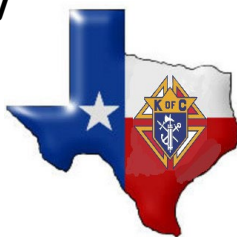


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KEEP IT GOING! START OUT STRONG!

Terry Fruge, Texas State Deputy



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State Deputy

Greetings Brother Knights,

Hope everyone is staying safe, as COVID has not taken a vacation yet, as it visited our house several weeks ago.

Beth and I have logged in around 10,000 miles in the last three months visiting many of your Councils and Exemplifications. I have

been to ten of the Diocese so far, and I hope to get to the other five very soon. Thank you for your hospitality, kindness and hard work in getting new Catholic Gentlemen to the Exemplifications.

We lost a great leader and K of C Supporter in Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza from Galveston-Houston who passed away recently. He was a tireless social justice advocate and fought against racism throughout his priesthood, and in retirement, going back to 1965 when he participated in the March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, organized by Dr. Martin Luther King. Please pay for the repose of the soul of Bishop Joe.

The Fourth Degree Provincial Meeting took place in Frisco recently and the following Sir Knights were inducted as District Masters for Our Lady of Guadalupe Province:

District 1- Sir Knight James Hatcher

District 2- Sir Knight Javier Martinez

District 3- Sir Knight Ken Franch

District 4- Sir Knight Guadalupe Ortiz

District 5- Sir Knight Giovanni Hyppolite

District 6- Sir Knight Jesus Villarreal

District 7- Sir Knight Bob Melco (Oklahoma)

Please congratulate these gentlemen when you see them.

The Supreme produced movie on Mother Teresa called "No Greater Love" is playing in movie theaters around the state on October 3rd & October 4th only. Get your families, Councils and Assemblies to the theaters for this great, inspirational event.

We are not out of Hurricane Season yet, so those of you on the coast please don't let your guard down quite yet.

Vivat Jesus!

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Membership: Keep it Going

Texas, we have done an outstanding job in the first quarter of the fraternal year regarding recruitment. We need this momentum to continue into this next quarter and finish the first half of this fraternal year strong and keep growing the Order here in Texas.

Fall – October Membership (Church) Drive**Planning your Church Drive**

In addition to continuously extending the offer of membership to every practical Catholic gentleman, every council should hold at least two (2) Membership (Church) Recruitment Drives each fraternal year. These drives allow 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.

Continue to offer Free Online Membership to every Practical Catholic Gentleman. The Supreme Promo Code, **BlessedMcGivney**, affords one year of free Online Membership. 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 with prepared talking points, ambassador role, kofc.org/joinus page) confirm Recruitment Plans with celebrant(s), confirm all Brother Knights will wear similar team attire (KofC shirts, badges, etc.), and confirm logistics. Have a plan to follow up with each prospect within 48 hours. Make personal contact with every man who joined the Order during the drive. Invite them to take part in your Council's next activity.

Have Fun, share the great stories about the Good Works your Council is doing in the community. Offer a free year of online membership to every practical Catholic Gentleman you encounter.

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. 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 of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

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.

Calendar items:

October

Assess your Council's progress at the end of the first quarter of this fraternal year

Football is Back with the Diocesan Championship; continues with new brackets

Schedule and conduct your Council Membership (Church) Drive(s)

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

November

Report Membership (Church) Drive results to your District and Diocesan Deputy

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

December

Schedule and conduct your Council (or District) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity
 VIVAT JESUS!
 Derek W. Rabey
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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.

October – 2nd Quarter begins.

October 7 – Our Lady of the Holy Rosary – Schedule Rosary or Holy Hour

October 10 – Supreme Per Capita due

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

October 15—Form 10784 Family of the Month (for September) due

Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month.

November – 2nd Quarter 1/3 done

November 11 – Veterans Day – Plan a patriotic community event

November 13 – World Day of the Poor – Plan a “Helping Hand” event

November 24 – Thanksgiving - Plan a Food for Families Event

Diocesan Deputies start planning your Midyear Conference for January 2022

Start Judging Your Council & District Essay & Poster Contest

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

December 2 – 4 – Midyear Meeting – Round Rock, TX – All Diocesan & District Deputies

December 12th – 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

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.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Tydings, Education, Training, & Communications (ETC) Director

Programs:**Pro-Life & Pregnancy Resource Support**

Please wear your ACE Wings proudly and promote all eligible to attain their Wings. Contact Tom Clark - Chairman for details

The Pregnancy Resources need continues. Please work with your programs team to promote this program and help the Order reach its goal to donate \$5 million to pregnancy centers and maternity homes before the end of the 2022-2023 fraternal year! Digital ASAP resources are now available at kofc.org/asap.

Contact Andrew Clark – Chairman Ultrasound initiative for more details

Pilgrim Icon and Vocations Support

The Pilgrim Icon 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 take an active position in support of the RSVP program. Consider allocating some of your council's budget for at least a \$500 donation to earn a \$100 refund from the Supreme Council. Visit kofc.org/rsvp to learn more.

