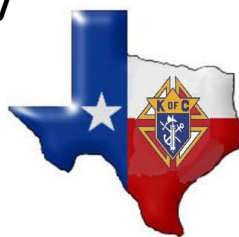


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From the Texas State Council:

KEEP IT GOING!

Terry Frugé, Texas State Deputy

From the Desk of the State Deputy Down the Home Stretch

Brothers,

Thanks to you, Texas has had a good year so far, but we still have work to do by June 30th. Our Membership Intake currently has us #1 in division 1, but Michigan has been on our tail and briefly caught us for a few days in April. Texas exceeded our Circle of Honor Membership Goal on April 24th. A few weeks later we exceeded our Pinnacle Goal on May 16th, which is the third time in history the Texas State Council has achieved this honor.

However, Membership Intake alone does not get us the award. We must attain our required amount of Fraternal Benefit Events, or we could miss out on this prestigious award. The General Agents and Field Agents will work with councils that still need an FBE, as long as we can get a minimum of 7 individuals required to attend. Please do what you can to make this happen.

We have attained all other requirements needed. We have around 39 councils that have reached the Star Council status already with a month to go. We do not want to quit recruiting, even if your council has reached its goal, as your Diocese may still be below its annual goal for the year, plus other Catholic Gentlemen need what the Knights have to offer. Texas has done a good job in Charities, and we have exceeded last year's numbers on American Wheelchair Mission. We have had successful Programs, including some State winners that have been sent to Supreme to be judged.

Thank you again for your hard work for the past 11 months.

Vivat Jesus!



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Membership:

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - (Matthew 5:14-16)

We are less than a month to the end of this fraternal year. How does your Diocese, District and Council stand against the goals you set at the beginning of this fraternal year? Your Membership Team is excited and looking forward to celebrating all these successes which will be achieved this fraternal year.

We are already 11 months into this fraternal year. Time sure does fly when you are having fun. There is still work to be done to get us over the final finish line. It is time to ensure all forms have been completed and submitted. Time to begin planning for a strong start to the next fraternal year.

Planned Membership Drives have been completed. Ensure you are getting all completed drives reported up the Fraternal Leadership chain to ensure we have proper accountability.

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 have more than 300 Councils from across the state which have not yet recruited a new member. We are counting on your assistance to aid these councils in remaining alive and vibrant. We still need approximately 100 Councils to get their first new member this fraternal year.

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

Calendar items:

30 Days:

- Make final reports for completed Membership Drives.
- 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
- Stay engaged with the eMembers listed on your Council's Prospect Tab in Officer's Online
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

60 Days:

- Offer Online Membership to every practical Catholic Gentleman you encounter
- Schedule follow-up session(s) to contact all potential new Council members
- Stay engaged with the eMembers listed on your Council's Prospect Tab in Officer's Online
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity
- Exercise your plans to ensure you have a strong start to the new fraternal year for your Council

90 Days:

- Offer Online Membership to every practical Catholic Gentleman you encounter
- Schedule follow-up session(s) to contact all potential new Council members

- Stay engaged with the eMembers listed on your Council's Prospect Tab in Officer's Online
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity
- Evaluate your strategy to sustain a strong start in the new fraternal year

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

Education, Training, & Communications:

"We must reflect the light of Christ through lives of prayer and joyful service to others"
-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.

June – 4th Quarter FINISH STRONG!!

- **June 1** – All State Award applications due for each Major Director's area.
- **June 15** – Form 10784 Family of the Month (for May) due
- **June 15** – Last day for council elections.
- **June 18** – Father's Day
- **June 18** – Begins the Order wide CUF Week; schedule a CUF
- **June 30** – Columbian Award – Form SP-7 (Send in as early as possible) – **CANNOT BE LATE!**
- **June 30** – Report of Officers – Form 185 for Fraternal Year 23-24
- **June 30** – Report of Service Program Personnel Report – Form 365 for Fraternal Year 23-24
- **June 30** – District Deputy Semi-Annual Audit - Form 944B

July – 1st Quarter BEGINS!

- **July 1** – New Fraternal Year starts; a quick pat on the back to celebrate previous accomplishments, and 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

- Conduct Yearly Planning Meeting
- 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

Let Christ Be Your Light

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Tydings

Education, Training, & Communications (ETC) Director

Programs:

Fraternal Athletics

It's Time for Softball! The State Softball Tournament is June 10th,
Place – Schulenberg Schonest Park
300 H N Schwartz St
Schulenberg, Tx 78956

Faith Action

Coordinate with your Pastors and Parishes about the Eucharistic Revivals and ensure that we as Knights are leading and fully supporting the Eucharistic Processions.

Please work with your Pastors as The Feast of Corpus Christi begins June 8, 2023

Pro-Life & Pregnancy Resource Support

Outstanding Support from our Brother Knights at this Year's State Convention – The Pass the Hat for ASAP initiative raised **\$7655.34**. These funds will be matched up to 20% by Supreme. This will assist the mothers and babies with much needed 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 kojc.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. 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 kojc.org/rsvp to learn more.

