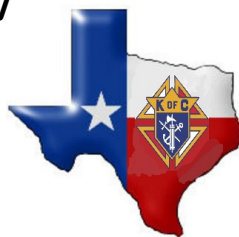


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## *From the Texas State Council:*

### **KEEP IT GOING!**

**Terry Fruge, Texas State Deputy**

### **From the Desk of the State Deputy**

Thank you, Brother Knights, for a great 6 months to start off this Fraternal Year. You have done a good job of inviting Catholic Gentlemen to the Order. We reached half of our annual goal for membership and lead the Order in Division 1. However, we have several jurisdictions on our heels, and Michigan has stated they are coming for us.

You have done a great job in State Charities, attaining over 80% of our annual goal in the first 6 months. Quick Start Award winners are up, and you have done a fine job in promoting Wheelchair weekends to record numbers for American Wheelchair Mission.

Supreme confirmed in December that Good Shepard Council # 6358 in Schertz, TX, is the newest Texas council approved for matching funds for an Ultrasound Machine that will be placed at South Texas Pregnancy Care Center. Ultrasound technology opens a window into the womb and dramatically shows the humanity of the unborn, even to the doubting eyes of those who may not have previously shared our regard for the sanctity of unborn human life.

As we enter the second half of this Fraternal year, we need every knight to fill out Form #1728 and turn into their financial secretary by mid-January so they can compile and report to Supreme by January 31. Last year, Order wide, the Knights of Columbus provided \$17.2 million in Church Support, \$18.6 million for RSVP/Catholic Schools/and Religious Education. Our Charitable Giving was \$153.9 Million while providing 47.7 million volunteer Hours, which equates to \$1.4 billion in Value of Time. Texas State Council leads many of the categories in the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, but we need EVERY knight to submit their survey form to have a valid number representing all the work we do. This validates our Fraternal Tax Exemption from the IRS. Keep up the great work.

VIVAT JESUS!

Terry Frugé, State Deputy



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**Membership:****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](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.

**January 2022** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter begins.

**Midyear Diocesan Conferences**

**January 1** – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**January 15** – 2<sup>nd</sup> billing to be sent

**January 28** – March for Life – Austin, TX

**January 31** – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities – Form 1728 Due

**January 31** – Partnership Profile with Special Olympics Report – Form 10784 Due

**January 31** – Charles ‘Chic’ O’Conner Annual Memorial Award - applications due

Begin planning your March Membership Drives – order materials

Plan a live Financial Secretary Training

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**February** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 1/3 done.

**February 15** – Semi-Annual Audit Due – Form 1295

**February 15** – Form 10784 Family of the Month (for January) due  
Diocesan Freethrows

Get your State Award applications ready & sent in by **March 1**. (See Star Guide)

Schedule Church Membership Drives & Exemplifications for Spring

**February 22 – April 6** - \$40 for Lent

**March** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2/3 done.

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

**March 1** – Educational Grant Application Due

**March 4** – State Basketball Freethrow – 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**

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](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.

We would like to welcome Steven Webb to our team of dedicated trainers. Steven is from the Diocese of Lubbock, and he will be helping in the Panhandle.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Tydings

Education, Training, & Communications (ETC) Director

**Programs:****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](http://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](http://kofc.org/rsvp) to learn more.

**Silver Rose**

Contact your Worthy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, or Program Director to order a good quantity of the Silver Rose Prayer Service Booklets (#4841) and Our Lady of Guadalupe Pledge Cards (#9754) through Supplies Online via Officers Online.  
International Bridge Silver Rose

### **30 Day Events**

- Attend the Texas State Pro-Life March January 28, 2023, State Capitol Austin, TX
- Submit Jan 15 Catholic Citizenship Essay contest.
- Council Free Throw contests
- Submit the Family of the Month
- Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month.  
Please continue to promote your Councils and the successful Programs.

Let Christ Be Your Light!  
Carlos X. Martinez  
State Programs Director

### **Star Council Awards**

In January, one of the first things councils need to do is summarize their fraternal activities from the previous year. This is done by collating data and submitting the **Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728**. This form is due January 31, so every council should be working on it now. If not, please start.

**Why is this form important?** We don't perform our charitable acts to get credit – we do it to help build the Kingdom of God on Earth. But it is important to the Order to summarize our efforts from the previous year. This data is rolled up by Supreme to provide evidence – to the IRS and others – that the Knights of Columbus is a charitable organization and should be taxed as such. Without our charitable activities, we're just another insurance company in the eyes of the Feds. Every council needs to do its part in helping prove we are a charitable organization by submitting the Form 1728.

