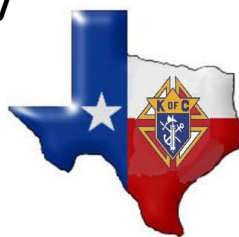


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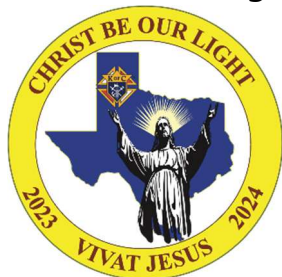


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KEEP IT GOING!

Terry Frugé, Texas State Deputy

From the Desk of the State Deputy



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Brothers,

Past and current conflicts have inflicted wounds, both visible and invisible, on our armed forces. The Knights of Columbus helps these wounded warriors by sponsoring each year a healing pilgrimage to the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes** in France. Our pilgrims join 14,000 warriors and pilgrims from 41 countries in seeking Our Lady's intercession for their suffering. The five-day event involves prayer, reflection, group discussions, visits to the healing baths, candlelight processions, Masses, and rich interactions with fellow warriors.

Surprisingly, many councils and assemblies are not aware of this program. But, once informed, many express a desire to financially support it.

This year, Supreme will bring about 300 pilgrims, chaplains, care givers, and support staff to Lourdes for the pilgrimage in May. They have already received hundreds of applications that will be screened in the coming months. **Our wounded, ill, or injured pilgrims, their caregivers, and companions with financial need will not pay a cent.** However, it costs about \$3,000 for transport, food, lodging and materials.

This month, we want to build awareness of this wonderful program and solicit financial support from councils and assemblies in conjunction with national Veterans Day programs and activities. You can expect to see prominent mention in upcoming webinars, Fraternal Leader Advisories and Knightline.

We ask for your assistance in spreading the word and encouraging all councils and assemblies to make contributions for this wonderful program.

Thank you.
Vivat Jesus!

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Membership:**MEMBERSHIP:**

Texas, we continue to do an outstanding job regarding recruitment. We must keep this momentum going and finish the first half of this fraternal year strong!

We have the next 2 months to accomplish our goal of 2411 new members before December 31, 2023. We need approximately 750 new members to achieve this mark. We will not fail!

Fall – Membership Intake (Church) Drive / BLITZ**Reporting your Membership Drive(s)**

These drives allowed your Council the opportunity to invite every man and his family, within your community, to be a part of our honored Order and potentially, your council.

It is now time to report on the success of these drives. We need to know if your Council conducted a Membership Intake (Church) Drive. We need to know the Council #, the District #, the date of the Drive, and the number of Prospects contacted.

We ask each Grand Knight report on the Drive(s) conducted by your Council to your District Deputy. District Deputies, we ask you report on the Drives conducted in your District to the Diocesan Deputy. Diocesan Deputies, we ask you report on the Drives in your Diocese to our Membership Recruitment Team.

Continue to follow up with the prospective members you met in October and invite them to join us.

Online Membership

The Online Membership remains the best means for bringing a Catholic Gentleman into the Order. Please be sure to be familiar with the look and feel of the online portal. This is the preferred method for bringing a man into the Order.

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.

We are 4 months into this fraternal year, and we have just over 450 Councils from across the state which have not yet recruited a new member. Texas needs your support. We are counting on your assistance to grow the order.

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey, Membership Director

Calendar items:**30 Days:**

Football Championship continues; recruit to bolster your Diocesan percentage in the final month of the competition

Submit Report on your Council Membership (Church) Drive(s) to your District and Diocesan Deputy

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

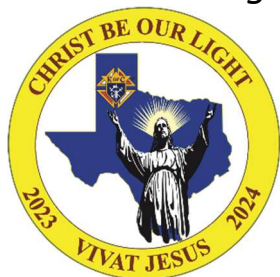
Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

