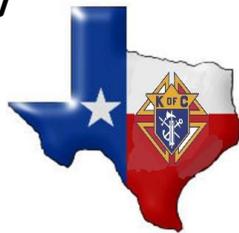


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## From the Texas State Council:

### Let's get it done. Back to Basics, No Excuses

Alfredo Vela, Texas State Deputy

#### State Chaplains Message: "Call upon Mary"

St. Bernard of Clairvaux wrote the following words in reflecting upon Mary as *Stella Maris*, Star of the Sea:

"In danger; in distress, in doubt, reflect upon Mary, call upon Mary. Let her not leave your lips, let her not leave your heart and do not abandon your dealings with her if you wish to gain the object of your prayer. Following her, you will not stray; praying to her, you will not despair; reflecting upon her, you will not go wrong. With her taking your hand, you will not fall down; with her protecting you, you will not fear; with her leading you, you will not grow weary..." (*In Praise of the Virgin Mary*).

In this month in which we honor Mary with our traditional May crownings, devotions and prayers, many of us can reflect upon times when we have called upon her for help and our prayers were answered. The Christian tradition of praying for Mary's guidance goes back well before St. Bernard. Mary continues to guide her children through the storms and trials of life, leading us with the light of her Son.

The beautiful image of the Star of the Sea reminds us that we are never alone. This past year has been especially challenging in that the circumstances of life made many of us feel alone and isolated. I remember well last year at this time when I felt helpless in the midst of so many conflicting messages beyond my control. In the middle of all of that I felt that I could look to the Star and pray for hope. Even in the midst of suffering and death the prayer of the rosary gently reminds us that Jesus lived to teach us that those who believe in Him "will never die" (Jn. 11:26).

Mary, our Mother and Star of the Sea, offers comfort to each one of us as her child. The words *Stella Maris* signify also the international Catholic ministry among people of the sea. On May 20 I will be offering a prayer for the US Department of Transportation's Maritime Day in which we as a nation "recognize the hard-working men and women of the U.S. Merchant Marine and the maritime industry for the vital services they provide in support of our Nation's economic well-being and national security." That evening the *Stella Maris* ministry in the United States will be offering a prayer service with the special intention of all the women and men who serve on the seas.

Turning our hearts to Mary our heavenly mother leads us also to honor our earthly mothers and the special women who have given us hope and healing. May each of your families have a blessed and holy Mother's Day, and may we always honor all of the women who have passed on to us the gift of life – let's keep each other in prayer!

**Vivat Jesus!** Most Reverend Bishop Brendan Cahill, TSC State Chaplain



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**Associate State Chaplains Message:**

**Brothers:** There was a solid marble table that I had to move from one part of the Church to another but it was too heavy for me, so at Mass I asked men to stay behind and help me. Only two stayed and we got it moved but no far and it was slow and damaging the floor. So at the next mass I asked again before mass, another two stood up. Same result, when the other men saw our faces and that I was not going to start mass until it was moved. (They were just getting to know me.) Several men, women and kids stood up to help, and what took us five minutes last time we multiplied by an unmeasurable factor and we got the table moved in less than three minutes without heavy breathing, stress, or back injuries. The weight and the distance never changed, but my experience of the pain, exhaustion and frustration did, it was so different for me alone, with two others, and with the community.

This year the pandemic has proven once again that no adversity can keep the Knights of Columbus from being active, faithful, or needed! It is a heavy burden on top of hurricanes and cold snaps. We are Texas strong, we are K of C Strong! We pulled together as a State and as an Order of Knights who are called to give up their comfort, safety, and relief for those more vulnerable, exhausted, and overwhelmed by their circumstances. E-membership has exploded because of our faith in action programs this year: coats for kids, disaster relief, food for families, and no neighbor left behind. Our insurance program has provided for many brothers' families who have died or become incapacitated. Really how much more can be done to softball our recruitment efforts? No question the Knights are there, they are needed and they come to bat with results, effort and drive! Keep the momentum, now that many parishes have opened have membership drives with pictures of all the good you have done and need to continue! Every council should be able to recruit five more families by next month! Keep the momentum going! Let's hear, "During the pandemic: I stood up, I came out, and I joined the KofC!" Keep the momentum growing!

