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From the Texas State Council:

KEEP IT GOING!

Terry Frugé, Texas State Deputy

From the Desk of the State Deputy

My Brother Knights,

We have just completed another great fraternal year. We are poised to earn the Pinnacle Award for 2022-2023 after earning the Pinnacle Award for the past two years. Achieving this honor for three consecutive years has never been done before in Texas. It began during a Covid pandemic which shows what can be done when you accept "no excuses."

Let's keep the momentum going with a strong start for the 2023-2024 campaign and we have the leaders to get it done. Our slogan once again is "Christ, Be Our Light." In **John 8:12**, Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." With the current state of our world, we need to look to Him to be our Guiding Light. Our Faith in Action Program is what fellow Catholics need while dealing with these trying times. We will use the COR in the Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative to grow our members' relationship with Christ.

With the overturn of "Roe vs. Wade," we have realized a dream 50 years in the making, but the fight has just begun. We must be vigilant of our Churches, Catholic Schools, Pregnancy Centers and most importantly our Clergy. These symbols of good and righteousness may be targets by those who have proven "rights for life" have little meaning, and vandalism & destruction is what they know. Be vigilant, but smart. Let your phone be your tool to report to proper authorities if issues arise.

It is particularly important to get **ALL** Council Officers to Diocesan Conferences as there are many changes and innovative programs coming from Supreme that they need to hear personally. One program is the **Aid & Support After Pregnancy** program, (A.S.A.P.) which will be covered in depth, where we can assist women that have chosen to keep their baby.

I appreciate the effort of our 710+ Active Councils in Texas and what you do to Support our Bishops, Priests and other Religious that have dedicated their lives in service of Catholics in this Great State.

Keep up the Good Work!

Vivat Jesus!

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Membership:**MEMBERSHIP – JUMP START**

Brother Knights we ended this past fraternal year strong; you did an exceptional job regarding recruitment and membership growth. Your hard work brought Texas back into the Circle of Honor (COH) for the third consecutive year.

Let us continue with this momentum into this 2023-2024 fraternal year and work to go into the COH for a fourth consecutive year.

This fraternal year's Membership Intake Goal is set at 5025. Growing our membership this fraternal year will take all our collective efforts. Ensure you are scheduling Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity now.

To get this fraternal year off to a strong "**Jump Start**", please ensure you share the following **July Only** incentives with all our Councils.

Grand Knight and Membership Director - Jump Start Incentives

Every GK and MD whose Council brings in at least 5 new members, for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, as set by the Supreme Council, between July 1-31, 2023, will receive a Texas KofC Membership Cap.

Every GK and MD whose Council achieves 100% of their Membership Intake Goal, for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, as set by the Supreme Council, between July 1-31, 2023, will each receive a Texas KofC Membership Jacket.

Council - Jump Start Incentives

Every Council which achieves or exceeds their Council Membership Intake Goal, as set by the Supreme Council, between July 1-31, 2023, can earn the incentive rewards as listed below.

The more your Council grows, the more you can earn.

- 100% of goal – earn KofC Table Covering
- 200% of goal – above earned items plus KofC Flagship Banner
- 300% of goal – earn a \$300.00 gift card
- 400%+ of goal – earn a \$400.00 gift card

District Deputy – Jump Start Incentive

Every District Deputy who achieves or exceeds the percentages listed below towards their total District Intake Goal (not the goal set for the Star District Award), as set by the Supreme Council for all assigned Councils, in your District on July 1, 2023, between July 1-31, 2023, can earn the incentives as listed below. The more you aid your assigned councils grow, the better the swag you can earn.

- 30% of goal: Texas KofC Recruiter Cap
- 75% of goal: Texas KofC Recruiter Polo Shirt
- 100% of goal: Texas KofC Recruiter Jacket

NOTES:

A jurisdiction (Council, District) must bring in a minimum of 5 new members to qualify.

A council can only earn one of the gift card incentives, not both.

A Council must be current on their Supreme and State Per Capita Assessments to qualify for the incentive(s) earned.

A District Deputy will earn the incentive associated with the highest percentage of assigned goal achieved.

A District Deputy must ensure their assigned Council is current on their Supreme and State Per Capita Assessments to qualify for the incentive earned.

Texas are you up for the challenge? Will you capitalize on the available incentives?

District Deputies be ready to assist your councils with their plans for this fraternal year. Remember Programs and Membership go Hand-in-Hand. Please ensure council leaders are trained on how to plan and execute effective membership drives. Ensure key KofC Leaders are engaged in the planning and executing of the drives. Plan and Schedule Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to support these drives. Communicate any changes regarding Membership and Star Council requirements.

