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	Form	Report	Due By	Date Sent
	185	Report of Officers	July 1, 2023	_____
 ★	365	Report of Program Personnel	July1, 2023	_____
	1295	Semiannual Audit	August 15, 2023	_____
	2629	Report of Roundtables	September 30, 2023	_____
★		SUPREME PER CAPITA DUE	October 10, 2023	_____
★		SUPREME CATHOLIC ADVERTISING	October 10, 2023	_____
		State Per Capita Due (LSAFE w/distinction)	December 31, 2023	_____
		State Charities Due (LSAFE w/distinction)	December 31, 2023	_____
 ★	1728	Fraternal Survey	January 31, 2024	_____
	10784	Special Olympics - Life Activity	January 31, 2024	_____
	1295	Semiannual Audit	February 15, 2024	_____
		State Per Capita Due (LSAFE)	March 1, 2024	_____
		Educational Grant App. Due	March 1, 2024	_____
	STSP	State Council Service Program Award Entry Form Family of the Year Entry Forms Educational Grant Communication Award Entry	March 1, 2024 March 1, 2024 March 1, 2024 March 1, 2024	_____ _____ _____ _____
★		SUPREME PER CAPITA DUE	April 10, 2024	_____
★		SUPREME CATHOLIC ADVERTISING	April 10, 2024	_____
★		Safe Environment Compliant	May 1, 2024	_____
 ★	SP-7	Columbian Application	June 30, 2024	_____
		State Charities Due (LSAFE)	June 30, 2024	_____
	2630	Roundtable Annual Report	June 30, 2024	_____
	990	IRS FORM 990 (LSAFE) Due Based on Calendar Year	June 30, 2024	_____
	10784	Fraternal Programs Report	June 30, 2024	_____



STAR COUNCIL REQUIREMENT



LONE STAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE REQUIREMENT



Membership

Christ Be Our Light

Derek Rabey, Membership Director

VIVAT JESUS!

"Christ Be Our Light": 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.' (Matthew 5:13-16). As Knights of Columbus, we are called to step into the breach and lead others to the light of Christ.

Way to go, TEXAS!

We have gone back-to-back-to-back into the Circle of Honor! Brother Knights ... Celebrate this awesome achievement! Share some High-Fives and Fist-Bumps all around! Now ... enough with the celebrating, that again, was last year. It is now time to refocus our efforts on the new fraternal year. We must get back to the work necessary to grow our honored Order right here in Texas. This year our membership goal is set at 5,025 new members. We must hit the ground running, if we are to go into the Circle of Honor (COH) for the fourth (4th) consecutive year. We need every council actively inviting practical Catholic men to join us, at every opportunity!

It is up to each of us to ensure Texas leads the way in Division #1. There are many other jurisdictions looking to be #1 in Division 1. Each year we see how other jurisdictions do not give up. They will be out there recruiting up to and including the last day of the fraternal year. Each of us are needed to ensure TEXAS leads Division 1 throughout the fraternal year and ends the year at #1.

The State of Texas is home to over 800 Knights of Columbus councils. Brother Knights serve in almost every parish across our great state, in councils, online membership, assemblies, round tables, military councils, and college councils.

Remember, we are not merely recruiting men to meet membership goals. We recruit new members to make a difference in our community, in our Church, and in the lives of the men who become Knights. Additionally, when we make a difference in the life of a fellow Brother, this also impacts their families. We are called to invite every Catholic gentleman and their families to join our Order.

District Deputies, you are an integral part of a council's success. The membership Team asks for your continued support in keeping your Councils motivated, active and accountable for their goals. You are a vital part of them achieving their goals. When we all work together, towards common goals, with everyone working together as a cohesive team, Texas will reach our membership goals this fraternal year.

So, let us continue with the business at hand ... keep the recruitment fire burning strong and bright ... continue the growth of this great Order.

VIVA CRISTO REY!

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Mervin Albert Jr., Chairman

From our modest beginnings in 1882 ... throughout our 140 years of existence, Membership Recruitment has been the vital element of our continued growth and strength. Our Order has grown to become so much more than Fr. McGivney could have imagined back in 1882.

Recruitment is a simple process. What have we learned? It is not easy for many of our members to do.

How can we step up to make the difference? Just invite practical Catholic men to join us!

If we are to continue to offer the opportunity of membership to every practical Catholic gentleman, we must be prepared to share the benefit of membership in our Order, at every opportunity. Recruiting new members into our Order is in fact ... a DUTY! You do not have to be a polished recruiter with a prepared marketing slogan or recruiting statement.

Inviting a member of the parish to join is as simple as sharing your personal story. Share why you joined the Knights of Columbus. Share what becoming a member has done for you, your life, and your family. Next, share what your Council is doing to strengthen the parish community as well as how you are supporting your Priest and share a story about the good works being accomplished by the members of the Council.

Another method for recruiting new members is through Church Drives and Recruitment Blitzes. These are designed to optimize the recruiting efforts of a Council by utilizing bulletin notifications and gaining the support of the Parish Priests and the implementation of manpower made up of well-prepared Brother Knights for its efficient and successful operation.

Although a Church Drive can be conducted at any time during the fraternal year, there are specific months and days of obligation which can be utilized for optimal results. The months of October and March are specific months designated by the Supreme Council to hold Church Drives. Proper planning and cooperation for such events are crucial and this can be achieved by practicing our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

The Membership Recruitment Team is here to aid you in your recruiting efforts. We are here to aid you in preparing for your recruiting efforts. Do not hesitate to reach out to the members of the Team. Our charge is to ensure you have the tools and resources available to accomplish and achieve your membership growth goals.

There is no secret to inviting men to join our Order and achieving your goals. We must be present, open to talking to everyone, and letting the world know how proud you are to be a Knight of Columbus.

As a Family organization, our wives and family members can be a vital part of our recruitment efforts. Our wives are great at sharing the benefits of membership with more wives who, in turn, encourage their husbands to join. This affords our wives the opportunity to spend more time with their girlfriends while enjoying the fruits of membership too.

Members are joining online in great numbers across the Order. We need to make every effort to contact these candidates promptly. Invite them to participate in your Council's activities and events. This is an excellent way to introduce them to your members and the good works you are doing.

If you need help, I am only an email (mervvalbert@sbcglobal.net) or phone call (713-899-1513) away.

ALL COUNCILS ACTIVE

John Leal, Chairman

I Love My Job! Every Council Active program is designed to encourage all councils to recruit at least one new member during a fraternal year.

To be considered Recruitment Active, a council must recruit at least one (1) new member during the fraternal year.

Successful councils:

- A. Have active recruitment programs throughout the fraternal year!
- B. Utilize Supreme and State resources and materials (Many of them are FREE!!)
- C. Schedule, Host, and conduct Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity!!!

If every Council would take on the mantra, One Member, Per Council, Per Month, this could easily be achieved. Last year y'all did an outstanding Job. The State Council once again made it into the Circle of Honor (COH)! We have over 800 councils in Texas and around 380 councils did not take the opportunity to recruit any new members ... let that sink in. Let us get every council active and get State into COH for a third year in a row! I will be calling no less than twice a year to see where your membership Team can assist with your recruitment efforts. If there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to contact me. This is my number. Do not Block Me! 361-676-0527.

Check list for Effective Recruitment

- 1. Appoint a Membership Director
- 2. Organize a membership committee
- 3. Develop a recruitment action plan
- 4. Order Supreme Council recruitment materials and videos
- 5. Involve the Pastor with pulpit announcements
- 6. Schedule a recruitment Sunday and or open house
- 7. Keep your Field Agent involved
- 8. Just Ask Him!!!

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Beto Martinez, Chairman

Brothers, this past year has been one that has seen significant changes, not only to our lives, but the way we perceive our members. Now, more than ever it is necessary to maintain contact with ALL our members, regardless of their due's status or involvement in the council.

Remember, our councils are NOT businesses, but rather enclaves where members and their families gather to promote the ideals and goals of the Order and of our Faith. Therefore, those principles of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity need to be extended to those who may not be able to fend for themselves or who may need to be guided back to the fold.

Throughout this fraternal year there will be periodic updates sent to the District Deputies to help them work with their councils on keeping a strong active membership. Retention needs to be a PRO-ACTIVE council activity, not RE-ACTIVE.

Begin the fraternal year by making sure that ALL your councils have the updated forms that can be found on the State website at www.tkofc.org.

The Online Exemplification and the Council Exemplification for members now afford members and their families to become immediately immersed in the activities and programs of the council.

Remember, it takes STRONG Programs to help attract members – and ACTIVE Members to run programs.

A new fraternal year allows the councils to make adjustments to help them function in this time of change, and not just with Order changes.

- Set the council calendar for activities and meetings.
- Prepare a budget for operating expenses and revenues – suggest a line item to assist brothers who are unable to pay their dues this year.
- CONTACT the membership. Use the Retention Committee along with the Chancellor for the council to contact the members – not for dues collection – but to find out how the brother and his family are doing. Let the brother know about the calendar & budget.
- For new members, promote the Shining Armor Award.
- Promote the Insurance Program to Associate Members.
- A 4th Degree Insurance member is one that rarely has issues with 'retention'. Same holds true for a 3rd Degree Insurance member.

Now comes the more difficult part of this process. YOU as District Deputies, Council Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, Council Membership and Program Directors need to do one especially important thing...

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

The State Membership, Programs, Education & Training Committees are here for you and WANT you to succeed.

