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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: "Immersing the Family in the Contemplation of Christ our Peace"

On Sunday October 3 I will be celebrating the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral as we begin another Rosary Congress in our diocese.

This will be the third year that we have committed as a diocese to an intense week of prayer, with a plan to ensure that at every hour during this week someone in the diocese will be praying the Rosary during Eucharistic Adoration. The theme for this year's Rosary Congress is: "Immersing the Family in the Contemplation of Christ our Peace."

The Rosary Congress in our diocese is united with Rosary Congresses in dioceses across our nation. The web-site rosarycongressusa.org gives the history of this movement. Inspired by Mary's words at Fatima our intention is to offer prayers and penance in reparation for our sins and the sins of others and to grow in understanding Mary's promise that "My Immaculate Heart will triumph!" We pray that our families receive hope and healing through this spiritual battle.

That week will also mark the end of the Year of the Family for our diocese. Throughout the past year, in the midst of all the challenges the world faced many of you took the opportunity to intentionally "Pray-Eat-Play" together. Following some of the resources and ideas provided by our leaders, and also being creative and sharing ideas among yourselves, you helped one another to grow in faith and trust in Jesus.

I can look back at many of the creative activities for families throughout the year. One of my favorites was a career day for youth in which I got to participate as a bishop. I thought being a bishop would be pretty impressive, but it was hard to compete with the EMT showing how to get into his full gear in under a minute! Each person participating in the day showed how they were using their God-given gifts to serve the community.

As we come to the end of the Year of the Family all of these activities affirmed for me strongly that Jesus Himself is the source of our peace and joy! It also is apparent to me that the activities, the prayers, the meals together will continue as a source for strength - centering on what is most important and life-giving.

May the Lord bless you and your families with a greater understanding of His presence and with strong gratitude for His daily care, and may we all be a Light for the World to see more clearly. **Vivat Jesus!**

+ Most Reverend Bishop Brendan Cahill, TSC State Chaplain



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Associate State Chaplains Message:

When our founder was baptized "Michael James McGivney," the Litany of Saints was sung before he was immersed into the Waters. It is sung to call him to join them with God in Heaven and learn to live a life of such heroic virtue and contagious charity that it inspires Parishes to ask their Bishops to name Churches after them.

Later, our founder entered the Church for Holy Mass and the Litany of Saints was sung again, this time he would leave the building as "Father Michael James McGivney." He had a new role in the Kingdom of God and in the World. Not only was he called to have Churches named after him; but now he was called to work so that others may also have churches named after him. Charity is not self-contained. He was a saint in progress called to make others saints.

Later, Father McGivney would enter the basement of his parish to find his men overwhelmed by the impotencies of discrimination in their Plight as Irish Catholics in Connecticut. He saw the genuine temptation of economic and social security his men could gain if they renounced the faith. He saw alcohol, violence, and death destroy what so many had sacrificed, worked hard, and prayed to achieve. He left that basement as "Fr. McGivney: Founder of the Order of Knights of Columbus"

Last year, Fr McGivney was beatified by Pope Francis; he is now, "Blessed Michael James McGivney, Priest and Founder." Pray that God will honor this man by another miracle to declare him a saint. Continue our Order's prayer, work, and growth. Think of all the men he has inspired to holiness since his ordination and our foundation. Think of the good our Order's insured members have paid for in charity!

This year, we no longer offered a mass for the repose of his soul, but a Feast Day Mass! Thank you for all that you do in the Order! It was so good to see so many councils hit Star Council and LSAFE! Let's keep the train of success running strong in Texas! Let's keep attracting great men to the Order like yourselves! Now, let us pray to our Mother:

Oh Mother of God, Mother of the Knights of Columbus! You offered everything you held in your heart since Nazareth on the Altar of your Son's Cross on Calvary! At your Assumption into heaven, you receive your glorious diadem of stars at the hand of the Lamb, the Bridegroom of the Soul! Inspire in me, oh Mother of Virtue, Queen of all Knights, the same resignation in every sincere Confession and Holy Communion; the same passion and active love in every council meeting and activity. Pray that after a life of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, I too may receive from your Son's pierced hand, my Crown of Glory, my Bleached Mantle, and my Palm of Victory over Pride, Sin, and Death! Oh Mother of God, my Mother! Blessed Michael J. McGivney, pray for us. 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 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.

September – Last month of 1st Quarter. Re-evaluate plans & adjust. **No Excuses.**

September 10-12th – "Johnny Lopez" State Golf Tournament - Bastrop

September 11th - Day of Prayer – Host a Blue Mass for 1st Responders

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

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September 19-22nd - Special Olympics – Texas Summer Games – San Antonio

September 23rd - FS Training - 08:00 PM Central Time - Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUqcumtrjsrH9WR0ao8Ex-iKqHqMcAcRgr5>

September 30th - Roundtable Coordinator Form 2629 Due

Plan your October Membership Drives.

