

... from the Texas State Council



www.tkofc.org



Volume 2020 Issue 4

30-60-90 Day Outlook

October 2020

Be Not Afraid



State Deputy
Alfredo Vela (Rosa)

956-500-0169

alfredovela@hotmail.com

State Chaplain
Most Reverend Bishop
Brendan Cahill
Victoria, TX
361-573-0828

Associate State Chaplain

Rev. Mark N. P. Salas

915-328-3844

pancratius@hotmail.com

State Secretary
Diego Pena (Pia)

817-575-9854

djpena57@me.com

State Treasurer
Terry Fruge (Beth)

713-417-0571

tbfruge@comcast.net

State Advocate
Robert "Bob" Goss

334-538-1415

bob@gosslaw.com

State Warden
Boyd Burris (Patricia)

214-507-8420

burrispb1549@att.net

From the Texas State Council:

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

Alfredo Vela
Texas State Deputy

State Chaplains Message:

Bold and faithful

On September 3 Pope Francis approved a letter of encouragement for the universal Church to begin considering the return to Sunday worship. Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation of Worship wrote the letter and titled it beautifully: "Let us return to the Eucharist with joy!" This letter reminded me that we are baptized members of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. The Holy Father, Pope Francis oversees the pastoral care of men and women across the whole world. The current pandemic remains global in scale, and each area continues to experience its effects in different ways.

The letter states:

"Aware that God never abandons the humanity He has created, and that even the hardest trials can bear fruits of grace, we have accepted our distance from the Lord's altar as a time of eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness. As soon as possible, however, we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with him, to receive him and to bring him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love and hope."

Praying for the safety and salvation of all, may we remain hopeful and joyful even in the midst of the trial of the pandemic. God bless you and your families with his healing presence!

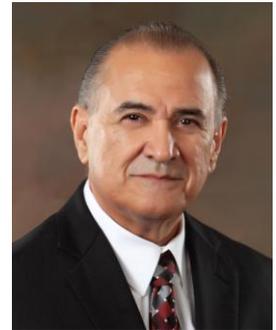
Vivat Jesus!

State Chaplain
Most Reverend Bishop Brendan Cahill

Assistant State Chaplains Message:

He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Luke 9.22



Alfredo Vela
State Deputy



Be Not Afraid

Immediate
Past State Deputy
Mark Evans (Mary)
903-520-1359
tmmpevans@gmail.com

Supreme Director
Terry Simonton (Estelle)
254-721-1116
terry.simonton@kofc.org

Executive Secretary
Mike McLaughlin (Dawnn)
512-442-1492
mikem@tkofc.org

State Admin Accountant
Kari Jordan
512-442-1492
kjordan@tkofc.org

State Admin
Council Records
Kathleen McLoughlin
512-442-1492
kathleenm@tkofc.org

Texas State Council
6633 Hwy 290 East
Suite 204
Austin, TX 78723-1157
512-442-1492 - office
512-326-1492 - fax

On September 15th, our Lady of Sorrows witnessed another destruction of her Son's sacred heart depicted by the statue with open arms at the high Altar of our Cathedral Church in El Paso. This statue witnessed over so many Masses and sacraments during the last 96 years, including my ordination and the ordination of St. Pedro de Jesus Maldonado on January 25th 1918. The perpetrator's excuse? "The image was not Jewish-looking-enough." Racism does not heal racism. That image did not belong to him, it belonged to the Church in El Paso. A gift from El Pasoans 96 years ago entrusted to us to saturate with meaning, love and memories (as in 1918 and 2011) for El Pasoans in 2116. This may no longer be possible. Racism does not end with racism, the body of Christ is from all nations for all nation; from all races for all races. A principle embedded in our American ethos. The destruction of our image, sadly is not a singular event, but worse: part of a growing wave of destruction, disrespect and rejection. The Holy Land, where our Master walked and saturated the ancient stones, olive groves and the people with a new story, meaning and understanding without destruction a total transformation in loving acts (Charity). Only loving actions can overcome any manifestation of evil. Only valiant acts of love can overcrowd, choke out and transform injustice. People, history and meaning are nuanced, layered and complicated. A mule can kick down a barn, but it takes a carpenter to build it. That man used an excuse to destroy, but it is not a justification. Beauty, order, good and justice take hard work, sacrifice and concerted effort. As Knights of Columbus, we do not turn a blind eye to injustices against the indigenious, the poor, the elder or any person in need. We take the Gospel to them and stand strong on the pillars of advocacy, solidarity, and charity. There are ways to address his concerns, but he or anyone taking to wanton destruction and revision does not want a dialogue, does not want to serve, contribute or build. Columbus is a model for Italian and Irish Catholic American Immigrants, when discrimination, injustice and violence with impunity was perpetuated on Fr. McGivney's parishioners. His response was and is the Knights of Columbus. Council 16778, our Diocesan Deputy, Art, started fundraising, praying and volunteering that day. Nevada's State Deputy Antonio Pascua and his brother Knights joined us through Zoom to pray the rosary as a diocese. History moves on, wounds heal, and the Gospel is preached. What will El Pasoans say 96 years from now about the legacy entrusted to them? We'll see, at least that the Knights of Columbus were always there.

