

Brother Knights, Wives, Families and Friends:

I pray that each and every one of you are having a blessed season of Lent. May our crosses we carry in our lives, always be for the glory of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. May the Knights of Columbus, especially in the Arkansas Jurisdiction, always be Christ centered with all we do in our lives as Catholics.

With the month of March, our fraternal year will be three quarters complete. We must take note of what has happened, what needs to take place, and what must be accomplished for this fraternal year. All reporting should have been submitted to Supreme by now. If you have not, please do so. Your state Per Capita should be mailed this month along with your state convention delegates, as our convention is just around the corner in Hot Springs. Please make sure you get your hotel reservations in.

How are the districts and councils doing with asking every 18-year-old male to join our fraternal organization? Is your council on track to become Star Council? What needs to take place for this to happen? Have you schedule a church drive in the coming weeks? Have you scheduled a First Degree this month and the coming three months? These questions should be answered by each Knight in our jurisdiction and it is the responsibility of each one of us to make this happen, not only the Grand Knights.

Brother Knights, our raffle is coming to an end this coming June. Has your council met the minimum amount of tickets to be sold; 1,500 tickets or \$15,000? Remember that all proceeds will be going to our seminarians for their education. God willing these seminarians will be our future priests. Thank God we have many borrowed priests from around the world. Thank God we have them here celebrating our Holy Mass so we may have the Holy Eucharist in our parishes and mission churches. Thank God they continue to be here with us in our Arkansas Jurisdiction. Just think about the men upcoming to be ordained as priests in our Jurisdiction. We are blessed to have these upcoming ordained priests to serve our parishes and churches. We are blessed to have newly transitional deacons to be ordained in coming months. We are truly blessed to have over 40 men in our seminarian program. The Diocese of Little Rock is truly blessed to have all our borrowed priests, upcoming ordained priests and 40 future priests. You, as a Knight of

Columbus Knights, wives and families have a big role in making all this happen. We are called the Right Hand of the Church, now it's time to live up to our calling. I pray we all work together and make the \$1,000,000 a reality.

May this month of March bring you closer to our Risen Lord Jesus Christ and may He continue to bless us all with health and love to our neighbor. This year of Mercy is for all of us to heal our past prejudice thoughts and actions against any other Brother Knight or Brother in Christ. May we as Catholics, meaning universal, continue to worship together, pray together, work together, play together and be UNITED with our Bishop, Priests and Seminarians.

May God bring blessings to you all and your families.

Adrian Dominguez

Arkansas State Deputy

The State Free Throw Contest will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The state contest will be hosted by Morrilton Council 5209. The competition will be held at Sacred Heart High School in downtown Morrilton. Sacred Heart is located on the corner of Broadway and St. Joseph. Each District winner should be accompanied by an adult and his/her Entry/Score Sheet should be presented on the day of the State contest. Anyone needing directions or additional information should contact the State Youth Director. I hope to see everyone at the contest.

Mark Tyler
Youth Director
Arkansas State Council
Knights of Columbus
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Brothers Let us ask ourselves today: Are we open to "God's surprises?"

We traveled to Monticello Saturday, February 20th for Charter Mass for our newest council, Saint Mark Council #16342. God had some surprises for us there; the one that sticks with me the most is Rev. Mark Abban. His spirit flows from him and it feels like you have just put on a warm blanket to guard against the cold. Fr. Mark is on fire for his parish, for the people of the community and for the Knights of Columbus! If you make it down Monticello way, stop by Saint Mark for Mass or just to visit with Fr. Mark, God will have some surprises for you too!

Our 108th State Convention will be held at the Arlington Hotel on April 29, 30 and May 1st. Please remember that your council will need to pay Supreme and State per capita in order to have voting delegates at the State meeting. Also, please send in your credentials for your delegates as soon as possible.

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please consider you and your council / parish making a pilgrimage to our Holy Doors at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Little Rock. Perhaps there you will also find "God's Surprises."

Here are a few things Pope Francis said about the Eucharist...