60 Days:

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

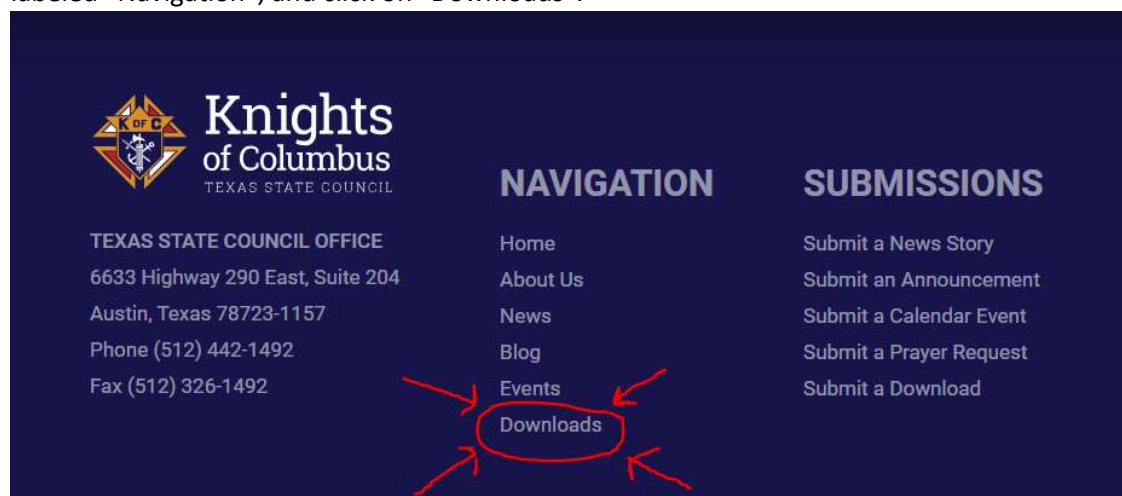
Education, Training, & Communications:

"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men'. At once they left their nets and followed Him." Matthew 4: 19-20

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.

The new Directory is posted online. Scroll to the bottom of the state website, find the section labeled "Navigation", and click on "Downloads".



November – 2nd Quarter 2/3 done

- **November 11** – Veterans Day – Plan a patriotic community event
- **November 23** – Thanksgiving - Plan a Food for Families Event
- **Diocesan Deputies**
 - Start planning your Midyear Conference for January 2024
 - Start Judging Your Council & District Essay & Poster Contest

December – 2nd Quarter finishing

- **December 1 – 3** – Midyear Meeting – San Marcos
- **December 8** – Silver Rose transfer in Laredo
- **December 12th** – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- **December 15th** – Start gathering information for the Annual Fraternal Survey form #1728
- **December 15th** – Form 10784 Family of the Month (for November) due

- **December 25th** – Christmas
- **December 31st** – Quick Start Award deadline (State Charities & State Per capita)
 - District Deputy Semi Annual Audit Form #944a Due

January 2022 – 3rd Quarter begins.

Midyear Diocesan Conferences will be scheduled by your diocesan deputy and presented by one of the state officers or state directors.

- **January 1** – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- **January 15** – 2nd billing to be sent
- **January 27** – March for Life – Austin, TX
- **January 31** – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities – Form 1728 Due
- **January 31** – Partnership Profile with Special Olympics Report – Form 10784 Due
- **January 31** – Charles 'Chic' O'Conner Annual Memorial Award - applications due

Begin planning your March Membership Drives – order your materials now!

Plan a live Financial Secretary Training

Let Christ Be Your Light

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Tydings

Education, Training, & Communications (ETC) Director

Programs:

My Brother Knights, it has been an absolute honor to lead as your State Programs Director, but as the song says, “Seasons, they are a changin’”! Due to a career change and expanded family commitments, I will no longer be in the role as Major Director and pass on the honor to our Worthy Br, Knight Pat Henz. I thank the Programs Team for all their continued support of you my Brother Knights with your Council Programs. May Our Lady of Guadalupe enwrap you with her mantle and may you all have a Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving!

Brother Field Agent

Carlos X. Martinez

State Programs

Brother Knights, as we prepare to give Thanks for all of our Blessings, it is the perfect time to share those Blessings with those in need through your Council Programs.