This month pray in thanksgiving for the legacy and treasures entrusted to your councils as a parish, family and community.

In this month's Chaplain Report, share the history of your parish community with the council and ask for stories that brother knights may remember.

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 or the **Revised** 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.

October – 2nd Quarter begins. **Let's Get it Done!**

No Suspended Councils – No Supreme Per Capita assessed. Use that money as an incentive program for Membership, Programs, or State Charities.

October 12th – Columbus Day - Church Membership Drives around this National Holiday.

Be Not Afraid

Membership Director
Ron Alonzo (Margo)
361-947-1346

mpdunne@sbcglobal.net

Program Director
Pat Henz (Mary)
817-501-5197

pghenz@yahoo.com

Star Council Director
Reed Fontenot, III
(Donna)

501-920-0102

reed.fontenot@att.net

Council Growth Director
Carlos Martinez
(Rosamar)

346-901-6966

carlosmartinez1223@gmail.com

Education, Training, &
Communications
Director

David Zeigler (Laura)
903-926-0776

zigsr@att.net

Charity Director
Derek Rabey (Veronica)
210-288-7353

skdr2001@gmail.com

Insurance Liason
Juan Carlos Carlin (Erica)
956-206-0407

juan.carlin@kofc.org

Texas Knight Editor/
TKOFC Webmaster

Mark Johnson

512-851-8000

mjohnson@creatdev.com

October 12-30 – Featured Western Territory Training from Ken White (separate email)
October 31st – Special Mass for Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney
District Meetings

November – 2nd Quarter 1/3 done. **Back to Basics.**

Leave No Neighbor Behind reports as required –

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

For some of your Training needs click on this link:

<http://craigmod.us/fstraining>

Report your Church Drives

Diocesan Deputies start planning your Midyear Conference for January 2021

December – 2nd Quarter 2/3 done. **No Excuses!**

December 4-6th – Midyear Meeting – Denton, TX – All Diocesan & District Deputies

December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 15th – 1st Billing for New Fraternal Year should already be sent. The Retention Process has begun. Good time to start gathering information for the Annual Fraternal Survey form #1728

December 31st – Quick Start Award deadline

District Deputy Semi Annual Audit Form #944 Due

Feel free to contact me for any assistance.

Vivat Jesus!

David Zeigler, Education, Training, & Communications Director

MEMBERSHIP:

Fall – October Council Church Drive

Planning your Church Drive

In addition to constantly extending the offer of membership to every eligible man, every council should hold at least two Church recruitment drives each fraternal year. Church drives allow your council the opportunity to invite every man and his family to be a part of your council.

The success of your Church recruitment drive will largely depend on the planning and preparations your council makes leading up to it.

Week of drive

Practice responsibilities (Pulpit announcement, ambassador role, Prospect landing Page) confirm Plans with celebrant(s) confirm all knights will wear similar team attire (kofc polos, badges, etc.) confirm raffle Prize and logistics

Have a plan to follow up with each prospect within 48 hours.

All Council/District Active

Every Council Active program is designed to encourage all councils to recruit at least one new member during the fraternal year. To be considered Recruitment Active, a council must recruit at least one new member during the fraternal year. Successful councils (a) have a recruitment program throughout the fraternal year, (b) utilize Supreme and State Council resources and materials (many of them free), and (c) schedule, host, and conduct Exemplifications. All Grand Knights are encouraged to strive towards attaining Council (recruitment) Active status during their term in office. If every Grand Knight would take into consideration our mantra, ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH, this could easily be achieved.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Alonzo, Membership Director

Programs:

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!

- **October Reminders –**

- 7th – Our Lady of the Holy Rosary – Schedule Rosary Program or Holy Hour
- Columbus Day – October 12 – Hold an Exemplification
- 40 Days for Life going on this month.
- Conduct the Catholic Citizenship Essay.
- Conduct District / Diocesan level Soccer Challenge
- Order Keep Christ in Christmas Kits.
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Sept) by Oct 15
- Submit any Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had last month.
- Remember to schedule the Silver Rose

- **November Reminders –**

- VOTE
- Conduct District / Diocesan level Soccer Challenge
- Judging for the Catholic Citizenship Essay.
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Oct) by Nov 15
- Conduct Keep Christ in Christmas programs.
- Helping Hands / Feed the Hungry / Coats for Kids / Leave No Neighbor Behind – a lot of opportunity to help those in need.

- **December Reminders –**

- Conduct Keep Christ in Christmas programs.
- Don't forget your Seminarians this month. A nice Christmas care package goes a long way.
- Conduct the Consecration to the Holy Family
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Nov) by Dec 15
- Submit Diocesan winners from the Soccer Challenge, Essay Contests, and Keep Christ in Christmas poster contests.
- Silver Rose ends – Submit your Fraternal Program Report (#10784)

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, in this covid-19 world we are learning how to fulfill our charitable mission with our Brother Knights in a virtual fashion. Remember that Star Council is a measure of you doing everything right! Let review where we are with some of the requirements through the first three months of the Fraternal Year.