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

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

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

October 10th - Supreme Per Capita due

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

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

October 21st – FS Training - 08:00 PM Central Time - Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcpc-6gpzgsE9aFGoew1rN8Z8e8pTLuxtmk>

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District Meetings

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

November 14th – World Day of the Poor – Plan a “Helping Hand” event

November 11th – Veterans Day

November 18th – FS Training - 08:00 PM Central Time - Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMlduihqTlqGtOJrV4pRyM4ybOO7cYyAm2c>

November 22nd – Transfer of Silver Rose from Oklahoma to Fort Worth Diocese & From
Arkansas to Tyler Diocese

November 25th – Thanksgiving - Plan a Food for Families Event

November 29th – Transfer of Silver Rose from Louisiana to Beaumont Diocese

Diocesan Deputies start planning your Midyear Conference for January 2022

Start Judging Your Council & District Essay & Poster Contest

For some of your FS Training needs click on this link:

<http://craigmod.us/fstraining>

Leave No Neighbor Behind reports as required –

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

Spend some time surfing the Supreme Website. Click on this link: [http://site-](http://site-842560.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/communications/video/6216887862001/navigating-the-for-members-webpages?autoStart=true)

[842560.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/communications/video/6216887862001/navigating-](http://site-842560.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/communications/video/6216887862001/navigating-the-for-members-webpages?autoStart=true)
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This will help guide you through the “For Members” section of the website for forms, training, ceremonials, webinars, etc.

Spend some time surfing the Texas State Council Website. Click on this link:

<https://www.tkofo.org/downloads/state-publications/2020-2021-state-directory>

This is the current State Directory with all contact information for all State Officers, Major Directors, Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, & Grand Knights that have submitted the Form 185 – Report of Officers. The passcode is “tkofc2122” will let you look at it.

Feel free to contact me for any assistance.

Vivat Jesus!

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

Membership:

Summer months are behind us, and we have recruited right at 600 new members into the Order. A little shy of our membership goal of 650. We need to pick up the pace!

Motivate your councils that have not recruited a new member this fraternal year to start recruiting. Membership growth is the lifeline of every council and new members can invigorate councils by bringing new ideas and taking on new programs.

Church Drives - It makes sense to look for new members in the place you're most likely to find them — your parish. One efficient and proven way to do this is to hold a Church Recruitment Drive. You should have already ordered your Church Drive Kits for October.

Exemplifications--District Deputies/Councils, start scheduling your CUFs (Exemplifications) now. Let's make sure we give our candidates every opportunity to become a Knight. Get together with your Diocesan Deputy.

Form 450 – District Deputies, each ceremonial should have a form 450 submitted to Supreme and copied to TSC Ceremonial – Phil Apgar.

MCGIVNEY 2020--Let's continue to take advantage of this promotion. Supreme will continue with this promotion until December 31st. Have your councils continue to push for online membership. Promote MCGIVNEY2020. During these times, use online membership to your advantage.

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!

• **September Reminders –**

- “Johnny Lopez” State Golf Tournament – Sept 10 – 12 in Bastrop
- 9/11 Day of Prayer – Consider hosting a Blue Mass for First Responders
- Start the Shield a Badge Program
- Start (or continue) the Into The Breach program.
- Helping Hands / Leave No Neighbor Behind – who needs some assistance?
- Schedule Council level Soccer Challenge
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Aug) by Sept 15
- Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month.

• **October Reminders –**

- 7th – Our Lady of the Holy Rosary – Schedule Rosary Program or Holy Hour
- Columbus Day – October 12 – Hold an Exemplification
- Participate in the 40 Days for Live.
- Conduct the Catholic Citizenship Essay.
- Conduct District / Diocesan level Soccer Challenge
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Sept) by Oct 15
- Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this month.

• **November Reminders –**

- Food for Families – Feed the hungry in your community.
- 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.
- Coats for Kids
- Time to judge the essays from the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest.
- Submit the Family of the Month (for Sept) by Oct 15
- Submit a Fraternal Program Report (#10784) for each activity you had this 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

We have made good progress in obtaining missing Form 185's and 365's across the State but we still have work to do. Remember, Safe Environment training cannot commence until Supreme has the current information on the Grand Knight and the Program, Community and Family Directors. That is why these reports are so important. Also, remember that when you send to Supreme you should send a copy to your District Deputy and the State Office at forms@tkofc.org.

There are time limits on Safe Environment training links and the first are set to **expire on 9/2/2021 for the Council Directors**. If not completed by the due date then Supreme will remove these men from their roles and replacements must be submitted. Emails have been sent to all these men reminding them of the due dates through 9/10/2021. It is important that ALL Grand Knights and Council Directors to complete this responsibility. It only takes about 2.5 hours!

