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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,

At our State Convention in Houston recently, I overheard a Grand Knight tell a few brothers, "I already have the numbers in need for Star Council, I will hold the other prospects I have and save them for next year". As I took a breath after hearing this comment, I walked in his direction as he stepped away from his friends and said, "Hi" and introduced myself. I said, "Did I hear you say your council was already qualified for Star Council?" He smiled and proudly said, "Yes, we are." I congratulated him and asked when he had hit his mark; "Several weeks ago" he commented. I asked if he had a moment, and we stepped away from the crowd.

I congratulated him, and thanked him for his leadership, and asked if he believed the "Knights of Columbus had changed his life for the better". He agreed it had.

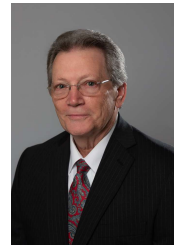
I asked if it had "changed his spiritual life in a positive way". He also agreed it had.

I then asked him if it had "affected his family life in a positive fashion," and he again agreed with that statement.

I said, "If all of these things are true... why would you not want to share Knighthood with every Practical Catholic you can?" He responded, "I do." I said, "That's not what I heard you tell your friends back there; you were willing to wait over three months from the time you had your Membership Intake number for Star Council and wait for the last two months of the fraternal year, to recruit any more Catholic Gentlemen into the Order." He looked a little wide eyed and mumbled that wasn't what he meant.

"Has your council ever made Double Star?" He replied they had not. I suggested this could be the year, as you never know when Supreme will increase the Goals back to the higher numbers. Larger councils used to have a maximum goal of 35. Today it is 15. Councils could make Double State Council with fewer members than it used to take for Star Council. He had three months when he quit recruiting and still has almost two months to make it happen.

I asked if his District Deputy worked well with his council, and he responded that he had been very helpful. I asked if a few more recruits by the councils in his District could help him make HIS District Goals; he was not sure.



Terry Frugé
State Deputy

I explained that District and Diocesan Deputies have goals they try to achieve and could use assistance from the councils they work hard to assist all year long.

“You and I both know fellow Catholics that need what the Knights have to offer.” When I asked him if he was an Insurance Member. He said he was and agreed he thought it was a good product. I then asked him why he would purposely deny the opportunity for a fellow Catholic to protect their family, which he tried to deny he did that. I asked how he would feel if one of the prospects he was holding off bringing into the Order, passed away in the meantime, and that family had no coverage and would depend on others doing a Bar-B-Q to raise funds for burial, or have to start a GoFundMe Site to help his widow and children survive because they no longer had an income, where an insurance policy may could have helped this situation. He responded that never crossed his mind.

I shared with him that I was not making up a ‘Fairy Tale’ as our General Agents and Field Agents have many stories over the years where this has happened. Even if a new knight is not able to get with their Agent, there is certain minimal coverage they have by just JOINING the K of C.

When I thanked him for attending the State Convention along with his other delegate, and I asked if they had made the Educational Sessions we provided, he said he had not. I explained the importance of getting the leaders educated and trained. I apologized if I, as State Deputy, were not putting the programs in place to make this happen, but I further explained it does not do much good if the councils across the state does not take advantage of the Diocesan Conferences we share twice a year in all 15 Dioceses, or the many webinars that Supreme makes available to everyone willing to invest a little time, as there is NO CHARGE for this information.

As we shook hands, and parted ways, I suggested that if he still felt he still wanted to wait until next Fraternal Year to bring his prospects in his council, he should at least make these prospects eMembers now that would bring them into the Knights of Columbus and allow them the benefits of joining and allow them to meet with an Insurance Agent to discuss their options. With the CODE of BLESSEDMCGIVNEY there is no cost for eMembership, and it lessens the guilt if something were to happen between becoming an eMember and joining the council, the opportunity was there.

We are having a GREAT year in Charities, Wheelchairs, Quick Starts, Special Olympics, Cor Initiative, Star Councils and Membership Intake and with these last two good months this COULD be TEXAS’ BEST YEAR YET!