CEREMONIALS

Charlie Perez, Chairman

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

This new fraternal year will see Texas grow in unprecedented membership growth. Our Ceremonials will form these men in the knowledge of our faith and the principles of our Order. Your Councils remain in control of their own destiny regarding Ceremonials. Each Council may form their own team to conduct the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Districts may choose to form a Team to support their needs as well. You may also choose to form Diocesan Team(s) to provide ceremonial support for all the above.

Online exemplifications remain available through the Supreme Council to make this exemplification available to all and provide the resources to each of our Councils on the Supreme website. If you are not familiar with this resource, I encourage you to take a look. The web address listed here will take you to the Ceremonial Resource page on the Supreme website. <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/ceremonials.html?1tab=1tab0>. Everything you need to know about the exemplification is on this page or the links that are located on this page. Take the time to explore it and get familiar with it, as it is a valuable resource and tool. Please be sure to share this information with your Council membership.

Grand Knights, I will be working to aid your Council's in putting their team together and schedule regular exemplifications as we move forward. District Deputies, you should set a goal to get a team(s) formed to support 100% of the Council's in your district. It's easy to overcome the objections, as the costs are low to start a team and the parts can be read. At a minimum, every district should have one Ceremonial Team formed to support the needs of the District. The forming of Diocesan teams has been highly successful and have been available to support various ceremonial needs across our great state.

The Exemplification itself is simple to set up, as there are only five spoken parts, those being:

1. Presiding Officer (Serves as Master of Ceremonies)
2. Chaplain (Leads Assembly in Opening and Closing Prayers)
3. Presenter on Charity (Teaches the Lesson on Charity and delivers the Discourse on the Rosary)
4. Presenter on Unity (Teaches the Lesson on Unity)
5. Presenter on Fraternity (Teaches the Lesson on Fraternity)

In addition to the speaking parts, there are several supporting roles, those being:

1. Warden (Guides the Candidates and assists with the Lesson on Unity)
2. Investing Officer(s) (Presents Rosaries and Lapel Pins to the Candidates)
3. Financial Secretary (Registers Candidates and obtains the signature on the Constitutional Roll)
4. Field Agent (Meets and greets the Candidates and assists the Financial Secretary)

Members of the Ceremonial Team may conduct more than one of the above-listed roles.

The desire is for our Ceremonial Teams to make a great first impression on the Candidates, their families, and guests attending the ceremonial. The preferred dress for the Team members is a dark suit and tie. If the Team is not able to achieve this look, the next option would be dress pants, matching Council shirts and a sports coat. If the Team is not able to achieve this look, the next acceptable option would be dress pants and matching Council shirts. All members of the Team should wear the KofC Ceremonial Sash (yellow and white with Emblem of the Order).

Resources needed to properly conduct the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity are minimal, those being:

1. Crucifix (12-18" in size)
2. Rosary (can be one of the candidate rosaries or a larger one)
3. Cable (used by the Warden during the lesson on Unity)
4. Fibers (distributed to the Candidates, by the Warden, during the lesson on Unity)
5. Degree Kits (#531) (enough to support the scheduled, as well as unscheduled, candidates)
6. Master script (10991) for use by the Team
7. Father McGivney Canonization Prayer cards (10502) (enough for all Candidates and guests)

The preferred location to present the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is in a Church but this ceremonial can be held in the Council Chamber or another suitable room, if it is not possible to hold it in the Church. Candidates, their families, friends, fellow parishioners, and anyone interested in learning more about the Knights are welcome to attend the Exemplification.

Depending upon the number of candidates, the exemplification will typically last no longer than thirty to forty minutes. To make the new members and their families feel welcome, be sure to schedule a social or dinner after the Exemplification. There should not be any talks at the conclusion of the Exemplification, as the social or dinner would be the appropriate time to recognize the Field Agent and the Grand Knight, if they wanted to say a few words to the group.

The Supreme Council has provided a copy of Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQ's") regarding this form of Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, which is seven pages in length and available in both English and Spanish. Both copies of the FAQ's, along with a copy of the Script in English and Spanish can be found at the Ceremonials link of the Supreme Council website (kofo.org).

Brothers, to summarize, be sure to encourage all Councils to form their Exemplification Team so we can get new candidates to full Knighthood as soon as possible. Please report dates for scheduled Exemplifications to your Diocesan Deputy, District Deputy, and the Ceremonials Chairman. This will ensure all Councils can be made aware of an upcoming ceremonial. At any time, should you have any questions, please email me, or call me before reaching out to the Supreme Council offices. I can be reached via email at cbperez@rgv.rr.com or my cell number is 956-245-3154.

VIVAT JESUS!

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

John Hicks, Chairman

An online membership presence is an essential piece of a successful council strategy in 2023-2024. In the Information Age, using these apps and links can enhance council growth and supply another much-needed tool in the toolkit.

There are several tools available including: Online prospect form (<https://info.kofo.org/us.html>), Online Membership (<http://www.kofo.org/un/joinus/en/membership.html>), social media resources (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) marketing campaigns, and online Form 100's. These resources are available to better meet the needs of Catholic gentlemen in this digital age.

An online member becomes a "Prospect" and is assigned to the local council he enters during the registration process. If an online member does not show a local council, he is "Unassigned" until someone identifies the council that is his best fit. Unassigned prospects can be assigned to the council by notifying me at my email: bigcheese10@austin.rr.com or contacting my cell: 512-657-3234.

Supreme independently communicates with online members weekly, with emails about education, programs, formation, and inviting them to an exemplification to become a 3rd degree member.

Local Brother Knights should also make a point to complement Supremes' emails by personally contacting the prospect, determining their interest in joining a local council, and supporting them on their journey to the 3rd degree.

A Council's online presence has been a proven method which should be in your war chest this fraternal year!

There is no better way to bring a man into the Order than by introducing them to who we are and what we are truly about through online membership. They are provided with the opportunity to learn more about our honored Order, the good works we do as well as the fraternal benefits only available to our members.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

2023-2024

TAB	AWARD NAME	RECEIPT	AWARD	SELECTION CRITERIA	SOURCE
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INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

1	Recruitment	Recruiter	Texas KofC License Plate Certificate	Recruit 5 to 10 new members Annually	Supreme Council VIP Report
2	Recruitment	Recruiter	Texas KofC Polo	Recruit 11 to 15 new members Annually	Supreme Council VIP Report
3	Recruitment	Recruiter	Texas KofC Jacket	Recruit 20 or more new members Annually	Supreme Council VIP Report
4	Recruitment	Recruiter	Texas KofC Key Fob	1 st Half – Top Recruiter from each Division – July 1 - December 31, 2023	Supreme Council VIP Report
5	Recruitment	Recruiter	Texas KofC Key Fob	2 nd Half – Top Recruiter from each Division – January 1 - June 30, 2024	Supreme Council VIP Report
6	Recruitment	Recruiter	Texas KofC Western Belt Buckle	Top Recruiter, from each Division, Final (min of 10 recruits)	Supreme Council VIP Report
7	Recruitment	Recruiter	Travel Get Away	Recruit the most members in TSC – July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	Supreme Council VIP Report

Note: A proposer can only earn one incentive award per recruitment award level. Example: a proposer can only earn one voucher for recruiting 5 to 10 new members. The more you recruit and grow your Council, throughout the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, the more you can be awarded. A proposer must bring in a minimum of 5 new members to qualify.

Note: To receive any 2023-2024 Membership Award, the Member's Council must be current on Supreme and State Per Capita Assessments.

COUNCIL AWARDS

8	Council Recruitment	Council GK and MD	Texas KofC Membership Key Fob	August 1 - December 31, 2023 – Reach 100% of Goal	Supreme Council Membership Report
9	Council Recruitment	Council GK and MD	Texas KofC License Plate Certificate	January 1 - April 30, 2024 – Reach 100% of Goal	Supreme Council Membership Report
10	Council Recruitment	Council GK and MD	Texas KofC Western Belt Buckle	The Council with the Highest Recruitment Net Gain, from each Division, by June 30, 2024	Supreme Council Membership Report
11	Council Recruitment	Council GK and MD	Texas KofC Membership Jacket	Achieve 300% Or More of Supreme Recruitment Goal Net Gain	Supreme Council Membership Report
12	Council Recruitment	Council	Travel Get Away	Recruit fifty (50) new members – July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	Supreme Council Membership Report

Note: A Council can only earn one incentive award per recruitment award level. Example: a council can only earn one incentive for reaching 100% of their membership goal.

A Council must bring in a minimum of 5 new members to qualify.

Note: To receive any 2023-2024 Membership Award, the Member's Council must be current on Supreme and State Per Capita Assessments.

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TAB	AWARD NAME	RECEIPT	AWARD	SELECTION CRITERIA	SOURCE
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DISTRICT AWARDS

13	State Award	District Deputy	Texas KofC Membership Key Fob	District reaches 100% of the assigned Councils membership goal, not Star District goal, between July 1 - December 31, 2023	Supreme Council Membership Report
14	State Award	District Deputy	Texas KofC License Plate Certificate	District reaches 100% of the assigned Councils membership goal, not Star District goal, between January 1 - June 30, 2024	Supreme Council Membership Report
15	State Award	District Deputy	Texas KofC Western Belt Buckle	The DD with the Highest Recruitment Net Gain, from each Division, by June 30, 2024	Supreme Council Membership Report

Note: A District must bring in a minimum of 5 new members to qualify.
To receive any 2023-2024 Membership Award, the Member's Council must be current on Supreme and State Per Capita Assessments.