Form 185, Council Officers (not required for Star Council but needed for State Directory).

Supreme records show that we are still missing 103 forms which means that 87.4% of councils have submitted these important records. Well done! If you have a suspended council it is important that the GK / FS / DD still complete this form, write suspended on the form, sign and submit to Supreme and the State office. Same for the 365.

Form 365, Appointed Program personnel. Supreme records show we are still missing 273 forms which means that 66.5% of these have been sent in. I know we can do better and I encourage to work with your District Deputy and the Star Council Awards Team as we are here to help. We are in this together!

Fraternal Benefits Nights. Our General Agents held our first Statewide Fraternal Program in September. Over 700 men attended and 498 surveys were completed at the conclusion.

Your council will receive credit for a Fraternal Benefits night ONLY if you complete the survey AND promote the event to your council. The Star Tracker report will start going out to all District Deputies in October twice per month. IF you do not see where your council received credit on this report by December then please let your General Agent know and what you have done to promote the events. The next Statewide event will be held on October 28. Details coming soon.

Let's get this done!

Vivat Jesus!

Reed Fontenot, Star Council Awards Director

Council Growth

Brother Knights, As Summer comes to a close, and Fall is in the air. The changing season brings a renewed vigor in support of New Councils and Reactivations. Please call on us for guidance and assistance.

Major Diocesan incentives are in place for October:

New Council Formed before OCT. 31st - \$500 gift card for Diocesan incentive program.
Reactivation of a Suspended Council before OCT 31st adhering to Reactivation Protocol, including New Membership Growth - \$300 gift card for Diocesan Incentive program

Great job on Round Table report submissions. **Br. Dan Aguilar** is available to assist. Please continue to work on submitting your **Form #2629** for all active Councils with Round Tables.

The Spanish Speaking growth train is gaining momentum in support of **Hispanic Development**. Please review with your local Parish community to identify the opportunity to initiate and implement a Spanish Speaking Council in your Diocese. Remember, No Excuses, when introducing a Knights presence in your local Spanish Speaking Parish. The Hispanic Development Team, **Br. Guillermo Munoz and Br. Armando Gonzalez** are ready to assist and guide with new Council development.

The College Fall Growth Opportunities continues to gain momentum. Please call on **Br. Jacob Mangold** to assist with **College Council Development**. These young men are the future of the Order and their membership is critical for continued growth. The foundational experience is invaluable, let us continue to support College Council Development.

Please unify as Men of Faith and Service to Identify, Evaluate and Develop a New Council!

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

God Bless the Knights! God Bless Texas!

Vivat Jesus!

Carlos X. Martinez, Council Growth Director

Texas State Council Charities

My Brother Knights,

We continue to find ourselves in unprecedented times. Support of charitable initiatives has never been as important or as impactful as they are today. As Brother Knights, we are all called to live out the first and foremost principle of our Order.

As we enter the month of October your Charities Fundraising Committee will become very active. This team of Brother Knights will be working with the Diocesan Teams to aid as many councils as possible set themselves up for new achievements related to State Council Charities.

One goal of this effort is to aid a record number of councils earn the Texas State Council Quick Start Honor Roll Award.

For many councils across this great state, the Quick Start Award has been an ongoing annual achievement. Many councils have already submitted 100% of their Charity Goal and many others will do so before the end of 2020. To all of you, we say thank you and look forward to your continued support of Texas State Council Charities again this fraternal year!

To those councils who annually meet and even exceed their annual Charity Goal before the end of the fraternal year, we want you to know your efforts are greatly appreciated. This year, we are going to challenge you to work to earn the Quick Start Honor Roll Award this year by making your council's contribution, equal to 100% of your goal, before December 31, 2020.

We challenge all councils, which have not yet made a contribution, to contribute to Texas State Council Charities, in any amount, as soon as possible this fraternal year. Every dollar contributed makes an impact for the good across the state. Together, we can, we have, and we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need and truly live out the vision of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, by providing for the protection of Christian Families. Visit www.tkoqc.org to pay your Charities online.

BE NOT AFRAID! Vivat Jesus!

Derek W. Rabey, Charities Director

Insurance:

Brothers, Please note another State Wide Fraternal Benefit Night is planned for October. Get one of your required nights done now. Contact your General Agent for more details.

Limited to only 1,000, last one almost hit that number, get your councils registered early. All are welcome, members, non-members, wives, family and friends.

How do you get credit for your council? **Market the Fraternal Benefits Night.**

Some suggested actions: Council email blast; Council social media announcement; Use the council Facebook page; And / or create event on Facebook

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

Be Not Afraid!

Juan Carlos Carlin, Insurance Liaison

Finish Line Editor

David Zeigler

903-926-0776

zigsr@att.net

Copyright © 2020, Knights of Columbus, Texas State Council, Austin, Texas

The "Finish Line" is published Monthly by the Texas State Council and electronically posted on the www.tkoqc.org website by the Editor. The publication is a running outlook of the activities, events, award criteria, and form due dates for the next 30-60-90 days. Specific questions about Membership, Charities, Programs, Council Growth, Star Council, Education, Training, & Communications, and the specific subjects therein should be directed to the appropriate State Director.