Thanks for all you Brothers do!

VIVAT JESUS!

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Membership:

**“And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”
- (John 14:29)**

We are less than two (2) months away from the end of this fraternal year. We are on a record setting pace for new member intake in the State of Texas. Your continued efforts will assure we achieve something never realized. Texas could surpass 5300 new members added to our Council rolls.

We are already ten (10) months into this fraternal year. Time is flying is by. We still have more than 300 Councils across the state which have not yet recruited a new member. Where can the State Membership Team aid these Councils in inviting at least one (1) new member into their Council?

We need to take advantage of every opportunity to invite a practical Catholic gentleman to join our honored Order.

Our Supreme Knight has challenged each Council to schedule and conduct one (1) more Membership Recruitment Drive in each of the remaining months of this fraternal year. Will your council accept and complete this challenge? Can your Council add at least one (1) more member to your Council rolls in each of the last two (2) months?

The Diocesan Golf Classic – MATCH Play competition is in full swing. Will your Council be a part of aiding your Diocese in potentially bringing home the big win?

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. Texas needs every Council doing their portion. It only takes one (1) new ember to be recruitment active.

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30 Days:

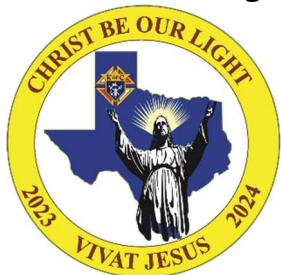
- Offer one-year of Free Online Membership to every practical Catholic Gentleman you encounter
- Schedule follow-up session(s) to contact all potential new Council members
- Stay engaged with the eMembers listed on your Council’s Prospect Tab in Officer’s Online
- Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

60 Days:

- Offer 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
- Exercise your plans to ensure you finish this fraternal year strong for your Council

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

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- 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
- Ensure you have a strategy in place for a strong start to the next fraternal year

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

Education, Training, & Communications:

"The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher." Luke 6:40

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 train new and established council officers, but especially Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. 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 and the team can also schedule an online training session.

*****Be on the lookout for District and Diocesan Deputy of the Year standings.**

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

May – 4th 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

June – 4th Quarter is ending FINISH STRONG!!

- **June 15** – Last day for council elections.
- **June 18** – Father's Day
- **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 of New Year 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 5-7 – 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

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!

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 15th 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 Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour or the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Program. 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
State Program Director
Texas State Council

Star Council Awards

We are now in the home stretch. As of now, your council should have:

- Recruited at least 80% 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.

Early Bird Star Councils

As of April 21, the following councils had already completed their requirements for Star Council. Congrats!

- St. Stephen Council 10420 (El Paso) - GK Juan Torres (DD 2 Gilbert De La Rosa)
- Del Norte Council 2592 (El Paso) - GK Omar Corral (DD 7 Jesus Granado Jr)
- Colleyville Council 15789, GK Michael Best (DD 24 Ruben Cisneros)
- Roanoke Council 18179, GK Chad Degner (DD 24 Ruben Cisneros)
- St. Jude Council 6269 (Arlington) - GK Chris Hoelscher (DD 28 Anson Geisel)
- St. Rose of Lima Council 11599 (San Antonio) - GK Richard Vasquez (DD 39 Eliseo Zapata)
- Bulverde Council 8521 - GK Tomas Rubio (DD 43 Adam Rabel)
- Holy Trinity Council 9967 (San Antonio) - GK Marcus Vigil (DD43 Adam G Rabel)
- St. José Sánchez del Río Council 17762 (San Antonio), GK William Person (DD 43 Adam G Rabel)
- San Fernando Cathedral Council 9463 (San Antonio), GK Jose Rincones (DD 44 Denny Archibek)
- Assumption Seminary Council 13523 (San Antonio), GK Jose Perez (DD 44 Denny Archibek)
- Schertz Council 6358 - GK Thomas Stamp (DD48 Hank Dela Garza)

