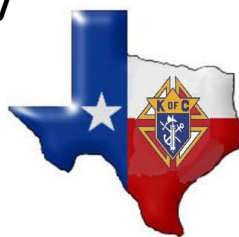


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KEEP IT GOING!

Terry Fruge, Texas State Deputy

From the Desk of the State Secretary



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Focus on Christ

And let us run with
endurance the race
God has set before us.
Hebrews 12:1

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Membership:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. (Isaiah 9:3)

We are 8 months into this fraternal year, and we have 330 Councils from across the state which have not yet recruited a new member. Texas needs their support. We are counting on your assistance to aid these councils in remaining alive and vibrant.

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: Follow-up with the fraternal leaders of your respective Diocese to they are prepared for Spring Membership Recruitment Drives.

District Deputies: Assist the leaders within you respective District to ensure they have Spring Membership Recruitment Drives scheduled.

Grand Knights: Take an active role with your planned Membership Recruitment Drives.

Council Membership Directors: Assemble your recruiters and ensure they are prepared for the upcoming Spring Membership Recruitment Drives.

The completed prep work for these upcoming Spring Membership Drives will pay dividends. Ensure you are poised to provide a first-class introduction regarding what membership in the Knights of Columbus has to offer.

Ensure you report these Membership Drives 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.

30 Days:

- Make final preparations for the Spring Membership Drive.
- 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

60 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
- 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

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

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

Education, Training, & Communications:

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.

March – 3rd Quarter 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 Free-throw – 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

April – 4th Quarter begins FINISH STRONG!!

- April 9 – Easter Sunday
- Start your Sp-7; this is a great time to take inventory on what you need to complete the STAR Council requirements.

May – 4th Quarter

May 1 – Council Elections begin (submit Report of Officers – Form 185)

May 15 – Form 10784 Family of the Month (for April) due

Plan a live FS training event, especially for incoming financial secretaries.

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.

Vivat Jesus! Let Christ Be Our Light!

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Programs:**Faith Action**

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

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.

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 to learn more.

30 Day Events

- 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

60 Day Events

- Bowling Tournament April 15, 16 & 22, 23 Texas City at Bowlero Lanes.
- Submit the Family of the Month
- Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month

90 Day Events

- See you at the State Convention May 5 – 7, 2023 Dallas

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

Let Christ Be Your Light!

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

Star Council Awards

As we head into the last third of the Fraternal Year, we need to focus on two areas where effort is needed: Safe Environment compliance and Surveys of Fraternal Activity Form 1728.

As of Feb. 21, **260** councils in Texas are **100% SE compliant**. Congrats and thanks to these councils. However, the Texas Circle of Honor goal for 100% SE compliance is **295**, so we have 35 to go.

There are 46 councils that only have one or two men pending completion, which means they're on the clock, so just running the pending completion guys to ground would get us there.

You can check the SE status of your GKs, PDs, FDs, and CDs in Officers Online under the Reports tab. It also is published every two weeks in the Star Tracker. If you do not know how to check your council's SE status, contact me or one of the Star Council Committeemen and ask.

Special thanks to the Texas DDs who stand at 100% of all their active councils being SE compliant:

DD 19 Richard Rumenapp (Fort Worth)
DD 24 Ruben Cisneros (Fort Worth)
DD 30 Dr Dean Hansen (Fort Worth)
DD 31 Bill Mechura (Fort Worth)
DD 74 Richard Johnson (Galveston-Houston)
DD 92 Bob Schmidt (Galveston-Houston)
DD 93 John Williams (Galveston-Houston)
DD 103 Bryan Finley (Dallas)
DD 107 Robert Repka Jr (Dallas)
DD 132 Mark Freund (Tyler)
DD 152 Michael D'Antonio (Austin)
DD 193 Manuel Gonzales III (Victoria)
DD 225 Richard Guevara (San Angelo)

For **Forms 1728**, we stand at **530** submitted as of Feb. 21. Our Circle of Honor goal for Texas is **664**, so there is a lot of work to do here as well. **We are past the point of forwarding e-mails** - the e-mails are not being heeded. We now need to be taking paper forms to meetings with us and making this form happen. DDs can get the PDF filled out by whatever means necessary and send this in. If there are pleas of waiting on more info, get an interim report sent in right now and submit another when they get better data.

Please work hard to make this happen. This requirement was due almost a month ago. There are 72 districts in Texas which are at 100% of active councils submitting this form and I thank you.

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

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>

Bill Tillotson – State Council Awards Director

Council Growth

My Brother Knights,

How can we bring men back to the faith and help them focus their lives on our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ if we are not completing our task of Council Growth. We as the leaders must continuously stay on task & complete those new councils, reactivate councils, & reach our Diocesan Roundtable goals. Council Growth keeps men active and growing in their faith, parish, family, and community. 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. 2nd Assessment was done on January 1, 2023 for the other half of your Supreme Per Capita:

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 your Per capita looks larger than normal, you may have overlooked your 1st assessment payment. You still owe the 1st assessment, **it was not waived.** If you have already paid, thank you. Supreme Per Capita is due by April 10, 2023.

As of February 28, 2023 we had 131 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

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 to 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:

The First Lady's charity of choice is the **American Wheelchair Mission**. If you do not plan to have a Sunday Wheelchair Drive then we are asking every council to sponsor at least one wheelchair for \$150. Call Bill Weber @ 214-405-8023,, yankeesweb@tx.rr.com or Brian Nelson @ 210-275-7921, abn091951@gmail.com for any questions.

Do you have a Knights of Columbus license plate? It is only an additional \$35 per year and proceeds come back to the State Council. The **Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund** has been established to provide grants for our retired priests. If you choose to contribute directly please visit the state website <https://www.tkofo.org/fundraising/>. Anyone contributing more than \$30 will receive a chrome license plate holder you can proudly display your support for retired priests!

Have you honored a priest, diocesan deputy or others with a **Cardinal Medeiros fellowship**? For \$1,000 the recipient will receive a plaque and the interest on donations funds the Educational Grant program.

<i>Diocese</i>	<i># of coun cils</i>	<i># of DDs</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Charity Goal</i>	<i>Contributions</i>	<i>%2/24/23</i>
Fort Worth	67	18	8,154	\$81,395.00	\$86,561.65	106.35%
Tyler	32	9	2,146	\$21,345.00	\$21,546.00	100.94%
Victoria	32	8	5,695	\$56,950.00	\$56,740.00	99.63%
Galveston/Houston	138	39	17,158	\$171,145.00	\$168,780.26	98.62%
El Paso	39	11	2,200	\$22,000.00	\$21,120.00	96.00%
Dallas	63	16	8,823	\$88,120.00	\$82,991.00	94.18%
TEXAS	830	219	81,680	\$813,470.00	\$714,314.71	87.81%
Austin	93	21	10,299	\$101,585.00	\$86,685.80	85.33%
Laredo	27	8	799	\$7,990.00	\$6,600.00	82.60%
Lubbock	29	7	1,578	\$15,515.00	\$12,605.00	81.24%
Beaumont	29	7	2,585	\$25,540.00	\$20,600.00	80.66%
San Antonio	109	30	11,494	\$114,395.00	\$90,005.00	78.68%
Amarillo	24	6	1,646	\$16,460.00	\$12,315.00	74.82%
San Angelo	35	10	2,715	\$27,150.00	\$19,320.00	71.16%
Brownsville	54	14	3,034	\$30,340.00	\$15,940.00	52.54%
Corpus Christi	59	15	3,354	\$33,540.00	\$12,505.00	37.28%

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