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*From the Texas State Council:*

**KEEP IT GOING!**

Terry Frugé, Texas State Deputy

**From the Desk of the State Deputy**

Brothers,

Thanks to all councils for sharing the gift of membership with your Catholic Gentlemen these past 8 months.

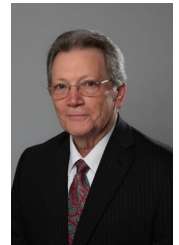
Texas and the Order are having good years in Membership. Keep up the great work! When you invite a Catholic man into the Order, you are giving him the opportunity to help him become a better father, son, and grandfather.

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:**

**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 entering the 8th month of this fraternal year, and we have 322 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?

Recruitment – Success from the Prospect’s Point of View. Reach out to ME. Engage ME as a friend. Communicate with ME early and often. Relate to MY perspective. Understand MY availability and offer ME choices. Include MY family and yours. Thank ME regularly and ask ME to invite a friend. Remember... It’s not about us, It’s about them.

Church Drive / Membership Recruitment Drive / BLITZ ... time to prepare.

Diocesan Deputies: Follow-up with the fraternal leaders of your respective Diocese to aid them in preparing 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, continues to afford 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.

Calendar items:

**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
- Use the Council’s Prospect Tab, within Officer’s Online, to invite eMembers to Council activities
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

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- Offer one-year of Free Online Membership to every practical Catholic gentleman you encounter
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**90 Days:**

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- Schedule follow-up session(s) to contact all potential new Council members
- Use the Council's Prospect Tab, within Officer's Online, to invite eMembers to Council activities
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

**Education, Training, & Communications:**

**Titus 2:7-8 "In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching."**

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.

Our Financial Secretary Trainers are ready to train new and established council officers, but especially Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. 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 and the team can also schedule an online training session.

**\*\*\*Do not wait to contact your trainer. The last several months of the fraternal year have many important activities and deadlines. If you have any questions, reach out sooner rather than later.**

**March 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – *State per capita MUST be paid to participate***
- **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 26 – 28** – Texas State Convention; be on the lookout for messages on activities related to the convention
- Conduct Church Membership Drives & Exemplifications; this is a great time to speak with those new Catholic members who entered the Church on Holy Saturday through RCIA
- Start your Sp-7; this is a great time to take inventory on what you need to complete the STAR Council requirements.

**May** – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter is underway **FINISH STRONG!!**

- Start (or complete) and submit your Sp7
- Conduct your first round of nominations for council officers for the upcoming fraternal year

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!

- **March Reminders** –
  - Conduct the **Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour** or **St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon**. All resources can be found on Supreme website.
  - Consider a Spiritual Reflection or Into the Breach during Lent for men of the parish.
  - Good Friday Family Program – March 29
  - Easter Egg Hunt with religious items hidden in some eggs.
  - Submit the Family of the Month (for Feb) by March 15
  - Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.
- **April Reminders** –
  - This is the last Quarter of the Fraternal Year – what programs do you still lack for Star Council? Plan them now.
  - Check and see if your local pregnancy center needs an Ultrasound machine
  - Special Olympics Spring Games – be a volunteer.
  - Get ready for the 118<sup>th</sup> State Convention. Lots of great workshops on Friday and Saturday.
  - Submit the Family of the Month (for March) by April 15
  - Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.
- **May Reminders** –
  - The Seminarians will be leaving school for the summer so don't forget them. Send them a note and some money to help them through the summer.
  - Are any of your Seminarians getting ordained? Have the council show him that you support him and will be praying for him.

- Have you conducted at least four programs in each of the Life, Family, Community, Faith categories? You have two months to get them done.
- Submit the Family of the Month (for April) by May 15
- Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.
- Submit your Columbian Award SP-7 now. If there are any issues, you have time to get it corrected.

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**

In March, we should be focusing on completing all the tasks required to reach Star Council status. Make sure and keep up with your council's progress in the Star Tracker.

