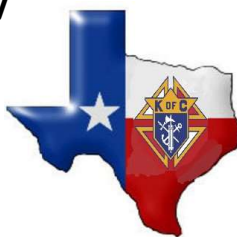


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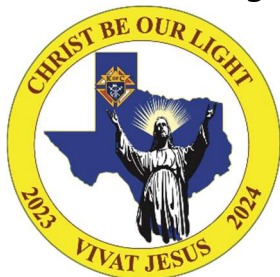


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KEEP IT GOING!

Terry Frugé, Texas State Deputy

From the Desk of the State Deputy

Brothers,
Beth and I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year
and a productive 2024.



Terry Frugé
State Deputy

Most of you know we lost an awesome leader a couple of months ago when PSD and Former Supreme Director Terry Simonton went Home to see the Lord. He was an incredible leader and confidante to many. His years of service to the Order will be sorely missed.

For the last year and a half, Terry, along with PSD Doug Oldmixon has served as **Assistant to the State Deputy** working on projects for me. **PSD Leo Hanus** has agreed to replace the spot Terry served so graciously while battling cancer. Leo & Lorraine have been major leaders for the Texas State Council for many years and we are proud to have them join us.

Thanks to all councils for sharing the gift of membership with your Catholic Gentlemen the last 6 months. Texas and the Order are having good years in Membership with you brothers bringing in around 2400 members by end of December. This brought us to 50% of our Supreme Circle of Honor Goal by midyear which allows us to reach a milestone reducing our Intake Goal 5%.

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,
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Membership:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

The 2024 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.

A New Year and a new focus. To achieve our new member intake goal before we meet for the annual State Convention in Houston. I know Texas is up to the challenge!

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 new member intake goals? Have you achieved at least 50% of your annual new member intake goal? Have you worked with the Councils in your respective Diocese and District to aid them in reaching 50% of their assigned new member intake goals?

Please remember, in Texas, we are following the Interim Member Billing as outlined in the AMI Guidebook, Phase 3 Edition. All Councils should be following the procedures for the Interim Member Billing as outlined in Appendix B of the AMI Guidebook, Phase 3 Edition. Aid our Councils in taking advantage of this billing procedure.

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. Continue working to convert current eMembers to active members of our local Councils.

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!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

Calendar items:30 Days:

- Begin 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

60 Days:

- Order materials needed for 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

90 Days:

- Assemble and train members who will conduct 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

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

Education, Training, & Communications:

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning." Proverbs 9: 9

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 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.

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.

January 2024 – 3rd Quarter begins.

Midyear Diocesan Conferences will be scheduled by your diocesan deputy and presented by one of the state officers or state directors.

- January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- January 15 – 2nd billing to be sent
- January 27 – 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
- Plan a live Financial Secretary Training

February 2024 – 3rd Quarter underway

Midyear Diocesan Conferences will be scheduled by your diocesan deputy and presented by one of the state officers or state directors.

- 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 – 3rd 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
- 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

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!

- **December Reminders –**

- **January Reminders –**

- Catholic Essay Contest Diocesan winners due to State Jan 12th.
- Host the Pilgrim Icon – St. Joseph. You can book the Icon through your Diocesan Deputy.
- Consider a Spiritual Reflection (Featured Program) one day retreat
- March for Life in Austin January 15th or conduct a Novena for Life
- Free Throw starts
- Special Olympic Winter Games
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Dec) by Jan 15
- Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.

- **February Reminders –**

- KCIC Posters Diocesan winners Due Feb 9th.
- Consider a Holy Hour and promote it for the entire parish.
- St. Valentine's Day – Conduct a special blessing for those celebrating anniversaries.
- Check and see if your local pregnancy center needs an Ultrasound machine
- 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 1st**.
- State Free Throw Championship March 2 in San Antonio.
- Consider an Ultrasound and/or Wheelchair fundraiser.
- Don't forget your Veterans – Pray for Police, Fire, First Responders
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Feb) by March 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

As we head into the second half of the year, I want to remind all that the Star council Award is a lot more than a name on a plaque. The award is meant to encourage successful behaviors in all councils. Make sure and keep up with your council's progress in the Star Tracker.

Coming up in the next few months:

in the month these are paid, the easier it is for our state office staff to get these processed.

January 31 – 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. If State Per Caps were not previously paid, this is the deadline for payment for the LSA.

Also, you should have had at least one more program in each of the FIA program areas to put on your SP-7. And you hopefully will have completed your Fraternal Benefit Night requirements. The Columbian Award Form SP-7 can start being submitted after this date.

Keep up the good work and VIVAT JESUS!

Bill Tillotson

Star Council Awards Director

Council Growth

My Brother Knights,

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.” – 2 Peter 3:18

Our Order & State Family continues to grow. We do give Jesus the glory for all that we do & will continue to do.

Congratulations Austin Diocese – New Council 18344 – Our Lady’s Maronite Parish in Austin, TX! Great continuous work by Will Britten, FA, DD 157 Miguel Torres, Victor Medina – Diocesan Deputy, & our Brother Knights in Fort Worth!

New Supreme Per Capita billing came out today based on today’s 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> 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.

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

Several Dioceses are in different stages of establishing a new Council or reactivating a council. Keep up 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:

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

- As of December 29, 2023, Fundraising Chairman David Keating reports State Council Charities contributions to State Council Charities have totaled **\$733,617.51 with FOURTEEN Dioceses over 67%! This equates to 91.57% of our annual goal - well done Texas! We have a couple of reporting days left to make Quick Start Council, Quick Start District Deputy, and Honor Roll Diocesan Deputy. PLUS, earning Quick Start is a requirement to earn the Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction at the end of the year.**
- **Beaumont** is the first Diocese to contribute over 100% of their annual goal. Tyler has now done it along with El Paso and Victoria.
- **546 (up 27) Active Councils** have already met or exceeded 100% of their State Charity Goal in the last 8 days.
- 648 (up 36) Councils have paid State per Capita
- 532 (up 38) Quick Start Councils (qualify by December 31)
- **104 District Deputies** have already qualified for Quick Start.
- A final Quick Start report will be published the end of next week. We will count checks in the mail!

This encompasses most of the expenses. **We appreciate your commitment to State Charities and supporting your local Bishops!**

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