DIOCESAN AWARDS

16	State Award	Diocesan Deputy	Texas KofC Membership Key Fob	Diocesan Deputy reaches 100% of Goal each Quarter – July 1 - December 31, 2023	Supreme Council Membership Report vs State Goal
17	State Award	Diocesan Deputy	Texas KofC Membership Key Fob	Diocesan Deputy reaches 100% of Goal each Quarter – January 1 – June 30, 2024	Supreme Council Membership Report vs State Goal
18	State Award	Diocesan Deputy	Texas KofC License Plate Certificate	Diocesan Deputy reaches 100% of Goal for 2 or more Quarters – July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	Supreme Council Membership Report vs State Goal
19	State Award	Diocesan Deputy	Texas KofC Western Belt Buckle	Diocesan Deputy reaches 100% of Goal each Quarter – July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	Supreme Council Membership Report vs State Goal
20	State Award	Diocesan Deputy	Travel Get Away	Reach 150% of Annual Diocesan Goal by June 30, 2024	Supreme Council Membership Report vs State Goal
21	State Award	Diocesan Deputy	Texas KofC Western Belt Buckle	Diocesan Deputy, in Each Division, with Highest Recruitment Net Gain for the Year	Supreme Council Membership Report vs State Goal

Note: A member can only earn one incentive award per recruitment award level. Example – a member can only earn one award for reaching 100% of Quarterly Goal.

Note: To receive any 2023-2024 Membership Award, the Member's Council must be current on Supreme and State Per Capita Assessments.



Council Growth

Christ Be Our Light

David Zeigler, Council Growth Director

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Father McGivney's vision was to have a Knight's presence in EVERY parish. How do we accomplish this? New Council Development in all languages, Reactivation of Suspended/Dormant Councils, Round Table creation, Developing and Sustaining College Councils, and Retaining Councils from falling behind on per capita and being suspended. Our Pastors need the Knights of Columbus to support the call to Service. We are the only organized unit to help our priest and help our fellow parishioners come back to church. This is only attainable by a Knight's presence in every active Parish and Mission across our great State of Texas.

New Council Development (NCD)

Rick Guzman, Chairman

By developing new councils, not only do we offer many fraternal benefits to our new members, but we also Stand in Solidarity with our Priests and continue to grow our charitable and fraternal services. We do this for our members to become better fathers, husbands, and stronger Catholics. The 16-step process set forth by the State Council is the structural guide for successful New Council Development. We will work with our Diocesan Teams to ensure successful and continued development to meet the needs of the parish.

New Council Development District Deputy Checklist:

1. Survey the Area, Contact Diocesan Deputy
2. Contact the Pastor
3. Contact the State Deputy and submit Form 133 "Notice of Intent" to establish a New Council
4. Contact General and Field Agent
5. Conduct Initial Recruitment Drive
6. Conduct Committee Meetings
7. Conduct initial Organizational Meeting
8. Conduct Exemplifications
9. Elect Officers
10. Submit - Form 136, Notice of Institution of a Council,
Form 185, Elected Officers,
Form 365, Program Directors,
Financial Secretary Forms 101 & FS 103 – to the CG Team
11. Submit Form 137, Charter request to the CG Team
12. Formally Present Charter
13. Follow up, ensure sustainability

Link for **ALL** New Council Development forms: (listed above)

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

Submit all forms to the NCD Chairman & the Director. We will verify everything is in order & we will submit the forms to Supreme on your behalf.

Reactivations and Mergers

Greg Dutchover, Chairman

The reactivation process is one of the best ways to help grow and strengthen our Order. It gives our Brother Knights the opportunity to do great things in their parish and community. We are here to help with that process. The reactivation process for a dormant council pretty much mirrors that of starting a new council with a few exceptions. A Council was established in that parish at one time. We must get to the root cause of the suspension before the Council will be vibrant and beneficial to the Parish.

Reactivation District Deputy Checklist:

1. Contact the Pastor
2. Meet with existing Council Members
3. Contact the Diocesan Deputy & State Deputy and submit Form 133 "Notice of Intent" to establish a New Council
4. Conduct a Church Drive & get help from the General and Field Agents
5. Conduct informational meetings
6. Conduct initial Organizational Meeting and hold elections and Submit Form 185
7. Identify Financial Secretary, submit Form 101 & 103
8. Conduct a "CUF"
9. Submit Membership forms
10. SUBMIT ALL FORMS TO THE CG TEAM.
11. DD to Submit request for per capita debt forgiveness to State Deputy
12. Follow procedure for "Free Drops"
13. Follow up, ensure sustainability

Link for **ALL** Council Reactivation forms: (listed above)

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

Submit all forms to the Chairman & the Director. We will verify everything is in order & we will submit the forms to Supreme on your behalf.

Council mergers occur only when a dormant council has no path to reactivation. Mergers allow the members of the dormant council to renew their full membership and have full fraternal benefits. We must contact all members of that council and request they transfer to the next closest council. Our team will be ready to assist in that activity. Let "Christ Be Our Light" to reactivate these Brother Knights to serve our parish and community better.

Council Retention

Michael Barnett, Chairman

The mission of our Council Retention program is to ensure that all councils in Texas operate in good standing with the Supreme Council. This is accomplished when all councils pay their per capita charges on time and in full. Our goal is for all Brother Knights to enjoy the fraternal and many substantial rewards due them and their families as members in good standing of the Knights of Columbus.

Supreme will assess the per capita this fraternal year. Please ensure your councils do not delay submitting these payments. As a reminder, payments of the Supreme per capita do not require a council vote.

Hispanic Council Development

Miguel Torres, North Chairman

Carlos Rene Ramirez, South Chairman

Catholicism is the largest religion in Texas. The Spanish speaking Catholic population continues to be the fastest growing population across Texas, positively impacting each Diocese. Spanish speaking Catholic men are seeking to become involved in their parishes. We, as the leaders of the Knights of Columbus, must be open and welcoming to our Spanish speaking Catholics within our parishes.

Our ultimate goal is to promote ethnic membership growth, growing the number of Spanish speaking councils and reactivating suspended Spanish speaking councils. Additionally, establishing a firm foundation of training to assure sustainability of all the Spanish speaking councils.

Round Tables

Dan Aguilar, Chairman

Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. He envisioned that every Catholic gentleman aged 18 and older could enjoy the benefits that the Knights of Columbus offers. Our Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly has challenged us to establish a Knights of Columbus presence in all Catholic Parishes and Missions. Currently in the State of Texas we have over 1300 parishes or missions in which only 817 have a Knights of Columbus Council. As Knights it is our responsibility to help other Catholic Gentlemen to experience the joys of our four Principles of the order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, remembering that we as Knights are the hands and arms of the parish priests. Supreme has established a method to help us reach the goal of having Knights in each parish/mission in Texas. Round Tables were established to help us reach Catholic gentlemen enabling them to experience the joy of helping others.

Purpose of a Round Table

The purpose of having a Round Table is:

To actively engage Knights of Columbus members to aid the parish and sustain visible Catholic action through works of charity in every parish and mission throughout the Order, and in sustainable parishes to form the table into a fully functioning council.” (Supreme)

Why Have A Round Table

Parish Round Tables are ideal to provide a Knights of Columbus presence and be of service to smaller parishes and missions, and to fill needs for ethnic development.

Round Tables help develop programs and events for parishes and missions that do not have Knights of Columbus. Round Tables help sub-groups of parishes meet their goals.

Round Tables can become the MUSTARD SEED for a new Knights of Columbus Council.

Guidelines To Be Used To Establish A Parish Round Table

The Grand Knight surveys the area parishes to see who will benefit from a Round Table.

The Grand Knight and his Officers make a list of council members who belong to the area parishes. They will become part of the Round Table.

The Grand Knight informs members who belong to the designated parish that the order would like to set up a Round Table. The Grand Knight, Officers and Insurance Agents will explain to them the benefits of having a Round Table to the council. The Grand Knight and a chosen Knight parishioner will set up a meeting with the Pastor to offer help. During the meeting, the Grand Knight will explain how the Knights of Columbus can be of assistance and will emphasize that this is not a “one and done” opportunity but a chance to provide on-going assistance.

If the Pastor is not receptive to a Parish Round Table, the Pastor’s decision is accepted, but the offer should be kept open in case things change.

If the Pastor is receptive, the Grand Knight appoints one Parish Round Table Coordinator for each designated Parish. The Grand Knight completes the Report of the Parish Round Table Coordinator (Form 2629) and submits it to Supreme with a copy to the District Deputy and State Round Table Coordinator. Link: https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf

The Grand Knight will communicate Parish Round Table appointments to those involved and make announcements. The Parish Priest will select which projects or events the Round Table will complete. Once the Round Table exceeds 20 members and still has potential to grow, paperwork should be submitted to form a new Council.

Operating a Round Table

There are no elected officers to the Round Table, only an appointed Coordinator. The Pastor is involved as much as he wants to be, but the Round Table should not add to his workload. The Coordinator should maintain good communications with the priest. The Coordinator should seek help from current council members to accomplish Round Table projects. Annually, the Grand Knight and the Pastor will review the activities and effectiveness of the parish Round Table and Coordinator. If the Pastor desires a change of Coordinator or if the Coordinator resigns during the fraternal year, the Pastor and the Grand Knight make the selection of a new Coordinator.

Change of Pastor, the Grand Knight and the Coordinator explains the program and seek the new Pastor’s support. The parish Round Table has no dues. Members continue to meet their financial obligation to their council.

The Name of the Parish Round Table

The parish name and city should be used in conjunction with the parish Round Table.

Communication

The Round Table Coordinator regularly reports on the activities of the parish Round Table at the business meetings of the sponsoring council. The parish Round Table projects should be announced in the parish, the Texas Knight (State Knights of Columbus Newspaper), Diocesan newspaper, Columbia, and Parish bulletins.

