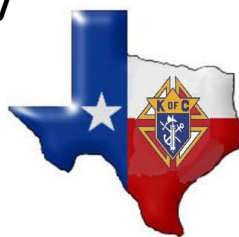


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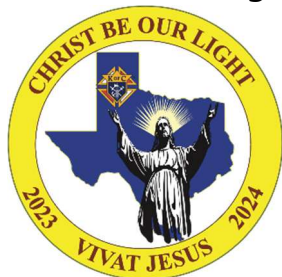


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## From the Texas State Council:

### KEEP IT GOING!

**Terry Frugé, Texas State Deputy**

### From the Desk of the State Deputy

Brothers,

Entering our third month of the Fraternal Year, you have got us off to a GREAT START in many categories. You brought in over 825 new members in the first two months. We are ahead of last year in Charity donations, Roundtable submittals and several more categories our State Directors will cover. **Thank You!**

Texas State Charities received over \$5,000 in donations for the Maui Fires we have sent to Supreme to add to the \$200K they have already sent to Hawaii.

I mentioned last month that **SK Pat Conway** was selected to be the Vice Supreme Master for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, and the Sir Knight selected to replace him as Master of the Sword for the remainder of this Fraternal Year is **SK Joe Rodriguez** from the Archdiocese of San Antonio, who previously held this position in 2018-2020.

For Fraternal Year 2022-2023, Co-Diocesan Deputies of the Year were **Craig Modrzynski** of Fort Worth Diocese and **Larry Pfeifer** of Tyler diocese. The District Deputy of the Year was DD 92 **Robert Schmidt** of Galveston-Houston.

Last month, around 50 Proud Texans from the Lone Star State descended on Orlando, Florida for the 141<sup>st</sup> Supreme Convention. We proudly left our mark being recognized for attaining the **CIRCLE OF HONOR** last Fraternal Year. Texas also had the #1 Grand Knight in membership gain by **Dennis Eveland** of Council 17991 in Laredo with 1040% of membership quota attained.

Our Insurance program had two General Agents in the Top Ten of the Order. **Thomas Supak** was 157 Percent of Quota and **Tony Rangel** with 151 Percent of Quota.

**Jody Supak** of the Supak Agency was recognized as Top Field Agent with 649.32 Percent of Quota. **Thomas Supak** has decided to retire as General Agent, and he is closing the Supak Agency. Four of the other GAs in Texas will absorb the territory. Good Luck, Tommy!

VIVAT JESUS!

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**Membership:****Fast Start**

We are off to a strong start to the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. We have steadily grown the Order here in Texas in July and August. As we begin to put the summer months behind us and move into to Fall, we need to continue offering the benefit of membership to every practical Catholic gentleman we encounter.

**Membership (Church) Drives:**

October is the first of 2 months the Order encourages all Councils to conduct active membership recruitment drives. Are you and your Council prepared to conduct these drives in October? Ensure you have the needed materials ordered to assure on time delivery.

Ensure you have identified your recruitment team members. There is training, in the Supreme Training Portal, available to assure your recruiting success.

**Online Membership:**

Online membership remains the best way to invite a practical Catholic gentleman to join our honored Order. Online membership remains FREE. Put the BLESSEDMCGIVNEY promo code to work for your Council. This affords an Online Member, who is now a prospective new member of the Council, the opportunity to learn more about the Knights of Columbus. Keep these Online Members engaged in your Council activities and programs.

**Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF):**

Schedule no less than one CUF in every District, every month. Councils need every opportunity to bring in new members with minimal delays. Schedule the exemplifications and the Councils will bring the candidates. Publicize these scheduled CUFs throughout your Diocese.

**Diocesan Championship - FOOTBALL is BACK!**

September will bring the return of the football competition for the next three months. The Diocesan Championship will consist of brackets within each division. Winners each month will earn points and cash awards. Bonus cash awards are available for the winners meeting or exceeding the established intake growth percentage set for the month. Full details have been provided in the September Membership Incentives communication sent out at the end of August.

**College Council – Tailgate Challenge:**

September is the first real membership growth opportunity for our Texas College Councils. The College Council with the highest percentage of new membership growth in the month of September will have the potential to be awarded with a “game day” tailgate experience. Full details pertaining to this incentive were included in the September membership Incentive communication sent out at the end of August.

Your Texas State Council Membership Team is here to assist and support your Council, District and Diocesan membership growth. Do not hesitate to reach out and request the assistance you need to gain maximum growth potential.

VIVAT JESUS!