- Msgr Robert Silverman Council 9291 (San Antonio) - GK Albert Eng (DD 49 David Martin)
- Holy Name Council 8789 (San Antonio) - GK Lawrence Cure (DD 54 Jesse Aguilar)
- Rev. Fr. Eugene Heyck Council 8960 (Pearland) - GK David Provenzano (DD 74 Richard D Johnson)
- St. Vincent de Paul Council 10390 (Houston) - GK Gabriel Couriel (DD 74 Richard D Johnson)
- Needville Council 7067 - GK Mark Kovar (DD75 Charles Cantrell)
- Sugar Land Council 11343, GK Richard Kleczynski (DD 79 Joe D Gutierrez)
- Humble Council 6878 - GK Rex Roeges (DD 92 Bob Schmidt)
- Huffman Council 9794, GK Frank Campisi (DD 92 Bob Schmidt)
- St. Martha Council 12320 (Kingwood) - GK Terrell Nelson (DD 92 Bob Schmidt)
- Spring Council 14512, GK Dale Charpentier (DD 93 John A Williams)
- The Woodlands Council 17653, GK David McManus (DD 93 John A Williams)
- Santa Maria Council 6065 (Plano) - GK Oscar Sanchez (DD 111 John M Fleischer)
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Council 7850 (Plano) - GK Mike Flanagan (DD 111 John M Fleischer)
- Lumberton Council 7058 - GK Tom Ehrensberger (DD 121 Pat Campo)
- Nederland Council 5145 - GK Rodney Johnstone (DD 122 Tony Tomplait)
- Liberty Council 3201 - GK Mychal English (DD 126 John Bartee)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 9215 (Midland) - GK Larry Rodriguez (DD 221 Roman Estrada)
- Holy Redeemer Council 17679 (Odessa) - GK Manuel Salazar (DD 222 Greg Dutchover)
- San Martin de Porres Council 9626 - GK Hector Chapa (DD 232 Hector Chapa Jr)
- Laredo Council 2304 - GK Alfred McCabe (DD 233 Tony Gonzalez)

And the following DDs have completed the requirements for Star District. Congrats!

- DD 24 Ruben Cisneros
- DD 43 Adam G Rabel
- DD 74 Richard Johnson
- DD 92 Bob Schmidt
- DD 111 Jake Fleischer
- DD 122 Tony L Tomplait
- DD 232 Hector Chapa Jr

Columbian Award Form SP-7

I recommend submitting this form at the earliest opportunity since that will allow time to react if there are issues. June 30 is the hardest of deadlines.

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

Link to the Online Portal

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

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

We just finished celebrating year to date accomplishments at our State Convention! We still have time to check boxes & get new councils or reactivate a council. We need to ensure we continue to grow to help catholic men join our ranks bring us all closer to God!

Remember Supreme Per Capita billing based on January 1, 2024 roster was due April 10, 2024. Please see remind those councils to par their Per Capita! They must go online for the 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. 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. Note Councils cannot be Star Council without being current with Per Capita. DO NOT LET A STAR GET AWAY!

We still have 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. Please contact our team to walk you through & get your paperwork in order. 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. 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

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,

Bishop Fundraising

The Texas State charity goal for this fraternal year is \$801,135. After our 120th Texas Knight of Columbus State Convention, we have received contributions totaling \$790,634.64 which represents 98.69% of the State goal. As of today, TEN Dioceses have exceeded their annual goal, tying our record from last year. Two more Division One Dioceses should cross 100% in the next couple of weeks: Fort Worth and San Antonio!