Faith in Action

November, we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day, please gather as Brother Knights in support of Our Faith in Action, with Adoration Hours, Group Rosaries, Council Corporate Communion. Please continue to work with your Parish Pastor in assisting with Eucharistic Processions.

More information located at:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

Pro-Life & Pregnancy Resource Support

This is the 20th year of the ACE Wings program! Please continue to pray for the continued support of Pro-Life and know that now more than ever your support is needed. Please wear your ACE Wings proudly and promote all eligible to attain their Wings.

Now is the time to begin preliminary planning for your Council's participation at the State Pro-Life March in Austin Jan 27, 2024.

The Supreme ASAP Program remains active and in need of our Support. Please work to support a Diocesan Approved Pregnancy Center today.

Please have your Council or join with another Council to fund an Ultrasound machine. This is the #1 reason mothers decide to support the Birth of their baby.

Pilgrim Icon ,Vocations and Silver Rose Support

The International Silver Rose Exchange is planned for December 9, 2023, in Laredo, Texas. You may inquire with our Worthy Chairman Tom Krueger for further details.

The Pilgrim Icon and traveling Silver Rose 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 support our Seminarians and invite them to join your Council. You never know, the seminarian you support Today may be your future Council Chaplain

Veterans Program

Brother Knights let's all give Thanks and Respect for all our Veterans this Veteran's Day

Saturday November 11, 2023

Let us all acknowledge and pay tribute for all the sacrifices of our Military Veterans. We pray for continued blessings for they and their families. Please take time during your Council meetings to celebrate and invite all Veterans to join the Order.

Athletics & Youth Activities

- District and Diocesan Soccer Challenges should be wrapping up. **Soccer Challenge** – Council, District and Diocesan competitions currently underway. Diocesan Results to be submitted to State Program Director by Nov. 30. to forward on to Supreme for final evaluation by Dec 15, 2023.
- **Keep Christ in Christmas & Catholic Citizenship Essay** are underway at the Council levels. Diocesan submissions to State Director

Catholic Essay emailed – January 12, 2024

Original Keep Christ in Christmas Poster – Feb 9, 2024

Please bring your entries if available to the Mid-Year meeting

The Programs team is here to support and guide. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Have FUN with Programs!

Let Christ Be Your Light as you lead your Councils.

Vivat Jesus,

Pat Henz

State Programs Director

30 Day Timeline

- Family of the Month
- Conduct District and Diocesan Soccer Challenge
- Submit Diocesan Soccer Challenge results to State Program Director
- Initiate Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Order Keep Christ in Christmas Poster kits
- Rosary Program
- Traveling Silver Rose

- Traveling St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon
- Holy Hours of Adoration
- Shield a Badge

60 Day Timeline

- International Silver Rose Exchange
- Family of the Month
- RSVP
- Holy Rosary Program
- Conduct Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Conduct Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

90 Day Timeline

- Family of the Month
- Traveling Silver Rose
- Traveling Pilgrim Icon
- Council Free Throw Challenge

Star Council Awards

The Star Tracker is published twice a month to provide a report of how councils are progressing towards the Supreme award, the Star Council Award, and the State Council awards, the Lone Star Awards for Excellence.

The Tracker is simply a tool that pulls together all the various reports from their myriad sources and presents them in one place. As such, the Tracker just “reports the news” and saves you the time and effort of looking everything up yourself. We do not keep track of Forms 185 submitted – we report what Supreme has approved. We don’t keep track of who is Safe Environment compliant – Supreme does (or should, as this year has progressed).

So when the Tracker comes out and shows a certain form has not been submitted, telling me your council is complaint and saying “fix your Tracker” doesn’t get us anywhere. The official report from Supreme, who is the official source of data, is saying it has not been received. If I “fixed” the Tracker, your form would still be missing at Supreme. Instead, we need to help look into why the form is showing as missing.

For the State awards, I have latitude in giving credit to councils if mistakes are made at Supreme. For instance, I know the office that reviews and approves audits is woefully behind because of new software they are using. It also appears some submitted audits are straight up lost.