Derek W. Rabey

State Membership Director

Calendar items:

**30 Days:**

Football is Back with the Diocesan Championship

College Council – Tailgate Challenge

Order needed Membership (Church) Drive materials

Schedule at least one Membership (Church) Drive with your Pastor

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

**60 Days:**

Conduct no less than one Membership (Church) Drive at your Parish

Schedule follow-up session to contact all potential new Council members

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

**90 Days:**

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

Conduct follow-up sessions with all potential new Council members

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

**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](http://www.kofc.org) or [www.tkofc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Congratulations to Diocesan Deputies Larry Pfeifer from Tyler and Craig Modrzynski from Tyler for their achievement in tying for diocesan deputy of the year.

Congratulations also to District Deputy of the Year, DD 92 Robert Schmidt, from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

**September**— Last month of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. Re-evaluate plans and adjust as needed

- **September 11** - Day of Prayer – Host a Blue Mass for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders
- **September 15**—Form 10784 Family of the Month (for August) due
- **September 30** - Roundtable Coordinator Form 2629 Due
- Plan your October Membership Drives.

**October** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter begins.

- **October 7** – Our Lady of the Holy Rosary – Schedule Rosary or Holy Hour
- **October 10** – Supreme Per Capita due
- **October 9** – **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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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Vivat Jesus!

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## Programs:

Brother Knights,

We are off and programming away! Your councils are actively in service of your parishes and Catholic communities. Keep the momentum towards the Columbian Award which ultimately will drive your council to attain Star Council!

### Faith in Action

Please work with your pastors in coordinating and supporting the Eucharistic processions for your parish. Here is a link to the Eucharistic Revival website for more information:

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

### Pro-Life & Pregnancy Resource Support

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 Pilgrim Icon and traveling Silver Rose is available and 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 they 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

Let us all acknowledge and pay tribute for all the sacrifices of our military veterans. We pray for continued blessings for them and for their families. Please take time during your council meetings to celebrate and invite all veterans to join the Order.

### Athletics

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnny Lopez State Golf Tournament is coming up Sept. 15 – 17, 2023 at Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose and Buckhorn Course. Team prizes and individual prizes will be awarded. **Deadline to register is Aug 15<sup>th</sup>.**

ENTRY REGISTRATION OPTIONS/FEEES Friday Scramble only - \$85.00/player. Saturday & Sunday tournament only - \$160.00/player. Friday, Saturday & Sunday - \$200.00/player. Please include payment of fees with your registration form when submitted. Deadline for entry and payment of fees is August 15th, 2023. The first 220 entries will be accepted.

For questions, text, email or call: Ricky Meyer C: 979-732-7301 H: 979-732-6371 email:

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Mail Entry Fees to: K of C Texas State Council 1921 Bowie St. Columbus, TX 78934

Please contact Ricky Meyer for more details.

Please order your Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Kits from Supreme, #SC-Kit, through SUPPLIES ONLINE.

The recommended scheduling timeline to conduct your Soccer Challenge is as follows:

Council Soccer Challenge – September

District Soccer Challenge - October

Diocesan Soccer Challenge – October/November

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,

Carlos X. Martinez

State Programs Director

### **30 Day Timeline**

Family of the Month

RSVP

Holy Rosary Program

Conduct Soccer Challenge

Begin Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

### **60 Day Timeline**

Family of the Month

Traveling Silver Rose

Traveling Pilgrim Icon

District & Diocesan Soccer Challenge

Council Free Throw Challenge

Council Catholic Essay Contest

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Carlos X. Martinez

State Programs Director

### **Star Council Awards**

Your Fraternal Year is hopefully off to a great start. By this time, your Report of Officers Chosen Form 185, Service Program Personnel Form 365 and Semiannual Audit Form 1295 should have been submitted to Supreme. If any of these are still outstanding, please get them done ASAP. And this means you District Deputies – you need to be in possession of all these completed forms for your councils.

By this time, your Grand Knight, Program, Family and Community Directors should be Safe Environment compliant. E-mails were sent to those men when the forms above were submitted. Use the link in those e-mails to take the training. If the e-mail has been lost or not received, contact the Supreme Office of Youth Protection at [oyp@kofc.org](mailto:oyp@kofc.org) to get a new link e-mailed.

And we are still waiting for our first Safe Environment report. It is beyond my control to make it happen any faster.



In the coming months, your council should be focusing on the projects you want to include on your Columbian Award Form SP-7 come next May. Try to have two programs every month in each of the four Faith In Action program areas to assure your council will qualify for Star Council.