Parish Round Table Reporting:

Report of the Parish Round Table Coordinator (Form #2629) DUE: AS NEEDED.

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

This form is used to report the Round Table Coordinator assigned to each parish and is signed by the Grand Knight. Only one coordinator can be assigned to a parish.

This report will be emailed to: CouncilGrowth@kofc.org for processing and to the State Round Table Coordinator.

When the Parish Round Table Coordinator is changed, the Grand Knight notifies Council Growth, State and District Deputy, State Round Table Coordinator, and the outgoing coordinator with an updated Form #2629.

Check List for Establishing a Parish Round Table

- Meets with parish pastor.
- See what the pastor would like to have done at his church.
- Parish is connected to a Council (has members of a parish in the Council).
- Select Coordinator for Round Table.
- Submit Form 2629 to Supreme, State, Director of Membership and Round Table Chairman.

College Council Development

Archie Wright II, Chairman

The mission of the Knights of Columbus College Council program is to promote the moral, intellectual, and spiritual development of the future leaders of civil society, the Order, and the Church through witness to the Gospel and dedication to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Our objective for College Councils is to foster excellence and growth in established councils, pursue the reactivation of former college councils, and to expand our reach by establishing Round Tables or councils on Texas college campuses. Our support for these councils must help these young Knights become leaders in their current councils, be accepted and supported by surrounding councils, and ensure they are able to transition to a permanent council following their graduation.

Our big event this year is the Texas State Council College Conference in mid-November. This will give all College Councils an opportunity to get together and bond and share ideas on what is making it unique and successful.

Any Diocesan Deputy or District Deputy that needs help with any aspect of a college council, our team is ready to help.

Council Growth Goals

Diocese	New Council Development	Reactivations	Roundtables (RT)
Amarillo	1	1	8
Austin	1	1	17
Beaumont	1	1	9
Brownsville	1	3	25
Corpus Christi	1	3	15
Dallas	1	1	14
El Paso	1	1	11
Fort Worth	1	1	15
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	0	13
Victoria	1	0	13
Totals	15	21	210

Diocesan & District Deputy Incentives

Recipient 2023-2024

Criteria 2023-2024

Award 2023-2024

Triple Crown Award
Diocesan DeputyNCD/Reactivate/RT Goals
met by September 30, 2023“A Knight on the Town”
\$300 weekend getaway

(Note “Triple Crown Award” is in addition to the other incentives)

Diocesan Deputy
Diocesan DeputyNew Council by Sept. 30, 2023
New Council after Sept. 30, 2023\$200 Gift Card
\$100 Gift CardDiocesan Deputy
Diocesan DeputyReactivated Council by Sept 30, 2023
Reactivated Council after Sept 30, 2023\$200 Gift Card
\$100 Gift CardDistrict Deputy
District DeputyNew Council by June 30, 2023
Reactivation by June 30, 2023\$50 Gift Card
\$50 Gift CardDiocesan Deputy
District DeputyRound Table Goal by December 31, 2023
For every Round Table submitted by
December 31, 2023 – your name is entered
in drawing for a chance to win an
Engraved Barrel Head with your name
& District on it.

\$100 Gift Card

Note for **ALL** Diocesan Deputy or District Deputy Incentives – your home
Council **MUST** be current with Supreme & State Per Capita.



Star Council Awards

Christ Be Our Light

Bill Tillotson - Director

Star Council Team Members

- Bill Tillotson - Director
- Hector Gutierrez - Committeeman
- Brian Kozel – Committeeman
- Clint Mendonca – Committeeman
- Joseph Patrick Ortiz – Committeeman
- Donald Piwonka - Committeeman
- Freddy Rodriguez - Committeeman

STAR COUNCIL AWARD

The Star Council Award is earned by councils for outstanding achievement in the areas of membership, insurance, and service program activities. The criterion used for this award are the behaviors most seen in successful councils – growth in membership, focus on insurance programs, and a commitment to a variety of programs in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life.

All Councils should strive to earn this prestigious award every year. With proper planning and leadership, every council can do so.

To earn the Star Council Award:

1. Earn the **Father McGivney Award** for membership growth by June 30, 2024. The council quota can be found on the Membership tab in Officers Online. There is no application to complete for the Father McGivney Award, as the Supreme Council automatically determines eligibility. Goals are set at 6% growth with a minimum of 5 and maximum of 15.
2. Earn the **Founder's Award** for insurance growth by June 30, 2024. Each Council will schedule at least two Fraternal Benefits events for current and prospective members and their spouses during the fraternal year. Credit will be given for Fraternal Benefits events based on forms submitted to Supreme by the Grand Knight. Details of changes to this program will be forthcoming.
3. Earn the **Columbian Award** for Faith in Action programs by June 30, 2024. Conduct at least four programs in each of the four Faith in Action categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Columbian Award application can be submitted at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=SP7C.01>
4. Complete and send other **required forms** to Supreme and the Texas State Office.
 - Submit the Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) due by July 1, 2023. Form can be completed at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/forms/365.html>
 - Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) due by January 31, 2024. Form can be completed here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/forms/185.html>

Forward the confirmation PDF copy to the Texas State Office.

5. **Safe Environment.** Be compliant with required training and background checks. Men in the following positions must complete Safe Environment training modules and may be required to provide authorization for a background check. These must be complete within 30 days of receiving an email from Supreme after appointment.
 - Grand Knight
 - Program Director
 - Family Director (background check required)
 - Community Director (background check required)
 - Columbian Squires Counselors (if applicable) (background check required)

Some positions also have access to the Praesidium Academy administration dashboard to view council compliance status. Once completed, training is good for three years.

The Service Program Personal (Form 365) will be recorded as received when the following required roles have been appointed - Program Director, Community Director, Family Director, Membership Director, and Retention Chairman. The Grand Knight can hold one Director position - however other unique men must hold the other Director roles.

Accurate emails must be reported. Praesidium will use these email addresses to send notifications to those men to complete Safe Environment training and to provide authorization for a background check. There should be no general email specific to council name, position, etc., - it must be a unique email address to the individual. The email the member will receive from Supreme will include their username and password to access the training website.

Safe Environment training can also be completed by those without Internet access. The Office of Youth Protection (OYP) can mail the training materials to a Knight. He then can read the training, complete the paperwork, and mail back in. Contact the OYP (info below) for more details.

The Star Tracker will provide training status as required to achieve 100% compliance. Grand Knights and District Deputies are expected to monitor these reports for Safe Environment Compliance for their councils. Grand Knights and District Deputies can also monitor progress in Officers Online. They should work to ensure that each council is 100% compliant.

Timeline is as follows:

- Once the completed Form 365 is received by Supreme an email will be sent to the men who need to complete training. Individuals will have 30 days to complete the training and provide background information. Those without Internet access need to contact the OYP.
- An email reminder will be sent after 2 weeks if not completed.
- If not completed within 30 days, the director positions are vacated and another individual needs to be assigned.
- Completing the online safe environment training modules shows commitment to protecting children and vulnerable members.
- DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE UNIQUE AND SEPERATE FROM THE KNIGHTS. BOTH MUST BE COMPLETED.

Safe Environment Requirements can be found at kojc.org/safe. All inquiries about the program should be directed to the Office of Youth Protection via email to youthleader@kojc.org or by phone to **203-800-4940**.

6. Council must be current with **Supreme Assessments** twice during the year; prior to October 10, 2023, and April 10, 2024.

The Texas State Council provides a checklist in this Star Guide to help achieve Star Council, the Form TX21B – 2020. This form is also available for download on the Texas State Website.

STAR DISTRICT AWARD

District Deputies are also recognized for excellence by Supreme. Criterion for this award are:

1. Meet membership goal (70% of combined council quotas)
2. Meet insurance goal (50% or more of councils complete two required Fraternal Benefits events)
3. Submit District Deputy Report Form 944 for each of his councils prior to September 15
4. Have at least one council in the district earn Star Council

LONE STAR AWARDS

Texas also has awards above and beyond the Star Council Award: The Lone Star Award for Excellence and the Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction.

The requirements for the Lone Star Award for Excellence are:

1. Meet the Star Council Award criterion
2. Submit Form 185 by July 1, 2023
3. Pay State Per Capita by March 1, 2024
4. Meet State Charity Goal by June 30, 2024
5. Seat at least one delegate at the State Convention in Houston April 26-28, 2024
6. Submit Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit by August 15, 2023 & February 15, 2024

The requirements for the Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction are:

1. Meet the Star Council Award criteria
2. Submit Form 185 by July 1, 2023
3. Pay State Per Capita by December 31, 2023
4. Meet State Charity Goal by December 31, 2023
5. Seat two delegates at the State Convention in Houston April 26-28, 2024

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6. Submit Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit by August 15, 2023 & February 15, 2024
7. Submit Form 10784 for Special Olympics by January 31, 2024
8. Submit at least one entry for a State Service Program Award or Family of the Year or Blessed Michael McGivney Award or Educational Grant by March 1, 2024

STAR TRACKER REPORT

A Star Tracker Report will be maintained and updated as data is available from multiple sources (Supreme and State). This report will track each council's progress towards Star Council and the Lone Star Awards. Reports will be by Diocese and will be in Excel and PDF form.

Reports will be sent to Diocesan and District Deputies via our Constant Contact email platform.

GOALS FOR 2023-2024

Each archdiocese/diocese has been given a goal of 21% of all councils within their diocese to become Star Council. Each Diocesan Deputy that meets this goal will be recognized. Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies are asked to strive for one Star Council per district.