**How does a council get this information?** There are several ways to collect this data. The financial info can be generated by your Financial Secretary. The most common way to get man-hours is to survey your members. The Form 1728A can be sent to individual members to be filled out and returned. Here is a link to that form:

[https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/individual\\_survey1728a\\_p.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/individual_survey1728a_p.pdf)

One problem with this method is getting members to respond. Councils often will extrapolate their results if only a fraction of the membership replies. For instance, if your council has 100 members and only 10 respond to the survey, just multiply the rolled-up numbers by 10 to get your totals.

Another method is to look at funds spent in each of these areas and make estimates of how many man-hours went along with those expenditures. Another method would be the officers and directors sitting down and making estimates of numbers of hours worked by the members.

The common theme here is the council will usually HAVE to make an **estimate** of hours to fill out this form. All too often, January 31 comes and goes, and councils continue to wait until they get more data. But no matter how long they wait, at some point, they will still have to make some estimates.

Remember our Star Council team motto: **“Accuracy is nice, but Timeliness is mandatory!”**

Go ahead make those estimates by January 31 and submit the form on time. If after submitting the form, a council learns it's estimates were grossly wrong, another Form 1728 can be submitted that will supersede the previous one.

**How do we submit the form?** The preferred method is submitting this form online. It saves time and money for all involved to submit online. Here is a link to a paper copy that can be used as a worksheet:

[https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/fraternal\\_survey1728\\_p.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/fraternal_survey1728_p.pdf)

Once all the info on this form is collected, it can be submitted online by going through the following link:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=1728C.02>

Enter your Membership Number and Last Name, hit enter and a link will be e-mailed to your e-mail of record to begin filling out the form online. Note that only a GK or FS can submit this form.

Thank you in advance for getting this important task done in a timely fashion.

Calendar items:

30 Days:

- Begin planning for your Spring Membership Drive. Order needed materials.
- 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
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

60 Days:

- Ensure your Spring Membership Drive is scheduled.
- 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
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

90 Days:

- Make final preparations for the Spring Membership Drive.
- 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
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Bill Tillotson, Star Council Awards Director

## **Council Growth**

My Brother Knights,

Blessed McGivney had a vision of laymen protecting our widows & orphans and to keep men active in their faith. *Council Growth* helps fulfill his vision. Providing parish roundtables, starting new councils, and reactivating suspended councils allows those Knights to participate in a structured organization that centers men on their faith, family, & community. Our Order has the programs to bring us all back to our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. So, during this Christmas Season provide the opportunity to this great Order to those men, those Brother Knights. Let "Christ Be the Light" that will shine on your path to the Glory of God!

**Congratulations San Angelo Diocese** – New Council # 18101 – Holy Family Parish, Abilene, TX Great job by the Diocesan Deputy Joe Jacobo & DD 228 Steven Knight & our new Brother Knights and their Families at Holy Family Parish! WHO is next?

**Congratulations Laredo Diocese** – (2) Reactivations:

**Council # 11620 – Christ the King** in Laredo, TX Great job by the Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna & DD 237 Daniel Arevalo Jr. for this reactivation.

**Council # 2810 – Our Lady of Guadalupe** in Hebbronville, TX Great job by the Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna & DD 238 Miguel Medellin for this reactivation.

Councils still need to go online for your 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.

As of December 30, 2022, we had 119 roundtables. Our Goal is 200. See totals below. 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](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf)

Diocesan Totals		
Amarillo = 0	Austin = 4	Beaumont = 10
Brownsville = 35	Corpus Christi = 8	Dallas = 1
El Paso = 1	Fort Worth = 21	Galv/Hou = 5
Laredo = 0	Lubbock = 5	San Angelo = 8
San Antonio = 5	Tyler = 10	Victoria = 6

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 the 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:

<i>Diocese</i>	<i># of council s</i>	<i># of district deputie s</i>	<i>Membershi p</i>	<i>Charity Goal</i>	<i>Contributions</i>	<i>Percentag e 12/30</i>
Fort Worth	67	18	8,154	\$81,395.00	\$84,046.00	103.26%
Tyler	32	9	2,146	\$21,345.00	\$21,366.00	100.10%
Victoria	32	8	5,695	\$56,950.00	\$56,240.00	98.75%
El Paso	39	11	2,200	\$22,000.00	\$20,650.00	93.86%
Galveston/Houston	138	39	17,158	\$171,145.0	\$160,110.26	93.55%
Dallas	63	16	8,823	\$88,120.00	\$80,831.00	91.73%
Austin	93	21	10,299	\$101,585.0	\$84,885.00	83.56%
Laredo	27	8	799	\$7,990.00	\$6,560.00	82.10%
Beaumont	29	7	2,585	\$25,540.00	\$19,620.00	76.82%
San Antonio	109	30	11,494	\$114,395.0	\$86,260.00	75.41%
Amarillo	24	6	1,646	\$16,460.00	\$12,215.00	74.21%
San Angelo	35	10	2,715	\$27,150.00	\$19,000.00	69.98%
Lubbock	29	7	1,578	\$15,515.00	\$10,075.00	64.94%
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	84.83%

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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