We have great news on Supreme Assessments! This was going to be a requirement for Star Council this year but Supreme has suspended assessments through the end of December! No word yet on January 2022 but let us focus on what we can control now.

The Star Council Awards Team is here to help you get off to a great start this year. Let's get ALL Safe Environment Training completed by the end of September so we can focus on Membership, Programs and Fraternal Benefit Nights moving forward. Let's get this done. No excuses!

Vivat Jesus!

Reed Fontenot, Star Council Awards Director

Council Growth

Texas Momentum growing and growing!

The INCENTIVES CONTINUE THROUGHOUT FRATERNAL YEAR:

New Councils confirmed by Supreme following protocol (10 new members, min.) will be awarded **\$200** to the Diocesan Deputy for his Diocesan Incentive programs!

Every Council Reactivated following protocol (5 new members, min.) will be awarded **\$100** to the Diocesan Deputy for his Diocesan Incentive programs!

New Council Development

CONGRATULATIONS!! Arch-Diocese of Galveston-Houston, answering the Pastor's call, sustaining its outstanding start for this Fraternal year. We are proud to announce the following New Councils:

Arch-Diocese of Galveston-Houston - **SPANISH SPEAKING COUNCIL**

St. Pius V Council # 17776. St. Pius V Parish

John Hinojosa – Diocesan & District Deputy

Texas First Vietnamese Council Charter members Exemplified by Arch-Diocese Galv-Hou Vietnamese Degree Team!!

Our Lady of Lourdes Council # 17779, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

John Hinojosa – Diocesan & District Deputy

Council Reactivations

Outstanding Fraternal work by the following Diocese:

Laredo Diocese: St. Frances Cabrini Council # 7797, St. Frances Cabrini Parish

Angel Luna – Diocesan Deputy
 Jose Luis Rodriguez – District Deputy

El Paso Diocese: Santuario San Judas Tadeo Council # 10788, Santuario San Judas Tadeo Parish

Art Aguirre – Diocesan Deputy
 Louie N. Martinez – District Deputy

Round Tables

Round Tables are critical to ensure a presence in Missions and Parishes supported by existing Councils. The current incentive is the following:

FOR THE DIOCESSAN DEPUTY TO **MEET HIS FRATERNAL GOAL OF ROUND TABLES SUBMISSION** PRIOR TO **SEPTEMBER 30** AND THE DIOCESSAN DEPUTY WILL RECEIVE **\$100** FOR HIS DIOCESSAN INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.

College Councils

Please continue to work with your College Councils to ensure their growth and sustainability.

Council Retention

GREAT NEWS! JULY 2021 SUPREME COUNCIL PER CAPITA ASSESMENTS ARE WAIVED

**COUNCIL GROWTH
 DIOCESAN GOALS**

DIOCESE	NCD	REACT	R/T
AMARILLO	1	1	8
AUSTIN	1	1	17
BEAUMONT	1	1	9
BROWNSVILLE	1	3	19
CORPUS CHRISTI	1	3	15
DALLAS	1	1	14
EL PASO	1	1	11
FORT WORTH	1	1	11
GALVESTON HOUSTON	1	1	19
LAREDO	1	3	8
LUBBOCK	1	1	12
SAN ANGELO	1	1	12
SAN ANTONIO	1	3	19
TYLER	1	1	13
VICTORIA	1	0	13
TOTALS	15	22	200

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Team for assistance.

BE NOT AFRAID and have NO EXCUSES, Let's Get it Done!
 God Bless Texas! God Bless the Knights!

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 Vivat Jesus! Carlos X. Martinez, Council Growth Director

Texas State Council Charities

Now is the time for charitable action! We need all councils active regarding the first principle of our Order, Charity. As we have learned, Charity does not consist alone in gifts of money.

As we enter the Hurricane Season here in Texas, we request each council work to appoint an Emergency Response Coordinator and ensure this member's information is provided to the Diocesan Emergency Response Representative. We further ask each council coordinator to gather the information related to resources their council can bring to bear during an emergency. Whether it is manpower for a work detail, disaster debris removal, food preparation, food distribution, shelter operations, etc. Knowing what resources are available prior to an emergency is the key to a successful response. We encourage all councils to place a line item in their budget for a \$500.00 Emergency Disaster Fund. This will ensure your council is ready to react to any emergency situation and not have to wait for council approval to make needed purchases or to get financial assistance to a member in need.

The State Emergency Response Team is available to aid you in pulling together your emergency response resources. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the team. Their contact information can be found in the Star Guide which is located on the Texas State Council website (tkofc.org).

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