Goals per Archdiocese/Diocese:

DIOCESE ARCHDIOCESE	No. of Active COUNCILS	GOAL
Amarillo	24	5
Austin	95	20
Beaumont	29	6
Brownsville	54	11
Corpus Christi	61	13
Dallas	63	13
El Paso	39	8
Fort Worth	68	14
Galveston/Houston	138	29
Laredo	27	5
Lubbock	29	6
San Angelo	36	8
San Antonio	109	23
Tyler	33	7
Victoria	32	7
TOTAL	837	175

SUBMISSION OF FORMS

Forms 185 (Officers Elected), 365 (Service Program Personnel), 1728 (Survey of Fraternal Activity) and SP-7 (Columbian Award) should be submitted via Officers Online in the secure sign-in area. The on-line submission process is simple, and automatically certifies that the form has been received by the Supreme Council.

One can also use the PDF form instead if needed. If submitted in this fashion, please e-mail to addresses as follows:

Form 185 addresschange@kofc.org

Forms 365, 1728 & SP-7 fraternalmission@kofc.org

Since the District Deputy and the Texas State Office are not automatically notified of form submittals, councils need to save each form as a PDF file and forward them as follows:

State Council Office forms@tkofc.org

District Deputy (use appropriate address)

Diocesan Deputy (use appropriate address)

The council should retain a copy of all council forms. This is our biggest challenge: getting the documentation and paperwork done right and on time. Star Council and Safe Environment compliance hinges on timely and accurate completion of forms.

AWARDS**District Deputy Incentives**

District Deputies who get all their forms and safe environment roles completed early in the year will be eligible for a \$250 drawing at the Organizational Meeting.

Texas Circle of Honor Award for Diocesan Deputy

Requirements: Meet Star Council goals for the diocese (20% of active councils in the diocese).

Award: Knights of Columbus watch with the emblem of the Order.

Texas State Council - Form TX21B
Knights of Columbus
Star Council Requirement - District Deputy Checklist

Council # _____

Father McGivney Award

Membership	Goal	YTD

Founders Award

Fraternal Benefit Nights	Goal	YTD
	2	

Programs:

	Faith	Family	Community	Life
1				
2				
3				
4				

Columbian Award

Form SP-7

Due June 30

Fraternal Program Report - Form 10784 to be done for all Programs
 Fill in or mark off program as Council completes activity

Reports

	Due by	Done
Form 365- Report of Service Personnel	July 1 Due	_____
Form 1728 - Survey of Fraternal Activity	by January 31 Due	_____

Safe Environment Compliant

Date of Compliance	Grand Knight	Program Director	Family Director	Community Director

Star District – Submit District Deputy Report Form 944 by September 15th.

Notes:

Form TX21B - 2022



Programs

Christ Be Our Light

Carlos X. Martinez, Programs Director

The Knights of Columbus, initiated in 1882 by Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, has remained successful and sustainable due to our Brother Knight's Fraternal Council Programs. This year's programs focus is enhancing the blessed acts of service that bring sustainability to our Order.

Supreme has many outlined, suggested programs for the Councils to follow, but the available programs are only limited by the depth of the Council members innovative, Faith based, Fraternal driven imagination. Supreme has Faith in Action, which is the driving force of our Council Programs. This Fraternal year, Supreme is focused on The National Eucharistic Revival, which is promoting Eucharist processions. Please meet with your Pastor to align and promote a Eucharist procession with the congregation of your Council's Parish.

Programs as a major component of attaining Star Council are now consolidated into only two main forms that are required for submission, Form SP-7, The Columbian Award and Form 10784 Fraternal Activity Report. Please be advised of the following minimum requirements when identifying and submitting your program activities to attain the Columbian Award. Submitting 4 activities per outlined programs, Faith, Family, Community and Life for a total of 16 activities/credits.

Please strive to keep the members of your Councils active by participating in the Programs set forth. This will ensure that your Council will continue its success and growth through membership and Fraternal actions. Catholic men enjoy, correction, They LOVE working together to support the needs of the Council, Parish, and Catholic Communities. Allowing the Programs gear to function, in union with all the other Directorships, as the sustainer of our Blessed Order we allow Christ to be Our Light to guide our Councils to attain Star Council.

Faith in Action

Ken Oradiegwu, Chairman

Faith in Action encompasses Faith, Family, Community and Life. The goal therefore is for the active councils to conduct programs that will draw men closer to their faith, families, and communities. In addition, we are also called upon to defend life in all stages and in all conditions. One of the Focus Programs for this Fraternal year is The Eucharist Procession program as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Though there are many activities under each category, we will concentrate on the following:

Faith:

- RSVP
- Into the Breach
- Spiritual Reflection
- Holy Hour

Family:

- Food for Families
- Family of the Month/Year
- Family Fully Alive
- Family Prayer Night

Community:

- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Helping Hands
- Coats for Kids

Life:

- March for Life
- Special Olympics
- Ultrasound Program
- Pregnancy Center Support

Vocations

Tom Krueger, Chairman

The RSVP program falls under the Faith section of Faith in Action. The RSVP program qualifies your Council for two credits as a featured program when you have met the minimum requirements. To have a successful vocations program, RSVP is just one component. The Vocations Handbook states the objective of our vocations program is Awareness, Climate and Motivation for vocations. RSVP is just a measurable item to judge Council participation. All seminarians and religious originating from your Diocese should receive support. This includes prayer, invitations to events, greeting cards and hopefully, monetary support, the RSVP program.

Your Council Faith Director should work with your Diocesan Vocations Chairman regarding the equitable implementation of the RSVP program. This is important as the rebate to the Council or Assembly for any seminarian or religious, stops when they have received \$2000.00 from any source claiming the \$100 per \$500 RSVP provided. If you do not have your copy of the Vocations Handbook 1942, please order one. You can download a PDF version from the kofc.org resources: Layout 1 (kofc.org) Submit your request for rebate on form 2863 from KofC.org resources with this link: 2863-rsvp-refund-app-fillable.pdf (kofc.org)

Culture of Life

Tom Clark, Chairman

Congratulations on 20 years of Celebrating and Supporting the Culture of Life!

This is a call to all Knights to help create a Culture of Life in the state of Texas and to rid ourselves of the culture of death that is pushed into our lives. This is done through prayer, civic action, organizing and participating in Pro Life events, and through donations of funds to various Pro-Life ministries such as pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes throughout the state. Please feel free to contact me or anyone in my committee for help in any of these areas... we are here to serve you and to continue to make Texas the most Pro-Life state in the country.

The ACE Wings

The **ACE** in ACE Wings stands for – Pro-Life without **Apology**, without **Compromise**, without **Exception**. To earn the ACE Wings a Knight must do 5 public Pro-Life events – a guide to these events can be found on the ACE Wing form located online at tkofc.org. Please note that only certain events can be repeated, again this is outlined on the form itself. This year's premium event will be the Texas Rally for Life held in January in Austin. This event will count for 3 of the 5 events needed to earn the ACE Wings.

In the past the ACE Wings were often thought of as an award. Please never refer to it as an award – Each set of ACE Wings represents a child that was lost to abortion – and you cannot “win” this...!! Please simply refer to them as “ACE Wings” and please wear them often, not just to KofC Meetings.

It takes a real man, a brave Knight, to earn and wear the ACE Wings!

Please treat them with the same respect you would any blessed object – ACE wings are sent to you blessed. A guide for wearing the ACE Wings will be distributed to your Diocesan Pro-Life Chairman soon. He will distribute it to the rest of the Diocese.

The **Silver ACE Wings** (est. 2003) continue to be the foundation in which the Texas Knights show others that the lives of those children who were aborted would have mattered, that they would have enjoyed the same things we all enjoy. A Knight works 5 public Pro Life events and once completed turns in his paperwork to the State Culture of Life Chairman for his consideration. If a Knight earns the ACE Wings, he may elect to purchase a set for his wife and children (Children must be 10 years of age or older since these represent a child lost to abortion and they are blessed objects and must be treated with respect). The cost for the additional set of wings is \$7 each.

Special Forces ACE Wing (SFAW) (est. 2017). The SFAW is black with the gold precious feet in the middle. These are to be presented to Knights in a Council that are often on the front lines defending the preborn... these are the men a Council calls upon when a Pro-Life event needs to be staffed, when volunteers are needed for 40 Days for Life, when Marshals are needed to protect Marchers at the Texas Rally for Life, or any of the March for Life events held across the state... to name just a few items.

How do you get the SFAW? The Grand Knight, in cooperation with the Council Pro Life Chairman, can choose up to 10 members of their Council per year to receive the SFAW. The Council will submit a form to the State Culture of Life Chairman for his consideration. The cost of each wing will be \$5 – including shipping. The funds for the SFAW must be paid for in advance.

- The Knight must have already earned his Silver ACE Wings.
- Spouses may also receive the SFAW if the Knight so elects. (\$5 cost)
- Children of Knights and Squires are NOT eligible to receive the SFAW, but they are still eligible to receive the Silver ACE Wings if a Knight so elects – the \$7 charge for these remains the same.

The Gold ACE Wings (2013) are part of our ACE Wings system to recognize those Knights (Knights only please – however consideration will be given to non-Knights on special cases – Abby Johnson is a Gold ACE Wing recipient) whose constant and fearless love for the preborn have helped babies to live and Pro-Life ministries to thrive. Gold ACE Wings are presented to Knights that have been recognized for their outstanding Pro-Life efforts year in and year out by the Diocesan Deputy in each of the 15 Diocese's in Texas. Each Diocesan Deputy is allowed to present up to two Knights and their spouses the Gold ACE Wings each year. The Gold ACE Wings can only be earned once. The Gold ACE Wing form is also available at www.tkofc.org.