Texas are you up for the challenge? Will you capitalize on the available incentives?

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey

Membership Director

Calendar:

30-Days

- Schedule Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and coordinated these with your DD
- Order recruitment materials for Membership Drive efforts.

60 Days

- Schedule Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and coordinate these with your DD
- Ensure Council Recruitment Team members are identified and receive latest training.

90 Days

- Schedule Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and coordinate these with your DD
- Schedule October Membership Drive. Coordinate needs with your Pastor.

Education, Training, & Communications:

“Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you go”

-St. John Paul II

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.

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.

July – 1st Quarter BEGINS!

- **July 1** – New Fraternal Year starts; a quick “pat on the back” to celebrate previous accomplishments, and then on to new goals
- **July 4** – Independence Day
- **July 7-9** – State Organizational Meeting – Houston, Texas
- Conduct an Installation of Officer ceremony; plan a family dinner to celebrate the accomplishments of the previous year, and to congratulate the newly installed officers
- Conduct a Yearly Planning Meeting early in the month
- Attend your Diocesan Conferences after the State Organizational Meeting

August

- **August 12** – Blessed Father J. McGivney Birthday
- **August 14** – Blessed Father J, McGivney Memorial
- **August 15** – Form 1295 Council Audit Due

September– Last month of 1st Quarter. Re-evaluate plans and adjust as needed

- **September 11** - Day of Prayer – Host a Blue Mass for 1st Responders
- **September 15**—Form 10784 Family of the Month (for August) due
- **September 30** - Roundtable Coordinator Form 2629 Due
- Plan your October Membership Drives.

Let Christ Be Your Light

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Tydings

Education, Training, & Communications (ETC) Director

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ENTRY REGISTRATION OPTIONS/FEES Friday Scramble only - \$85.00/player. Saturday & Sunday tournament only - \$160.00/player. Friday, Saturday & Sunday - \$200.00/player. Please include payment of fees with your registration form when submitted. Deadline for entry and payment of fees is August 15th, 2023. The first 220 entries will be accepted.

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Star Council Awards

Congratulations to all for finishing out 2022-2023 strong. While we await the results from Supreme regarding Star Councils, now is the time to lay the groundwork for a successful coming Fraternal Year.

1. Submit Report of Officers Chosen Form 185 and Service Program Personnel Form 365. These forms are vitally important to be submitted as soon as possible. They were due no later than June 30. Make sure to e-mail copies to your District Deputy and the State Office at forms@tkofc.org.

The easiest way to submit these forms is online. The following two links explain how to do this, as well as provide a PDF form. But please be aware e-mailing a filled-out PDF to Supreme slows down the whole process.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/forms/185.html>

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/forms/365.html>

2. Schedule and hold your annual planning meeting. Planning out the coming Fraternal Year is a great way for councils to ensure success. Plan out your programs, fund raisers, and membership drives early in the fraternal year to make sure you hit your goals, one of which should be to attain the Star Council award.

3. Attend your Diocesan Conference. This conference is a great way to learn more about what is going on with the Knights at the Diocesan and State level. You'll pick up all sorts of great ideas on how to make your own council stronger and more dynamic.

4. Get your Grand Knight and Directors Safe Environment Compliant. It is vitally important to get the Grand Knight, Program, Community and Family Directors safe environment compliant within 30 days of Form 365 submittal. Community and Family Directors must also submit to a background check.

If the directors are not SE compliant within 30 days, they will be removed from their post. Even if the "due date" on the training e-mail gives a date more than 30 days away, the director can still be removed after 30 days.

So, your objectives in July are: Get Forms 185 and 365 submitted, hold planning meeting, attend diocesan conference, and get GK and directors SE compliant. Do these things to get your council off to a great start in 2023-2024.

Bill Tillotson
State Council Awards Director

Council Growth

Blessed McGivney saw a need in his parish for the men to step up as a group and take care of the needs of the widows & orphans. Council Growth which includes New Councils, Reactivations, Roundtables, College Councils, and Council Retention is just that tool that will help fulfill those needs in those parishes across this great state of Texas. In fact, Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly has challenged us to do just that. Council Growth is that area that will not only bring the men together to benefit the parish and their community, but it also opens up a structured organization to bring men back to our faith and allow them to continue to grow in their faith. The Council Growth Team is always ready to help you reach your goal.