As of now, your council should have:

- Recruited at least 75% of your membership goal
- Hosted at least two Fraternal Benefit Events with at least 10 or 14 unique members or membership eligible men (for councils less than or greater than 100 members)
- Submitted the Service Program Personnel Form 365
- Submitted the Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728
- Be 100% Safe Environment Compliant
- Be up to date on Supreme Per Capita payments

If your council is lacking in any of these areas, NOW is the time to get caught up. Upcoming in the next few months:

#### **Columbian Award Form SP-7**

March 1 marks the date this form is typically accepted at Supreme. I recommend submitting this form at the earliest opportunity since that will allow time to react if there are issues.

To fill out the form, download the PDF version, fill it out, and submit it by cut and pasting into the Online Portal. You cannot save your work in the Online Portal and submit later. And you can only submit online once – if you submit an incomplete form, you're now going to be e-mailing in a PDF and waiting weeks, if not months, for it to be processed.

Link to the PDF

[https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/columbian\\_awardap\\_p.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap_p.pdf)

Link to the Online Portal

<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=SP7C.02>

These guidelines must be met when submitting this form:

- Programs must be organized by the council or involve significant participation by council members to qualify. Program descriptions should reference how they meet these criteria.
- Programs must engage members by enhancing faith and spirituality, serving a charitable purpose, or a combination of the two. Program descriptions should reference how they meet these criteria.
- Councils must earn at least four (4) program credits in each of the Faith in Action categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Refer to the [Faith In Action Handbook](#) or visit [www.kofc.org/faithinaction](http://www.kofc.org/faithinaction) for more information on programs.
- Two program credits can be earned for programs meeting [Featured Program Minimum Requirements](#). The supporting paperwork (Form 10784 or Reimbursement forms) must have been filed in support of the Featured Program. All non-featured programs and programs not meeting minimum requirements earn 1 program credit. Do not check the Featured Program button if you are not counting it as two.
- Donations alone do not qualify unless they result from the council's fundraising activities or are for a Faith in Action program activity (i.e., Ultrasound Initiative, Global Wheelchair Mission, etc.). If a donation is made for a non-Faith in Action program or no fundraising activities were carried out by the council, the council must also report non-monetary support to qualify.
- Participating or volunteering for standard liturgical functions generally does not qualify for program credit. Examples of non-qualifying activities include attending or serving at Mass or funerals, ushering, or participating as a "Eucharistic Minister", lector, choir member, etc.
- Programs taking place during Cor, such as Holy Hour, the Rosary Program, Men of the Word Bible Study, Into the Breach, etc., qualify for credit. However, Cor itself does not qualify for program credit.
- Refer to the [Sample Columbian Award Application](#) for an example of an acceptable form.

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 needs you continue to do your part to ensure we continue to grow.

Remember Supreme Per Capita billing is based on January 1, 2024 roster. We still have councils on the suspension list this past October 10. Please see remind those councils to pay their Per Capita! They must go online for the 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. 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.

Several Dioceses are in different stages of establishing a new Council or reactivating a council. Continue 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.

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](mailto: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](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf)

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:**

Brother Knights in Texas,

I am very impressed at your answering the call for your Bishops' Charity of choice! Some key facts of what you are doing to as Texas Knights:

- 95.24% to goal through February 29, 2024
- EIGHT Dioceses' already over 100%.



- El Paso 108.98%
- Austin 108.76%
- Lubbock 108.59%
- Tyler 105.95%
- Beaumont 103.99%
- San Angelo 102.14%
- Victoria 100.84%
- Gal / Houston 100.55%
- FOUR other Diocese are over 90%.
  - Fort Worth 98.03%
  - Laredo 92.96%
  - Dallas 92.61%
  - San Antonio 91.57%
- 568 councils earned Quick Start by paying both State Charities and State per Capita by 12/31/23
  - 68% of councils earned Quick Start. Victoria led the way with the highest atm 94%!
- 12 councils have already earned Honor Roll for taking care of State Charities and State per Capita after 1/1/24 and before 6/30/24.

As a reminder, once the Diocese exceeds 100% then ALL additional funds go to the Bishop. In fact, several Dioceses are already planning extra fundraisers to go above and beyond: We cannot slow down so I urge all councils to make your contributions asap!

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