannot be approved.
- Enter your desired personalized letters, numbers, and/or symbols in the blocks below. The available symbols include: a period, a dash, a blank space, a Texas silhouette (use an asterisk "\*" to indicate), a heart (use an at "@" to indicate), and a star (use an ampersand "&" to indicate).
- Passenger car, truck, and trailer plates are limited to five (5) characters total, including punctuation characters. The Alamo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and Keep Texas Beautiful plates may be personalized with up to six (6) characters due to the plate design.
- Motorcycle and moped plates are limited to four (4) characters total, including punctuation characters. The Alamo and Keep Texas Beautiful plates may be personalized with up to five (5) characters due to the plate design.
- You are not required to use all the blocks provided.
- The International Symbol of Access "♿" counts as two (2) characters and will be located at the beginning of the plate number. If you are disabled and applying for personalized specialty plates, the plate may consist of only three (3) characters (or two (2) if it is a motorcycle/moped). Use a percent "%" to indicate the International Symbol of Access.

1 <sup>st</sup> Choice					2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice					3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice				

#### International Symbol of Access ♿

To display the International Symbol of Access on your license plate, attach a signed *Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Placard and/or License Plate* (Form VTR-214) to this application to show your eligibility. Contact your county tax assessor-collector's office for more information.

## Application for Specialty License Plate

**Specialty Plate Choices** – All plates are available for passenger cars and trucks. Plates available for motorcycles/mopeds are indicated by (M). Plates available for trailers are indicated by (T).

Circle your specialty plate choice below or enter your choice here:

Knights of Columbus

- 4-H
- A Fine Cause for Unknown Cancer (M) (T)
- Adopt a Beach (M) (T)
- Air Force Association
- Alamo (M) (T)
- American Quarter Horse (T)
- Animal Friendly
- Autism Awareness (M) (T)
- Be A Blood Donor
- Big Bend National Park (M)
- Big Bend Fossil (M) (T)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boy Scouts of America
- Buffalo Soldiers (M) (T)
- CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocate (Lone Star Proud for Kids)
- Childhood Cancer Awareness (M) (T)
- Choose Life (M)
- Coastal Conservation - Redfish (M) (T)
- College for All Texans (M) (T)
- Conserve Texas Quail (M) (T)
- Conserve Water (M) (T)
- Cotton Ball
- Daughters of the American Revolution (M) (T)
- Ducks Unlimited (Blue Heron) (M) (T)
- Ducks Unlimited (Classic) (M) (T)
- Ducks Unlimited (Three Dogs) (M) (T)
- Eastern Star (M) (T)
- El Paso Mission Valley
- Family First
- Fight Terrorism (M)
- Girl Scouts
- God Bless America (M) (T) - \$40 fee
- God Bless Texas (M) - \$40 fee
- Houston Audubon (Birds and Habitat) (M) (T)
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- I Love Texas (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
- In God We Trust (M) (T)
- Insure Texas Kids (M) (T)
- Juneteenth (M) (T)
- K9S4COPS (M) (T)
- Keep Texas Beautiful (Don't Mess with Texas) (M) (T)
- Knights of Columbus
- Love Honey Bees
- Make-A-Wish
- March of Dimes
- Marine Mammal Recovery
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M)
- Native Texan (Daughters of the Republic of Texas) (M)
- Organ Donor
- PGA Foundation (M) (T)
- Read to Succeed
- Red Grapefruit (Texas Citrus Industry)
- Register to Vote
- Rotary International (M) (T)
- San Jacinto Texas Historic District (M) (T)
- Save Texas Ocelots (M) (T)
- Sea Turtle (M) (T)
- Share the Road Y'all (Bicycle) (M) (T)
- Sickle Cell Disease Awareness
- Smile Texas Style
- Smokey Bear (Prevent Wildfires) (M) (T)
- Sound of Freedom (M) (T)
- Space Shuttle Columbia
- Special Olympics
- State Capitol
- State of the Arts (Texas Commission on the Arts) (M) (T)
- Stop Child Abuse (M) (T)
- Take Care of Texas (M) (T)
- Texans Conquer Cancer
- Texas Aerospace Commission
- Texas is Home (M) (T)
- Texas Lions Camp
- Texas Masons (M) (T)
- Texas Master Gardener (M) (T)
- Texas Master Naturalist (M) (T)
- Texas Medical Center (M) (T)
- Texas Music (M) (T)
- Texas Reads
- Texas Trails (M) (T)
- Texas Wildflowers (M) (T)
- Texas Young Lawyers (And Justice for All)
- Texas. It's Like a Whole Other Country (Texas Department of Economic Development)
- United States Olympic Committee (Olympic Spirit)
- United We Stand
- Urban Forestry
- YMCA
- Texas Parks and Wildlife – Conservation**
- Bighorn Sheep ("Wild Texas") (M) (T)
- Bluebonnet ("Texas State Parks") (M) (T)
- Camping ("Texas State Parks") (M) (T)
- Horned Lizard ("Keep Texas Wild") (M) (T)
- Hummingbird ("Keep Texas Wild") (M) (T)
- Largemouth Bass ("Fish Texas") (M) (T)
- Monarch Butterfly (M) (T)
- Rattlesnake ("Keep Texas Wild") (M) (T)
- Texas Rivers (M) (T)
- White-tailed Deer ("Hunt Texas") (M) (T)
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- Houston Texans
- Texas Rangers

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