The Council Growth Team:

New Council Development (NCD) - Rick Guzman, Chairman - skrickguzman6021@gmail.com

Round Tables - Dan Aguilar, Chairman - daguilar1@satx.rr.com

Reactivations and Mergers - Greg Dutchover, Chairman- gdutchover@musiccitymall.net

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College Council Development - Archie Wright II, Chairman - allw1989@yahoo.com

Worthy Diocesan & District Deputies,

Your to do list for this fraternal year from Council Growth is as follows:

Examine your Diocese & District to create New Council from a strong Roundtable or establish a Roundtable which can become the mustard seed for a new Knights of Columbus Council.

Take your list of suspended Councils and whittle it down to zero or try to merge a few councils. Verify your Councils pay their Supreme & State Council Assessments on time. (Note some State Awards depend on that payment).

Take the opportunity of our fastest growing population and get our Hispanic Catholic men engaged with the Knights. But do not stop with Spanish speaking catholic men, we are inclusive to all languages; see where we can help those men become Knights.

Enhance our College Councils to help them grow and bring our average age down.

Also be prepared to help support the State College Council Conference in November.

Each Diocese has goals, and some are incentivized. Refer to the 2023-2024 Star Guide.

Our team is ready to continue this new fraternal year off with the momentum from last year. We will get 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,

Our Fraternal Year, 2022-23, is now over and State Charity results will soon be published. I can say with confidence that we will end up with over \$950,000 in funds raised despite the high participation in the affiliate program. This will be an impressive 117% of goal! Of particular note, NINE Diocese have already surpassed 100% of their Charity Goal, something that has never happened here in Texas. Please congratulate the following Diocese in order of percent attainment:

- Fort Worth – 293%
- Dallas – 125%
- Laredo – 108%
- Tyler – 107%
- Galveston / Houston – 105%
- El Paso – 104%
- Victoria – 101%
- Beaumont – 100.6%
- Lubbock – 100%

It is time to now set our sights on the upcoming year. Your District Deputies will be bringing Charity Pins to your meetings for only \$20 each. These DO COUNT towards your council goal! Speaking of, you can expect that State Charity and State per Capita invoices will be mailed the third week in July. Thank you in advance for taking care of these quickly!

Remember that 70% of these contributions go back to each Bishop for the Charity of his choice. ALL dollars over 100% - 100% of these go back to the Bishop!

Great work with the American Wheelchair Foundation with one month to report! YOU have donated nearly \$846,000 through May! This is already \$110,000 over last year with one more month to report. Each wheelchair affects up to ten lives and so far this amounts to 5,640 wheelchairs. Simply outstanding! Even if you do not host a wheelchair drive this upcoming year, please budget for at least \$150 to provide one wheelchair. This does make a difference!

AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION

The First Lady has adopted the American Wheelchair Mission as her charity of choice and a new order form as been designed to show these contributions to the program (available for download on the Texas State Website, tkofc.org). Through April 30, 2023 the wheelchair program raised \$789,583.92 and these funds will purchase more than 5,263 wheelchairs. We are ALREADY ahead of last years 12 month total with 2 FULL months of reporting to go! OUTSTANDING! Below is a breakdown, by Diocese, of the contributions received so far this year:

<i>Diocese</i>	<i># of councils</i>	<i># of district deputies</i>	<i>2021-22 Contributions</i>	<i>2022-23 (4/30) Contributions</i>	<i>4/30/2023 YOY Difference</i>
TEXAS	830	219	\$735,941.88	\$789,583.92	\$53,642.04
Dallas	63	16	\$378,680.94	\$405,339.75	\$26,658.81
San Antonio	109	30	\$78,352.00	\$152,454.87	\$74,102.87
Galveston/Houston	138	39	\$80,725.24	\$84,150.25	\$3,425.01
Fort Worth	67	18	\$76,701.70	\$47,029.35	-\$29,672.35
Laredo	27	8	\$1,050.00	\$36,732.75	\$35,682.75
Austin	93	21	\$59,953.00	\$21,119.95	-\$38,833.05
San Angelo	35	10	\$6,279.00	\$13,668.00	\$7,389.00
Lubbock	29	7	\$4,836.00	\$7,620.00	\$2,784.00
Corpus Christi	59	15	\$905.00	\$6,764.00	\$5,859.00
Victoria	32	8	\$6,350.00	\$6,600.00	\$250.00
Tyler	32	9	\$15,909.00	\$4,105.00	-\$11,804.00
Brownsville	54	14	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$300.00
Amarillo	24	6	\$750.00	\$1,050.00	\$300.00
Beaumont	29	7	\$8,850.00	\$1,150.00	-\$7,700.00
El Paso	39	11	\$15,100.00	\$0.00	-\$15,100.00

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