Pregnancy Resource

Andrew Clark, Chairman

Saving lives by helping women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers. This initiative is funded by Knights of Columbus state and local councils with matching grants from the Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund. The Knights of Columbus work together as an organization to purchase ultrasound machines for qualifying pregnancy centers. Discounted prices for select machines are offered through preferred pricing agreements arranged by the Supreme Council. The list of preferred machines is provided to sponsoring councils after the pregnancy center is approved for funding by the local diocese and the Supreme Council. After the state and/or local council raises 50% of the cost, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will provide the other 50% to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound.

Here are the steps for Ultrasound support for your identified Pregnancy Center

- Notify Andrew Clark, the State Ultrasound Chairman of your intention to participate in the Ultrasound Program.
- Form 10715 Must first be filled out and approved by the Diocesan Right to Life Office (Bishop's Office, not the KofC Diocesan Pro-Life Chairman).
- Once approved by Supreme, fundraising can begin.
- Once funds are raised Form 10716 needs to be filled out and signed by the State Deputy.
- Supreme BOD will vote on the funds and a check will be issued to the Pregnancy Resource Center – usually takes 6 to 8 weeks once the 10716 is sent in.

Veterans Affairs

Antonio "Tido" Perez, Chairman

The Veterans of our Order are a key membership who bring many attributes that are reflective of their Military training. The question your Council must ask, Is your Council Veteran Friendly? Do you actively recruit Veterans and mentor them as they join your Councils? When confronted with the opportunity to invite the Veterans of your Parish, key attributes that come with these Catholic Men are, team oriented, sense of duty, strict organizational skills through a disciplined ethic, initiate and follow through on activities, all enhanced by their cross-functional skills.

Visiting our Veteran's in their time of need, particularly at the Veteran's Hospital is a valued and honored tradition. Please support our Veterans and visit.

Please **Remember** our Veterans, **Honor** those who served and **Respect** the sacrifices of our Veterans.

Athletics!

The Fraternal Athletics as we gather to have FUN will continue. Please contact the following Chairmen in reference to the Athletic Activities this Fraternal year.

State Golf Tournament – Ricky Meyer & Larry Solansky

State Free Throw Championship – Jesse Aguilar

State Bowling Tournament – Skipper Arsenault

State Softball Chairman – Steve Simons



Charities

Christ Be Our Light

Reed A. Fontenot III, Charities Director

Message from the Charity Director

Reed A. Fontenot, III, State Charities Director

(501) 920-0102

Our State Council theme resounds very well, "Christ Be Our Light". Charity is at the heart of our work and our faith — and it always has been. Membership in the Order offers a wide variety of opportunities for men and their families to grow in their faith and serve those in need. Whether with gifts of money or works of service, the Knights must continue their strong support within their communities through initiatives and programs, such as American Wheelchair Mission, Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund, Blood Drives, Cardinal Medeiros Fund, Disaster Response, Educational Grants, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Thanksgiving Masses, etc. Knights recognize our mission, and our faith in God; it compels us to action and calls us to recognize that "Christ Be Our Light".

Charity Fundraising Team

David Keating, Chairman

(281) 890-2474 or jdkeating73@att.net

The Charity Fundraising Team will be leading the fundraising efforts with our Brother Knights. They will be challenging and inspiring our members to make contributions to State Council Charities.

The Fundraising Committeeman:

Bill Kennedy - 903-694-5105 or billkennedy1212@hotmail.com

Joe Grillo - 915-204-9565 or jrgrillo1@gmail.com

Howard Hinojosa - 956-223-6913 or bellnhow@earthlink.net

Every year, your Council is given an opportunity to earn awards by reaching their State Council Charity goal. The goal is derived by requesting \$10.00 per member, as reflected on your Council membership roster on July 1, 2023. Remember, the Bishop of your Diocese will receive 70% of your Council's charity contribution. The remaining 30% is retained by the State Council Charity Board to be used for statewide charitable purposes. If your council exceeds their goal, 100% of all monies exceeding your Diocesan charity goal will be returned to your Bishop. To ensure your Council receives proper credit, please make your checks payable to "State Council Charities" and ensure the Council Number is on the check.

Mail your check to:

Texas State Council Knights of Columbus,

6633 Hwy 290 East, Suite 204,

Austin, Texas 78723-1157

The Texas State Council Charity Pin

Whenever a Brother Knight or family member donates \$20.00 or more, they will be eligible to receive one of the beautiful, limited edition, State Council Charity lapel pin. By completing the Charity Contribution form, the member's Council will be given credit, for the contribution, towards its goal.

Charity Contribution Form 2023-2024***Texas State Charities***

Donations of \$20.00 or higher will be recognized with a State Charities Lapel Pin. Thank you for your generosity and assisting the Texas State Charities Program as well as supporting our Bishop's selected Diocesan charities.

Please include your pledge or contribution. Make check payable to **Texas State Council Charities.**

6633 Highway 290 East Suite 204

Austin, TX 78723-1157

Name: _____ Council _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____

Amount Enclosed: \$_____ Lapel Pin Presented (Y / N): _____

Thank you for your generosity - State Officers and State Charities Team

Charities Awards – 2023-2024 - Full details regarding this year's Charity Awards can be found on the Texas State Council website within the full version of the Star Guide.

The following is the list of Dioceses and their designations for the funds received through the Texas State Charities.

Bishop	Diocese	Bishop's Charity Designations
Bishop Patrick J. Zurek	Amarillo	Secondary Catholic Education in the Amarillo Diocese
Bishop Joe S. Vasquez	Austin	Vocation Fund / Emergency Funds for the Priests
Bishop David L. Toups	Beaumont	Seminarian Fund
Bishop Daniel E. Flores	Brownsville	Deaf Ministry/Disabled Program
Bishop William Michael Mulvey	Corpus Christi	Catholic Charities
Bishop Edward J. Burns	Dallas	Persons with Disabilities and Deaf Ministries
Bishop Mark J. Seitz	El Paso	Vocations
Bishop Michael F. Olson	Fort Worth	Deaf Ministry and Seminarian Support
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo	Galveston/Houston	Archdiocesan Catholic Schools
Bishop James A. Tamayo	Laredo	Evangelization/Outreach Charity & Seminarian Support
Bishop Robert M. Coerver	Lubbock	Vocations/Seminarian Support
Bishop Michael J. Sis	San Angelo	Seminarian Education
Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller	San Antonio	Deaf Ministry
Bishop Joseph E. Strickland	Tyler	Seminarian Education & Training
Bishop Brendan Cahill	Victoria	Continuing Education for Priests, Extension of Lay Ministry and Evangelization

Wheelchair Program**Bill Weber, Chairman**

(214) 405-8023 or yankeesweb@tx.rr.com

The Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission, raise funds to support the purchase of wheelchairs for distribution worldwide. Our Worthy State Deputy has continued to set a goal for each Council to donate at least \$150 for the purchase of one wheelchair. A very good way to raise funds for the purchase of wheelchairs is to conduct a weekend parish wide fundraiser. Contact Brother Bill for full details.

“CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MOBILITY”

Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund - Grants for Retired Priests**Kirby Farek, Chairman**

(361) 772-0054 or kirbyfarek@sbcglobal.net

This fund was newly established in 2020 and the fund is named in honor of the late Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan who served the Archdiocese of San Antonio as Auxiliary Bishop from 1998-2005 and the Texas State Council as State Chaplain from 2000-2002. This fund has been established to provide for the care and welfare of those who so faithfully served us and affords grants for our retired priests. The primary way to contribute to this fund is by acquiring and displaying a Texas Knights of Columbus license plate on your vehicle. We are working to gain approval for other direct contribution options for this newly established fund. The funds contributed shall be distributed equally to the fifteen dioceses in Texas each fraternal year.

**Cardinal Medeiros Fund****Joe Rodriguez, Chairman**

(210) 464-8468 or joerod2929@yahoo.com

The Cardinal Medeiros Trust Fund was established in 1981 and incorporated into the State Council Charities program. Humberto Cardinal Medeiros was the Bishop of Brownsville, Texas from 1966 until 1970. He served as the Texas State Council Chaplain 1969-1970. He was named the Archbishop of Boston on September 8, 1970 and created a Cardinal Medeiros Fellow Program was started in 1998 to increase the principal in the trust fund. Cardinal Medeiros Fellow may be ordered for a Knight of Columbus or for a Knight's wife. Additionally, it may be ordered memory of a deceased Knight or for a deceased Knight's wife. With a contribution of \$1,000, the honoree is awarded a plaque, a lapel pin and their name is engraved on the Honor Roll which is on display at the State Council Office. The Honor Roll is further displayed each year at the Texas State Council Convention.



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Educational Grants**Giacomo R. Leone, Chairman**

(512) 983-7576 or giacleon575@gmail.com

Texas State Council Charities maintains two Education Grant Programs that are funded by the interest received on the Cardinal Humberto Medeiros and Christopher Trust Funds managed by the Supreme Council. These two programs are the Catholic School Grants and the individual student Educational Grants. Texas State Council Charities will award \$2,000 or more per diocese to designated Catholic Schools within each diocese. The Texas State Council will award at least one \$1,000 Educational Grant per diocese and two more \$1,000 Educational Grants to members of the Columbian Squires. An applicant must be a Knight of Columbus member in good standing of a Council located in Texas, his wife, son or daughter. Educational Grant money is to be used for education in a University, College, Junior College, Technical School, Business School or Seminary.

Special Olympics**Chris Hoefler, Chairman**

(903) 736-5309 or choe6482@aol.com

The mission of Special Olympics Texas is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. These activities give them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.



We will have Special Olympic lapel pins available for purchase this year! This will be a limited edition and additional details will be forthcoming.