Silver Rose

Contact your Worthy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, or Program Director to order a good quantity of the Silver Rose Prayer Service Booklets (#4841) and Our Lady of Guadalupe Pledge Cards (#9754) through Supplies Online via Officers Online.

October

- Columbus Day – October 10th – Host a CUF
- *Mother Teresa, No Greater Love* Movie Oct 3, Oct 4, local Theatres. Consider viewing as Council.
- October is month of the Holy Rosary – Schedule Rosary Program or Holy Hour
- Participate in the 40 Days for Live.
- Conduct the Catholic Citizenship Essay.
- Submit the Family of the Month
- Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month.

November

• Keep Christ in Christmas Programs – there are several activities that fall under this title: Journey to the Inn, Light up for Christ, Advent wreath blessing, and the poster contest.

- Veterans Day – Nov 11
- Coats for Kids
- Time to judge the essays from the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest.
- Submit the Family of the Month
- Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month.

Please continue to promote your Councils and the Programs that sustain your success.

Let Christ Be Your Light!

Vivat Jesus,

Carlos X. Martinez

State Programs Director

Star Council Awards

Brother Knights,

It is now almost three full months into the Fraternal Year, and we face challenges in the area of Safe Environment Training.

Being compliant on Safe Environment training means that we, as an Order, value the health and safety of all those we perform charities towards. We also value the Order's good name and that of the Catholic Church. Inversely, when we are not compliant, we are showing we do not value these things.

As of September 15, of the 770 active councils in Texas, there are 188 which are fully Safe Environment compliant. **That's a whopping 24%.** I doubt any of us are satisfied with that number. We can do better.

Please look closely at the most recent Star Tracker under the SAFE ENV. column. A council must have a green YES under all columns to be fully compliant. The column labels mean Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, Family Director, and "U?" checks to make sure all the director's names are unique individuals (a man cannot serve more than one director role).

A yellow P means the training or background check for that individual is pending. A red NO means that director has been dropped from his position for not completing his training within 30-ish days OR the Form 365 was never submitted.

District Deputies - we need you to do all you can to get your councils compliant. You can see the specifics of all the training completed by your councils under the Reports tab in Officers Online. **Grand Knights** can see the info for his council under the same tab. You can also just e-mail me and I'll get the specifics to you. If a man has been dropped from his director position, a new Form 365 will need to be submitted appointing someone to that role and then that man will need to complete the requirements.

Note that the Family and Community directors are the roles which must submit to a background check. The background check agreement e-mail will be separate from the safe environment training e-mail. Some of the Family and Community directors are showing as non-compliant as the background check has not yet completed by Supreme. But that's only about 30 director positions across the state.

When a man is appointed to a GK or director position, they receive an e-mail from the Supreme Office of Youth Protection with instructions on what needs to be done. Any questions regarding what needs to be done to be compliant should be directed to this office at <https://www.kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program/index.html>.

Please help us show we value those we serve and the Order by getting these tasks complete as soon as possible.

Vivat Jesus! Let Christ be Your Light!
Bill Tillotson , Star Council Director

Council Growth

Please note **Supreme Per Capita is due Before October 10, 2022**. Our team will begin to check with those councils that have yet to pay. Note Supreme Per Capita Statement only available online:

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** as it will be delayed in getting recorded. We do not want any suspensions for mailing to incorrect address.

Dioceses of Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Laredo, San Angelo, & Tyler, continue to work the process to establish a new council. Our Team is here to get you through the process. Who will have the 1st new Council of this fraternal year.

Continue to find leads for both new councils and reactivations. Please refer to the Star Guide to contact me or either SK Rick Guzman or SK Greg Dutchover for their respected areas. 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. This will also allow for the team to verify everything is in order.

It is never too late to submit Roundtable coordinators must be reappointed each year. Please fill in this form. Note the Grand Knight **MUST** sign the form!

https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf

Our team is ready to continue this new fraternal year off with the momentum from last year. We will get 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,

Charity is the first and foremost principle of the Order. Our Bishops need us to meet and exceed our State Charity goals! 70% of the funds you send to the State Office go directly back to the Bishop in each Diocese for their charity of choice. Once the Diocese exceeds 100% of goal then 100% of the additional funds go back to your Bishop! With nearly 20,000 Knights moving into the affiliate program, our assessments are substantially lower so we need every

council to participate. Let's ensure that we minimize the drop in contributions for our Bishops. Statements were sent out to all councils at the end of July. We are asking that you PLAN your budgets to include the full amount to be paid before December! You will earn the Quick Start Award for this!

The American Wheelchair Foundation is the First Lady's charity of choice! Each wheelchair you purchase for \$150 positively affects up to 10 other family members. Plan your Wheelchair Sunday Drives and / or collect donations from your members! Contact Bill Weber at 214-405-8023.

Do you have your Knights of Columbus License Plate yet? For a mere \$30 extra per year you can proudly display your Texas 'K of C' License Plate which contains the words "One Nation Under God". \$22 of these funds come back to the state to help Retired Priests in each Diocese! If you already have one, then purchase one for your wife and children as well! Contact Kirby Farek at 361-772-0054. Any Texas DMV can process this specialty plate for you!

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