But once again, if an audit is showing as not received 2 months after submittal, sending me an e-mail telling me to “fix my Tracker” does us no good. The audit likely needs to be resubmitted to Supreme at this point. And I will give credit towards the Lone Star Award since I control that.

Please open the Tracker each month and check your councils. When I send out a report in late October on status of Forms 365 and a DD contacts me and says “what do you

mean they're missing?" – well, he's basically telling me he hasn't opened the Star Tracker all year since it's shown that form missing since July.

We have made the Tracker easy to use and you can check your council's status in about 30 seconds. Simply open the Excel file – it will open to the Council Report Tab. Click on the yellow field, type in the council number, hit <enter> and a complete report pops up for that council. That report can be printed and carried to a meeting – it can be saved as a PDF and e-mailed.

There is also a PDF of the full Tracker sent each month, but it's more laborious to use and hard to read if printed. Even if you have never opened Excel before, it will make your life much easier to use it. If need be, get one of your grandkids to show you how to use Excel. Nothing youngsters like better than teaching Granpa how to do something.

As always, me and my team are ready to aid you in whatever way we can. We want every council in Texas to be strong and vibrant examples of Fr. McGivney's vision.

Keep up the good work and VIVAT JESUS!

Bill Tillotson
Star Council Awards Director

Council Growth

My Brother Knights,

"...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..." Colossians 1:10

Good works are evident & flourishing in every Diocese. We must remain diligent to complete our objectives.

Congratulations Laredo Diocese – Reactivation of Council 9650 in Zapata! Great job by the Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna & DD 238 Miguel Medellin & our Brother Knights in Zapata!

Also, another big **Congratulations to Angel Luna & the Laredo Diocese**, He qualified for the **"Triple Crown Award."** The Laredo Diocese started a new Council, met his Roundtable goal & with the above-mentioned reactivation all by September 30, 2023!!! Keep the Diocese on FIRE!

We had 87 new councils get on the suspension list this past October 10. Please see if we can wipe this number out to zero! 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. 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.

As of September 30, 2023, we had 156 Roundtables compared to 116 from the same time frame last year. Our goal is 210. Congratulations to Brownsville, Tyler, Laredo, Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston, Corpus Christi, El Paso, & Beaumont Dioceses for meeting or exceeding their Roundtable goal. We have until December 31 to make our goal & for DD's to get a chance for the engraved Barrel Head. Please fill in this form. Note the Grand Knight **MUST** sign the form! We can crush this goal! Email all forms to Dan Aguilar - aguilar.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

Several Dioceses are in different stages of establishing a new Council or reactivating a council. Keep up the work to bring a 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.

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:

We have had some questions regarding State Charity collections and how they are dispersed. As a reminder, 70% of all Diocesan collections go directly back to the bishop's charity of choice in each Diocese. 30% of those funds remain at the State level for use across the State. We have had questions on how those funds are used so I thought it best to let everyone know where these funds are being spent. The following list is extensive, but the Charity Board does approve ad hoc requests from time to time that are sent for consideration. Contributions over 100% of the diocesan goal, 100% of it goes back to Bishop as well.

- Educational Grants and Catholic School grants.
 - Many of these expenses are funded by the Christopher fund, a trust managed by Supreme. The money from the Cardinal Medeiros fund goes to this trust. The interest is used every year for grants but does not cover all the expenses.
- Special Olympics.
 - The state sends a check for over \$20,000 every year to Special Olympics Texas.
- Disaster Relief state expenses

- Catholic Archives - Texas.
- Awards for State Charities
- Charity Board meetings (3 times per year)
- Charity pins cost
- Fundraising committee expenses
 - Miscellaneous requests for donations (i.e. College Catholic Centers – usually matching funds, etc.)
- State Office Administration
 - Administrative expenses
 - Online fees for Texas state website donations
 - Swipe card fees for Square device collecting charity pin donations, KofC license plate frame donations

This encompasses most of the expenses. **We appreciate your commitment to State Charities and supporting your local Bishops!**

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