“LET ME WIN, BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT”

Emergency Response

Harry Storey, Chairman

(214) 557-2923 or hss@storeycorp.net

Regional Emergency Response Coordinators:

Ronnie Kwiat – Northeast – Beaumont, Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler

(619) 368-5996 or rpkwiat48@gmail.com

TBA – South – San Antonio, Laredo, Corpus Christi, Brownsville

Larry Pellerito – Central - Austin, Galveston/Houston, Victoria

(281) 224-3728 or kcpellerito@gmail.com

Michael Samp – West – Amarillo, Lubbock, El Paso, San Angelo

(432) 352-4259 or thelungpro@gmail.com

Texas State Council / State Council Charities EMERGENCY RESPONSE

When a disaster or emergency occurs affecting a community in Texas, served by the Knights of Columbus, the State office and the Emergency Response Coordinators (ERC) will reach out to the Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies and Grand Knights, in the affected areas, to determine the severity of the disaster and to provide guidance and assistance. Depending on the level of need, the Texas State Council's response will follow a graduated response scenario.

Council Awards:

Quick Start Honor Roll	Plaque	Meet 100% of goal and pay State Per Capita by 12/31/23
Honor Roll	Plaque	Meet 100% of goal by 06/30/24
Joseph G. Murphy	Plaque	Highest % or Highest \$ Amount (Council can only qualify for one award) and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24
Hall of Fame	Plaque	5 consecutive years of 100% and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24
Emil E. Ogden	Plaque	10 consecutive years of 100% and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24
15 Year Award	Plaque	15 consecutive years of 100% and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo	Plaque	20 consecutive years of 100% and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24
Saint John Paul II	Plaque	25 consecutive years of 100% and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24
Judge Ricardo H. Garcia	Plaque	30 consecutive years of 100% and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24
35 Year Award	Plaque	35 consecutive years of 100% and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24
200% Club	License Plate (or BTJF Fund Contribution) and Statue for Grand Knight	200% of Goal and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24
300% Club	License Plate (or BTJF Fund Contribution) and Statue for Grand Knight and License Plate (or BTJF Fund Contribution) for 1 additional member	300% of Goal and pay 100% of State per capita by 06/30/24

District Awards:

District Deputy Quick Start	DD Shirt	All Councils in the District meet 100% of charity goal by December 31, 2023.
District Deputy Honor Roll	KofC License Plate (or BTJF Fund contribution)	District meets 100% of District Charity Goal with each Council Contributing a minimum of 25% of Council's charity goal.

Diocese Awards:

Diocesan Deputy Quick Start	Diocesan Deputy Shirt	25% of assigned DD's achieve DD Quick Start in the Dioceses or 70% of active councils achieve Quick Start Honor Roll by December 31, 2023.
Diocesan State Charities Consecutive Year Award	Plaque	Significant years (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35) of consecutive State Charity goal at 100%
Diocesan Deputy Hall of Fame	Ring	Dioceses attains 100% of charity goal.

Texas State Charities

Donations of \$20.00 or higher will be recognized with a State Charities Lapel Pin. Thank you for your generosity and assisting the Texas State Charities Program as well as supporting our Bishop's selected Diocesan charities. Please include your pledge or contribution. Make check payable to

Texas State Council Charities.

6633 Highway 290 East Suite 204

Austin, TX 78723-1157

Name: _____ Council _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) ____ - ____ Lapel Pin Presented (Y / N): _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Education, Training & Communication

Christ Be Our Light

Ed Tydings, Director

The mission of the Education, Training, and Communication team is to provide training and education effectively and efficiently to the leadership of the Knights of Columbus in Texas. We will support the other directorates to ensure the overall success of Texas.

Our website and social media outlets are designed to pass along valuable information and to communicate the many good deeds performed by Knights across Texas. The Texas Knight and the Finish Line will continue to be published periodically. We will communicate the successes of the diocesan and district leadership as the fraternal year progresses. Our financial secretary trainers will educate the new and established financial secretaries on how to perform their role more effectively. To foster fraternal competition, we will be keeping track of the Diocesan Deputy and District Deputy of the Year awards.

Constant Contact is the official email platform for the State Council. We maintain distribution lists for Diocesan Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and others.

Financial Secretary Training

David Solis, Chairman

The financial secretary is vital to the success of a council. Our financial secretary trainers will be providing training to new and existing financial secretaries. The basic training takes about three hours. When arranging the training sessions, Diocesan Deputies are reminded that stable internet is a requirement when they arrange an in-person training session. These classes are open to all council and assembly officers and District Deputies. Trainers are also available to conduct video training via Zoom. The following trainers are available for the following dioceses:

Austin and San Antonio – Peter Donahoe, Jr.

El Paso, San Angelo – David Solis

Beaumont, Galveston-Houston, Victoria – Jerry Giegerich

Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Laredo – Michael Murphy

Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler – Victor Garza

Lubbock, Amarillo – Steve Webb

Social Media

Josh Jones, Chairman

The Multimedia Chairman is responsible for planning, implementing, and monitoring all social media platforms officially associated with the Texas State Council. Using various media formats to promote membership growth, council, and state collaboration, while representing a positive engaging presence in both a virtual and physical world. Our 2-year plan is to evolve influence through video and live streams using analytical data to aid Texas State Directors and Officers through the virtual world. We encourage all diocesan deputies to appoint a social media coordinator to work with the state chairmen to post relevant information on both diocesan and state social media platforms. There is a Supreme social media policy with which each coordinator must comply.

Our media platforms include:

Texas State Council Website – www.tkofo.org

Texas State Council Facebook page – www.facebook.com/txkofo

Texas State Council Twitter page – <https://twitter.com/txkofo>

Texas State Council Instagram page – <https://instagram.com/txkofo>

Texas State Council YouTube – www.youtube.com – search “Texas Knights of Columbus”

Texas Knight and State Photographer

Mark Johnson

The communications team is always looking for articles to share worthy news with all Brother Knights in the State. Articles, including pictures, are needed to have successful publications. If you post articles on one of our social media sites, be sure to also send a copy to Mark Johnson (mjohanson@creatdev.com) who will post on www.tkofo.org. This will help increase the visibility of those who are not on social media sites. Everyone is asked to attend local Council, District, or Diocesan events, take digital photos, write a short story, and submit for publication. Typed articles are appreciated. Photos should be sharp and captioned. Emailed articles and photos are preferred. Be a Texas Knight Reporter! We will give you a byline! We suggest that the Diocesan Social Media Coordinators also serve as Texas Knight Reporters. Deadlines for the quarterly Texas Knight are August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1.

Archived Photos from all State Events can be found on the State Council website at the bottom of the page on FLICKR. Photos can be downloaded and enjoyed.

Awards – Scorekeeper

Greg Wilson

District Deputy and Diocesan Deputy of the Year

For those leaders that meet certain monthly goals for required forms turned in, membership, charities, attendance at Diocesan Conferences, etc., a score card will be kept and reported periodically to the Diocesan Deputy to forward to the District Deputies. See the following Charts for categories & scoring for each award. Each award will be based on the results at the end of the fraternal year (June 30). Note the Awards will not be awarded until after the Star Councils have been announced at the Supreme Convention in August of the following fraternal year. This award will be awarded at the State Midyear Meeting of the following fraternal year or will be hand delivered by the State Deputy. The top Diocesan and District Deputy and their wives will receive a trip.

Texas Knight Reporter Award

For outstanding reporting of local Knights of Columbus events to the Texas Knight. Submit the Texas Knight article with any additional background or outcome information about the event. The reporter is expected to submit a minimum of one article per edition of the Texas Knight. Your application is the article. The winner will receive a tablet. The second and third place finishers will receive a Knights shirt.

Council Communication Award

Our intent is to award those Councils for excellence in digital media communications. Please submit all digital communications – electronic newsletters and social media links for consideration. Councils should have at least quarterly digital newsletters available to all council members. All Social Media posts must be on the Texas State Council Facebook page. The Council should use the hashtag #TX (your Council #). An Example is #TX1422. We will look up the hashtag and judge from there. A Council Social Media Coordinator must be appointed for the Council to qualify for this award. This verifies the Councils have been trained with the Supreme Social Media Policy through the Diocese. Application for Award will be available on the TSC Website. Applications and links should be emailed to the communications team at communications@tkofo.org by midnight March 1. Only digital entries accepted. The winner will receive a KC notebook and a KC shirt. The second and third place finishers will receive a KC shirt.

Presentations

Anson Geisel, Chairman

Anson Geisel arranges all Texas State Council presentations.

Important Deadlines

Form 185 Report of Officers – June 30

Form 365 Report of Program Personnel – June 30

Form 1295 Semiannual Audit (January – June) – August 15

Form 2629 Report of Roundtables – September 30 (Texas only)

Form 1728 Fraternal Survey – January 31

Form 10784 Special Olympics - Life Activity – January 31

Form 1295 Semiannual Audit (July – December) – February 15

Form 10784 Fraternal Programs Report Form - June 30 (except Special Olympics due Jan 31)

Form SP-7 Columbian Application – June 30

Form 2630 Roundtable Annual Report – June 30

IRS Form 990 or 990-n - Non-Profit Organization Tax Return

Due based on Fraternal Year (November 15) or Calendar Year (May 15)

Safe Environment Compliant – May 1 (Texas only)



Evangelization and Faith Formation

Christ Be Our Light

Gregory Brown, Director

One hundred and forty-one years ago, Fr. Michael McGivney along with the founding members of Council 1, San Salvador, began what today is the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization comprised of nearly 2 million men who are apart of 16,000 councils worldwide. Blessed McGivney had a number of reasons why he began the Knights of Columbus but chief among them was "to form its members in Catholic faith and virtue," and "to unite members in their Catholic identity and the practice of their Catholic faith" (Section 2, Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus). Allowing men to come together to pray, be formed in their Catholic faith and share in fraternity were of the upmost importance to our founder; whose zeal for the salvation of souls was a driving force to his life and ministry. Today, we as Catholic men, more than ever, are called to renew the vision of Blessed Fr. McGivney. To make Jesus Christ the source and summit of all that we do; and ensure our Catholic faith, missionary zeal, and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God permeates all aspects of council life and membership engagement.