<i>Diocese</i>	<i># of councils</i>	<i># of district deputies</i>	<i>Charity Goal</i>	<i>Contributions</i>	<i>Other Diocesan Contribution 4/28/24</i>	<i>Percentage 4/28/24</i>	<i>Delta</i>
El Paso	39	11	\$22,230.00	\$23,433.00	\$1,484.00	112.09%	\$2,687.00
Lubbock	29	7	\$15,075.00	\$16,630.00		110.32%	\$1,555.00
Beaumont	29	7	\$23,935.00	\$26,243.00		109.64%	\$2,308.00
Austin	95	22	\$100,905.00	\$103,694.55	\$6,300.00	109.01%	\$9,089.55
Tyler	33	9	\$21,520.00	\$23,095.00		107.32%	\$1,575.00
Victoria	32	8	\$56,500.00	\$58,395.00		103.35%	\$1,895.00
San Angelo	36	10	\$27,500.00	\$26,867.50	\$1,681.00	103.81%	\$1,048.50
Galveston/ Houston	138	39	\$167,365.00	\$170,313.46		101.76%	\$2,948.46
Dallas	64	16	\$87,790.00	\$87,334.13	\$900.00	100.51%	\$444.13
Laredo	27	9	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00		100.00%	\$0.00
Fort Worth	68	19	\$80,590.00	\$80,211.00	\$20.00	99.55%	\$359.00
TEXAS	838	222	\$801,135.00	\$790,634.64		98.69%	\$10,500.36
San Antonio	109	30	\$113,095.00	\$111,528.00	\$197.00	98.79%	\$1,370.00
Amarillo	24	6	\$15,850.00	\$14,175.00		89.43%	\$1,675.00
Brownsville	54	14	\$30,380.00	\$21,530.00		70.87%	\$8,850.00
Corpus Christi	61	15	\$30,600.00	\$19,385.00		63.35%	\$11,215.00

We have eight more weeks in our Fraternal Year so let's strive for EVERY Diocese to exceed 100%. Our Bishop's need their Knights to contribute towards their charities of choice! Remember that "Charity is the first and foremost principle upon which our Order is founded".

American Wheelchair Mission

The Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission, raise funds to support the purchase of wheel- chairs for distribution worldwide. Many have been distributed in the USA. Our Worthy State Deputy continues to set a goal for each Council to donate at least \$150 to fund the purchase of one wheelchair. Council's budget should include this as a line item. Grand Knights should include the Wheelchair Ministry as an agenda item on monthly meetings. This is the First Lady's charity of choice this year so let's not let her down! Our current trends show we may exceed \$1.1MM for the first time!

Checks should be made payable to the AMERICAN WHEEL- CHAIR MISSION and mailed to Dan Moberg, American Wheel- chair Mission, 2600 E. Seltice Way, Suite A172, Post Falls, ID. 93854-7991. Please Let Bill Weber know about your donation via email or phone,

yankeesweb@tx.rr.com, 214-405-8023.

<i>Diocese</i>	<i># of councils</i>	<i># of district deputies</i>	<i>2022-23 Contributions</i>	<i>2023-24 (04/24/24) Contributions</i>	<i>6/30/24 YOY Difference</i>
TEXAS	838	222	\$966,644.20	\$936,171.78	-\$30,472.42
Dallas	64	16	\$470,358.75	\$510,689.63	\$40,330.88
Galveston/Houston	138	39	\$139,749.11	\$77,005.03	-\$62,744.08
First Lady Initiative Collections			\$0.00	\$33,226.00	\$33,226.00
San Antonio	109	30	\$158,888.87	\$172,910.16	\$14,021.29
Fort Worth	68	19	\$75,450.74	\$48,353.96	-\$27,096.78
Brownsville	54	14	\$1,800.00	\$2,400.00	\$600.00
Austin	95	22	\$23,269.95	\$20,543.00	-\$2,726.95
Corpus Christi	61	15	\$14,714.00	\$10,993.00	-\$3,721.00
San Angelo	36	10	\$13,668.00	\$12,513.00	-\$1,155.00
Victoria	32	8	\$10,045.00	\$20,473.00	\$10,428.00
Beaumont	29	7	\$4,750.00	\$14,790.00	\$10,040.00
Lubbock	29	7	\$9,770.00	\$1,100.00	-\$8,670.00
Tyler	33	9	\$5,005.00	\$7,925.00	\$2,920.00
Amarillo	24	6	\$1,050.00	\$800.00	-\$250.00
Laredo	27	9	\$37,124.78	\$650.00	-\$36,474.78
El Paso	39	11	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$800.00

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