But not only do the parishes need the Knights for service but now for evangelization! The hunger for the Eucharist has deadened in some Texans' hearts! Christ said, "unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, Life-Eternal cannot dwell in you!" Our Worthy Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, has called us to bring back people to the confessionals and the pews. People became comfortable with on demand Eucharist, then later and later to missing it online. It was never a substitute for Holy Communion. We are Catholics, a people of the sacraments since the Apostles who, "devoted themselves to the 1. teaching of the apostles and to 2. the communal life, to 3. the breaking of the bread and to 3. the prayers." No. 3 is **eating** the Eucharist not **watching** it on a screen. Let heed our Supreme Knight's first call to action and rally around him. Let's bring Texans back to the Eucharist; let's keep Texans hungry for the Bread of Life! Vivat Jesus!

Rev. Mark N. P. Salas  
Associate State Chaplain

**Education, Training, & Communications:**

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.

**May** – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 1/3 done. **Back to Basics.**

**May 1 -2** – Texas State Convention Continues in Houston

**May 9** – Mother's Day

**May 15** - Elections for Next Fraternal Year Officers begin

**May 31** – Memorial Day

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Plan a live Financial Secretary Training  
Begin Preparing Columbian Award – SP-7  
Plan Next Fraternal Year's Budget –conduct 1<sup>st</sup> vote

**June** – 4th Quarter 2/3 done. Verify all Star Council Requirements complete. **No Excuses!**

**June 15** – Last day for elections

**June 20** – Father's Day

**June 30** – Columbian Award – Form SP-7 (Send in as early as possible) – ***CANNOT BE LATE!***

**June 30** - Report of Officers – From 185 for Fraternal Year 21-22

**June 30** – District Deputy Semi-Annual Audit - Form 944B

Plan Diocesan Organizational Conferences beginning July 24, 2021

Next Fraternal Year's Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

**July** – New Fraternal Year **Let's Get it Done!**

**July 1** – New Fraternal Year starts

**July 4** – Independence Day

**July 16-18** – State Organizational Meeting – Round Rock, Texas

Conduct Yearly Planning Meeting

Diocesan Conferences

Leave No Neighbor Behind reports as required –

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5521191/Leave-No-Neighbor-Behind>

**FS Training Classes:**

May 25, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time

<https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJUkc-GgrT8pEtSoFVJTQtkV8cuNnVMTjCoM>

Jun 22, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time

[https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJwvcOmpqTMiHdYO\\_LgW1om59EYOe8DAU3Mr](https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJwvcOmpqTMiHdYO_LgW1om59EYOe8DAU3Mr)

Feel free to contact me for any assistance. We have 3 months to put Texas at #1!

Vivat Jesus!

David Zeigler, Education, Training, & Communications (ETC) Director

**Membership:****Texas is # 1 in Division 1**

We are 530 new members away from making our Goal.

Don't stop recruiting until we have crossed that Finish Line.

**FINISH THE YEAR STRONG!**

**Let's get it done. Back to Basics, No Excuses**

Vivat Jesus! Ron Alonzo, Membership 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!

- **May Reminders** –

- The Seminarians will be leaving school 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.

- Complete the RSVP Form #2863 to receive your refund.
- Have you conducted at least four programs in each of the Life, Family, Community, Faith categories? You have two months to get them done.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> is National Law Enforcement day – consider having a Blue Mass this month and start a Shield a Badge program.
- 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.
- **June Reminders –**
  - This is the last month of the fraternal year – This is the key form that needs to be submitted now:
    - **Columbian Award / SP7 - This is the only report that is NOT accepted after the due date. Do it TODAY!**
  - Conduct the new **Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour**. All resources can be found on Supreme website.
  - Consider an Ultrasound and/or Wheelchair fundraiser.
  - Who will need some help this summer? Work out a plan to assist those in need with yard work or house repairs. Helping Hands / Leave No Neighbor Behind.
  - Submit the Family of the Month (for May) by June 15
  - Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.
- **July Reminders –**
  - New Officers – Meet with your Pastor. Review the “Working with your Pastor” guidebook provided free from Supreme.
  - Hand out the Fraternal Planner Calendar to all officers/Directors. Plan the next 3-6 months and advertise those events, which will then help encourage new members to join and be active.
  - Submit the Family of the Month (for June) by July 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, Program Director

### **Star Council Awards**

Brother Knights,

Brother Knights, the time is now to complete your Safe Environment obligations. Consult the Star Tracker report sent twice per month. If a Director position states No Record then Supreme has vacated the position. It is critical that the Financial Secretary enter the name(s) of the replacements by the first of May via member management (program personnel). That will give these men enough time to complete the three one-hour training modules before the end of the Fraternal Year. Remember that this training is good for three years.