As such, we want to reiterate 4 promises the Knights of Columbus make to all our Brother Knights and prospective Brothers:

1. To help all men grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ
2. To provide opportunities for men to serve Christ in His Church including being a missionary disciple
3. To provide opportunities for men to serve those most in need in their communities and around the world IN THE NAME OF CHRIST JESUS
4. A promise to provide protection and aid to widows and orphans through our insurance arm

Men today are hungry for faith centered content and fraternity that help them grow in faith and become better Catholic men, husbands, and fathers. We know that our Catholic parishes and families need men who are faith-filled leaders who strive to grow in holiness, knowledge, and disciple others towards the Kingdom of Heaven. We are firm in our understanding that this goal is accomplished through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

To aid in this mission of helping all men grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and forming men in their Catholic faith; under the leadership and behest of our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, the Knights of Columbus have begun a comprehensive Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative. The purpose of the EFF initiative is three-fold, **Encounter**, **Strengthen**, and **Commission**. A life of faith begins with an **encounter** with Jesus Christ that calls us to repentance and a radical reorientation of our lives because of His immense love poured out upon the Cross. We then **strengthen** our relationship with God through our personal prayer, study to be formed in the Catholic faith and in holy virtue, and we share in a fraternal brotherhood that holds us accountable. Lastly, we respond and accept Christ's **commission** in Matthew 28:19-20, to be sent out as disciple makers, to share Jesus Christ with others so they may encounter God and His radical life giving love.

At the heart of every Knight of Columbus is a deep relationship with Jesus Christ, knowing that God loves us, He died for our sins and the need to radically reorient our lives to strive for Heaven. At the heart of every Knight of Columbus is our Catholic faith which invites us to seek holiness through our Baptism and daily prayer. At the heart of every Knight of Columbus is a desire to build the Kingdom of God by being a disciple of Jesus Christ; therefore, having the courage to share with others the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church.

The first element of the Evangelization and Faith Formation initiative is this COR. COR is Latin for heart and the root word for courage. COR exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each COR is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to strive to be more Christ like, to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood, and to prepare for the courageous mission of evangelization.

COR essentials:

Additional gathering for the men focusing on prayer, formation and fraternity

Optional

Open to all men of the parish

Held at minimum monthly

Three key and required elements:

Prayer: reciprocal relationship between God and man where man responds to God's invitation then encounters the Creator

Formation: lifelong process where we become more like Christ through knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith.

Fraternity: sharing in a common mission, faith, and brotherhood

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Our EFF team is here to assist councils as they strive to form Catholic men in virtue and identity, building up the Kingdom of God and strengthening them to better serve their families, Church and communities. We already have several Councils actively piloting COR with more councils interested each week. Our team would love to talk to your council about beginning COR, to help men of your parish grow in their Catholic faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

With gratitude,

Gregory Brown

ggb@me.com

Texas State Council Star Guide 2023-2024
Texas State Council Knights of Columbus State Office
6633 Hwy 290 East, Ste. 204, Austin, TX 78723-1157
(512) 442-1492, FAX (512) 326-1492
Executive Secretary's Email: mikem@tkofc.org
<https://www.tkofc.org>

All correspondence and checks sent to the state office should be clearly identified with the council number and the person's name and title when mailing the correspondence.

Checks should be clearly marked as to their purpose. If the check is for payment of a Texas State Council invoice or billing, kindly return a copy of the invoice or billing so that your payment can be properly recorded.

Any changes of council officers, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses should be emailed immediately to the state office at forms@tkofc.org. This ensures that all state office correspondence reaches the right people.

Study the Texas State Council Star Guide. It has a preliminary listing of the Texas State Council personnel, a description of current fraternal year programs and state council award criteria.

Report of Officers in Member Management should be completed and filed promptly by the Financial Secretary each year after election of council officers. This form is due at Supreme on July 1st. It is important that a copy of this form be sent to the State Office at forms@tkofc.org. The State Office uses the information to maintain a database of all council Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, and it is from this database that the Texas State Council Directory is created.

Follow the due dates marked on each form. Two items that deserve your attention:

State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form: Each council should report their best activity in each category and submit your entry by March 1st to the Programs Director.

Each council should file the Columbian Award Application to the Supreme Council well before the June 30th due date.

Supreme Council Office: Most of your printed materials and visual aids are supplied by the Supreme Office. For questions, call the Webbmason toll-free line, 1-833-591-7770. In addition, you can email Supplies Online at customersupport@webbmason.com. A dedicated customer service team, specific to the Knights of Columbus, will answer that line. They work Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern time.

If you are a grand knight, financial secretary, faithful navigator, faithful comptroller, district deputy, or state council officer and are having issues with accessing Officers Online, please call the Supreme Council Customer Service Department at 1-800-380-9995 for assistance. They will operate Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern time.

For military councils, please contact Mary Beth Stankiewicz at marybeth.stankiewicz@kofc.org to order supplies.

Communication is important. If you have a problem or do not understand something, please contact your District Deputy or Diocesan Deputy. Remember that your State Office will also help you or see that you receive assistance.

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2023 Football Frenzy Fundraiser Instructions

RETURN ALL STUBS, MONEY, AND UNSOLD TICKETS BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST,

Make checks payable to TEXAS KNIGHTS Attn: WILLIE BALERIO, 1317 S. BLUEBONNET ODESSA, TX 79761

COUNCIL CREDIT INCENTIVES BASED ON SALES!! Councils receive \$ 1 for every ticket sold towards their state per capita .

WHEN TICKETS ARE SOLD SEND BACK TO WILLIE BALERIO A.S.A.P FOR CREDIT! YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TICKETS AND MONEY IN YOUR POSSESSION. RETURN ALL STUBS & MONEY BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST. Check results online at : www.tkofo.org

1. FOOTBALL FRENZY FUNDRAISER: This fundraiser follows pro football. Membership Card cost is \$10.00. Purchase of the Membership Card automatically enters you into the Football Frenzy Sweepstakes.
2. DATES: Football Frenzy tickets are valid for the last 10 weeks of the Pro football season. Week #1 is November 5th. Week #2 is November 12th. Week #3 is November 19th, etc.
3. TEAMS: Football Frenzy tickets have 4 teams each week and the 4 teams change weekly. No two tickets have the same 4 teams in any given week. Team codes are listed on the back of the ticket.
4. FILL OUT RIGHT STUB: Football Frenzy participants must PRINT LEGIBLY their name, address, and telephone number on the stub. Save time--Address labels can be used. Put your name and council number on the bottom line of the stub. You keep the right stub and give the Membership Card with attached Football Frenzy ticket to the supporter. A ticket holder can follow along if they wish, but do not have to in order to win.
5. MONEY & STUBS: Turn in all stubs with the collected money by OCTOBER 1st (see below). Please make checks payable to: TEXAS KNIGHTS
6. TOTAL PRIZES will be \$12,000! Prizes are awarded weekly to the ticket holders with the 4 teams that score the most or the least number of points. These 4-team totals are called the "Highest 4-Team Totals" and the "Lowest 4-Team Totals." The prizes for these winners are listed on the tickets. A total of \$1,100 will be paid to the ticket holders with the "Highest" and the "Lowest" 4-Team totals each week. GRAND PRIZE: The ticket holder that has the highest cumulative total points from all 10 weeks is eligible to win the grand prize of \$1,000. In case of ties, prizes are combined and split.
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10. GREEN BEE SAVINGS CLUB: To take advantage of the Restaurant.com certificate offers, visit www.greenbeesavingsclub.com. Your membership is valid online until 12/31/2023.
11. PURCHASE ONLINE: Purchases can be made online in 4 Easy Steps! Cards will be emailed to you. Deadline to purchase online is November 1st. Please have family and friends enter the Council Number and the Member Name in the designated online fields. Feel free to share the website and our code with your family and friends. THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE TEXAS STATE COUNCIL K OF C. IN NO WAY DOES THE MONEY RAISED SUPPORT THE NFL. CASH BACK INCENTIVES ARE OFFERED TO COUNCILS BASED ON SALES.

Questions or Additional Tickets Contact :

WILLIE BALERIO BY PHONE OR TEXT. 432-924-0421 or email : williebalerio@yahoo.com

1. Go to www.footballsweeps.com
2. Click Order Tickets Online
3. Enter code FB23TEXAS (YOU WILL NEED TO ENTER THIS CODE FOR THE TEXAS STATE COUNCIL TO GET CREDIT)
4. Create an account or log in



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ODESSA, TX 79761**

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copies can be made

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100 BIG chances to win. 10 chances to win each week!

PLUS A GRAND PRIZE OF \$1,000 TO THE HIGHEST SCORING TICKET FOR ALL 10 WEEKS

\$12,000
TOTAL CASH PRIZES

\$1,100 given away each week!

Prizes awarded for the highest and lowest 4-team totals!

Tickets are valid for the last 10 weeks of the pro football season from November 5th until January 7, 2024.

CHECK RESULTS ONLINE!

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GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE NOW!

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