You also should have your first Fraternal Benefit Event planned or already held. Work with your Field Agent to develop programs that fit the needs of the membership of your council and parish.

And don't forget that your Supreme and State Per Caps are due now. On October 10, your council will be suspended if Supreme Per Caps not paid. So that's not the DUE date – that's the drop-dead date. Pay now!

DISTRICT DEPUTIES – your Form 944 for each of your councils is due no later than September 15. That does not mean do it on September 15 – the system will likely go down that day as thousands of DDs try to submit their reports. Do it NOW since it takes 1-2 minutes to complete. Here is the link:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7155219/Form-944-2023-District-Deputy-Annual-Report-on-Council-Status>

If you need help planning the Fraternal Year, the Fraternal Planner can be downloaded if a hard copy is not available at this link:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/membership/fraternal-leader-success-planner5033.pdf>

Keep up the good work and VIVAT JESUS!

Bill Tillotson

Star Council Awards Director

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Star Council Director

### **Council Growth**

My Brother Knights,

2 Peter 3:18

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

What a better way to continue to grow your faith and share your faith than bringing our great Order to all eligible men in the Catholic Faith. How do you start? New Councils, Reactivations or Roundtables.

### **Congratulations to the following Dioceses: Laredo, Corpus Christi, Tyler and the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston!**

They have met their Roundtable goal. Don't forget Roundtable coordinators must be reappointed each year. Please fill in this form.

[https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable\\_coordinators2629\\_p.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf)

All Roundtables are due to Supreme by June 30, 2024. For a TSC Incentive, they are due to the State office by **December 31, 2023**. For the Diocesan Deputies, get your goal by September 30, 2023 and complete the New Council & Reactivation Goals and you can earn the “Knight on the Town”. See the Star Guide. **SEND ALL ROUND TABLE FORMS TO CHAIRMAN DAN AGUILAR @ [daguilar1@satx.rr.com](mailto:daguilar1@satx.rr.com)**. Supreme would like all forms to come from one source.

**New Council alert: Congratulations!!!!** ADD Tony Gonzalez & Diocesan Deputy Angel Luna of the Laredo Diocese has a new Council. ***Divine Mercy Council 18277***. Thank you for your hard work in growing our Order!!

I understand the Austin Diocese maybe next! Please contact our team for help in creating new councils. The link below is for all your required forms:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/council-development-forms.html>

Note the same link is used for all reactivations. Chairman Greg Dutchover is ready to work with you through the reactivation process. Let us work for you. I hear the Laredo Diocese is also working on several reactivations. Will it get done by September 30? I would like to give that Diocesan Deputy a “Knight on the Town”. All Diocesan Deputies are eligible & there is time to get it done.

Worthy District Deputies, please remind your councils to go to Officers Online to download their Supreme Per Capita Statement. I have been told some councils still do not understand they are not getting a paper statement from Supreme. Go to:

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)> **sign in**>**Click on Reports tab**>**Click on Financial Statement**.

Supreme’s 1<sup>st</sup> half and any past due Supreme Per capita will be on this statement. This is due before October 10, 2023. Note TSC Per Capita (\$10/member) has already been sent out through the mail. This statement will also include your TSC Charity Goal. State Per Capita is due by March 1<sup>st</sup> or earlier for certain State Awards. Note for **ALL** Diocesan Deputy or District Deputy Incentives – your home Council **MUST** be current with Supreme & State Per Capita.

Our team is ready to help you 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:**

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 the bishop! Seven weeks into the new Fraternal Year are behind us now. As Knights, your councils have contributed nearly 40% of our annual goal in less than two months! That, coupled with paying State per Capita, has qualified over 220 councils to earn the coveted Charity Quick Start Award! What impresses me mostly about this is that statements were received by councils at the end of July. Remarkable! Detailed results will be sent once August is behind us so all councils can



evaluate their performance for the first two months of the year. I ask ALL councils to take care of their State per Capita and State Charity obligations by the end of December at the latest. Can we do this? THANK YOU for what you are doing!

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. July was a slow month to start the year however you still raised ~\$40,000. This year we have a chance to exceed \$1MM in wheelchair donations. To get there, we need NEW councils and Parishes to participate for the first time. A common misconception is that a Wheelchair Sunday will take away from needed Parish contributions. We have not seen this. Plan your Wheelchair Sunday Drives with our help. If not able to do so, each council is asked to contribute \$150 for one wheelchair at a minimum. 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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