Coordinate with our Chairman **Tom Krueger** for more details

Year-End Reminders

We're not done yet! As we conclude this fraternal year, please take time to review what the council has achieved and remember to submit all year end program forms. Here are some helpful links:

- [Program Form Reference Guide](#)
- [SP-7](#)
- [10784](#)
- [RSVP](#)
- [Food for Families](#)
 - [ASAP](#)

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

30 Day Events

- State Softball tournament June 10 Schulenberg
- 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

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

Let Christ Be Your Light!

Vivat Jesus,

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Star Council Awards

Congratulations to all the councils in Texas for such a successful year! While we are working hard to finish up this year, now is the time to be planning for next year. Do these things to get the coming year off to a great start.

1. **Hold council elections.** If you have not held council elections yet, do so immediately. Elections should have been held in May, so get this done ASAP.

2. **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 are 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>

3. **Plan your officer installation.** This can be a nice event to hand off duties to the new guys. Many councils do this after a Saturday 5 PM Mass sometime in June. Have a meal and ask your District Deputy to come install the new guys. This could be a great social event for your council.

4. **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.

5. **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.

Do these things and get your council off to a great start in the coming Fraternal Year.

Bill Tillotson, State Council Awards Director

Council Growth

My Brother Knights,

Council Growth is one of the many ways to bring the message of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ to all catholic men. New Council Development, Reactivations, or Roundtables will get men more involved in their prayer life, church life, family life, & community life.

We as the leaders must continuously stay on task & complete those new councils, reactivate councils, & reach our Diocesan Roundtable goals. 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.** If you have already paid, thank you.

Please also verify all your State *per capita* has been paid. That gets mailed to the State Office in Austin.

As of May 20, 2023, we had 185 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

Congratulations to – **San Jose Sanchez del Rio Council #18198** in the Tyler Diocese. Thank you, new Brother Knights, District Deputy #134 Chris Oldmixon, & Diocesan Deputy Larry Pfeifer for making this happen. This new Council will continue to build up the parish & keep these knights engaged in their faith.

Congratulations to – **Texas A&M – Kingsville College Council #18202**. Thank you, new Brother Knights, District Deputy #172 Victoriano Garcia & the Diocesan Deputy Rudy Ortiz Jr. for making this happen. This will keep our young men active in their faith and provide for future leaders in our Order!

We still have possible new Councils or Council Reactivations are at different levels of completion. Let's finish them before the year's end. 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!

David Zeigler, Council Growth Director

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Texas State Council Charities:

Brother Knights,

Great work with State Charities and the American Wheelchair Foundation early! We have six weeks to go to exceed goal! Through **May 21, 2023**, contributions to State Council Charities have totaled **\$901,389.80**! Seven Dioceses have exceeded 100% so far:

ALL Diocese are in play to exceed 100% however Austin, Beaumont and Lubbock are VERY close! Our Bishop's need us so do not let them down!

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! Let us focus on meeting our Charity goals by June 30, 2023! We are Knights!

Diocese	# of councils	# of district deputies	Membership	Charity Goal	Contributions	Percentage 4/30/23	Delta	Consecutive Streak 2022-23
Fort Worth	67	18	8,154	\$81,395.00	\$238,189.65	292.63%	\$156,794.65	28
Laredo	27	8	799	\$7,990.00	\$8,650.00	108.26%	\$660.00	1
El Paso	39	11	2,200	\$22,000.00	\$23,040.00	104.73%	\$1,040.00	5
Tyler	32	9	2,146	\$21,345.00	\$22,826.00	106.94%	\$1,481.00	30
Galveston/Houston	138	39	17,158	\$171,145.00	\$173,146.40	101.17%	\$2,001.40	1
Dallas	63	16	8,823	\$88,010.00	\$89,672.00	101.89%	\$1,662.00	1
Victoria	32	8	5,695	\$56,950.00	\$57,580.00	101.11%	\$630.00	3
Lubbock	29	7	1,578	\$15,515.00	\$14,920.00	96.17%	-\$595.00	0
Austin	93	21	10,299	\$101,585.00	\$91,062.80	89.64%	-\$10,522.20	0
Beaumont	29	7	2,585	\$23,590.00	\$21,030.00	89.15%	-\$2,560.00	0
San Antonio	109	30	11,494	\$114,395.00	\$92,135.00	80.54%	-\$22,260.00	0
Amarillo	24	6	1,646	\$16,460.00	\$12,670.00	76.97%	-\$3,790.00	0
San Angelo	35	10	2,715	\$27,150.00	\$20,290.00	74.73%	-\$6,860.00	0
Corpus Christi	59	15	3,354	\$33,540.00	\$19,582.95	58.39%	-\$13,957.05	0
Brownsville	54	14	3,034	\$30,340.00	\$16,595.00	54.70%	-\$13,745.00	0

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