On another note, the time is now to start sending your SP-7 applications to Supreme for the Columbian Award. You will be notified when it is approved so do not wait! We have had a number already sent in and these councils are set to earn Star Council!

Let's get this done. No excuses! Vivat Jesus!

Reed Fontenot, Star Council Awards Director

**Council Growth**

Growing and Growing! We are Blessed as our Texas Council Footprint continues to grow.

**NEW COUNCILS: Congratulations!**

Fort Worth Diocesan Deputy **Bill Tillotson** - **New Council: St. Edmund Campion Council - St. Thomas Beckett Parish, Fort Worth, TX. Council # 17708**

Galveston-Houston Diocesan Deputy **John Hinojosa** - **New Spanish Speaking Council: Fr. Rivers Patout III Council - St. Alphonsus Parish, Houston, TX. – Council #17724**

**REACTIVATIONS: Congratulations!**

Corpus Christi Diocesan Deputy **Rudy Ortiz** – **Reactivated Council : St. George Council - St. George Parish, George West, TX. Council # 3499**

Diocesan Deputy **John Hinojosa** - **Reactivated Spanish Speaking Council: Our Lady of Sorrows Council – Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Houston, TX Council #10656**

**Round Tables:**

Please continue to submit your Form 2629 for your Round Tables. We are currently at 76% of our Goal!

**College Councils:**

College Councils continue to excel in their recruitment drives for this Fraternal Year. Congratulations to the following Universities for their Recruitment success with the Supreme Contest:

***Texas A & M in Division 1; Texas Tech in Division 2; Stephen F Austin in Division 3***

The May Councils are blooming! I know there are multiple Diocese working diligently to complete more New and Reactivated Councils before Fraternal year end. Let’s continue to work to Finish the Fraternal Year STRONG!

REMEMBER it all starts with the **Form 133 – Notice of Intent** form

Monies are still available to be achieved for your Diocesan Incentive programs!

**New Council - \$500 or Reactivation - \$250**

**Texas State Council Growth Diocesan Report**

DIOCESE	New Councils		Reactivations		Round Tables	
	Goal	Total	Goal	Total	Goal	Total
AMARILLO	1	0	1	0	8	0
AUSTIN	1	0	1	2	17	19
BEAUMONT	1	0	1	0	9	11
BROWNSVILLE	1	0	3	1	19	34
CORPUS CHRISTI	1	0	3	2	15	2
DALLAS	1	0	1	0	14	0
EL PASO	1	0	1	0	11	4
FORT WORTH	1	1	1	0	11	31
GALVESTON/HOUSTON	1	3	1	1	19	5
LAREDO	1	0	3	1	8	2
LUBBOCK	1	1	1	0	12	18
SAN ANGELO	1	1	1	0	12	14
SAN ANTONIO	1	0	3	1	19	8
TYLER	1	0	1	0	13	2
VICTORIA	1	0	0	0	13	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	15	6	22	8	200	153

Legend	In progress	Met goal (Full protocol)
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The Council Growth Team is ready and willing to assist with your Diocesan Council Growth Activities.

BE NOT AFRAID and have NO EXCUSES, Let's Get it Done!

God Bless Texas! God Bless the Knights!

<sup>5</sup>  
Vivat Jesus!  
Carlos X. Martinez, Council Growth Director

**Texas State Council Charities**

We are at this year's State Convention. It is great to see all the Brother Knights and their families from across this Great State! I hope you will be sharing the Good News of the Convention.

Now is the time! We are in the last 60 days of this fraternal year. The Charity Team is calling for all Councils to do whatever they can in Charities Sweet Name. We all owe it to the Bishops of each Diocese and contribute the maximum amount of funds possible to your assigned Charity Goal. This will ensure the disbursement checks presented to the Bishops will be the largest possible amount it can be.

If your Council has achieved 100% or more of the assigned Charity Goal, is it possible for your Council to contribute funds to reach the next achievement level of 200% or aid a Council, within your District, which may be struggling with reaching 100% of their Charity Goal?

If your District is at 100% or more of the assigned Charity Goal, what can the District do to aid the Diocesan Deputy in reaching their assigned Charity Goal?

Every dollar contributed will go towards aiding someone in need. Whether it is with the funds returned to the Diocese for the Bishop's designated charity or through the State Council Charity Board. The First and Foremost Principal of our honored Order is Charity. We must Not Be Afraid to embrace this call to action. Contribute to State Charities today!

BE NOT AFRAID! Vivat Jesus!  
Derek W. Rabey, Charity Director

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