"In the Eucharist, Christ is always renewing His gift of self, which He made on the Cross," the pope said. "His whole life is an act of total sharing of self out of love."

Dear friends, we don't ever thank the Lord enough for the gift He has given us in the Eucharist!

Brothers, please do all you can during this fundraising campaign to raise money for our Seminarians. Without Priests, we have no Eucharist and without the Eucharist we have no Church.

God bless you in all your prayers and works,

Philip A. Savage
State Secretary



Knights of Columbus

Father Abbot Raphael DeSalvo

Council #14619

Scranton, AR

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Council #14619 of the Knights of Columbus desires to have one of its own elected to the position of State Warden and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman has served the Arkansas State Council as State Squires Chairman for the past 2 years and,

WHEREAS, through his efforts, Fr. Denis Soerries Circle #5637 of the Columbian Squires was formed at Subiaco Academy where he served as Chief Counselor for 3 years and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman is a Charter Member of his council serving as Grand Knight for the past year, as Financial Secretary for 4 years, and as Warden, and serves as Chancellor of the First Degree Team and,

WHEREAS, during his term as Financial Secretary, was awarded Knight of the Year in 2013 by the Arkansas State Jurisdiction and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman is currently serving in the Fourth Degree office of Trustee and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman has served his Parish as an adult education instructor, Safe Environment facilitator, financial committee member, and as lector and is currently serving as parish council secretary and Eucharistic minister at St. Meinrad Parish in Prairie View, AR and,

WHEREAS, Brother Michael Bowman is actively involved in and has served as Chief, Training Officer, and Firefighter for the Midway Rural Fire Department and as Secretary of the Midway Rural Fire Association, located in Midway, AR,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the name of Brother Michael Bowman is entered into the running for the position of State Warden.

Dennis J. Koch, Deputy Grand Knight
Father Abbot Raphael DeSalvo Council #14619
Scranton, AR

VOCATIONS / RSVP CHAIRMAN

PETER McNULTY

My Brother Knights

This year the month of March brings us to the blessing of Salvation. May we all reap the Spiritual benefits of the **Death** and **Resurrection** of **Christ**.

The report on the status of our seminarians is GOOD. ALL our seminarians are sponsored with at least one (1) RSVP. Thanks to an ASM that decided to increase it's support to three (3) seminarians.

PLEASE HELP!! The need for financial support by our Diocese to continue monetary support to educate our future Priests is very important. The one **special collection** in all parishes across the state is taken up on **HOLY THURSDAY**. It is solely for the education of our seminarians. Please, Please encourage all members of the Knights and all parishioners to be the most generous they can be.

A reminder: a most important event for our Diocese will be in May when our Bishop Taylor will Ordain five (5) new Priests to provide us all with the precious Eucharist, and the rest of the Sacraments.

God bless you all and please pray for all our seminarians and pray for all our Service members who protect the freedom we enjoy

Peter

STATE CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION FOR MARCH:

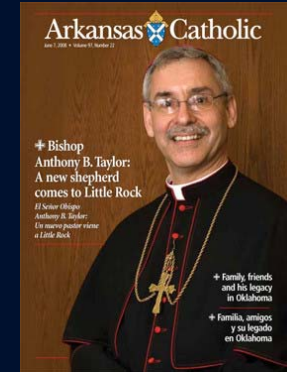
Even though we are still weeks away from the end of Lent (Holy Thursday evening), there are already preparations being made for the Easter Triduum and its beautiful liturgies that begin on Holy Thursday evening and end on Easter Sunday evening with Evening Prayer. My question to my brother Knights is this :Have you set aside these days as the most important and unique days of your year as the Church says it is for all Catholics. The yearly celebration of the Paschal Mystery (the passion, death, and Resurrection of the Lord) has many purposes including strengthening our identity as disciples of Christ and ambassadors of his Good News. The liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are unique and beautiful and deserve our full attendance and participation. At the Holy Thursday Liturgy, the focus is on three things that are certainly dear to Knights: the Eucharist, the Priesthood (both of which Jesus instituted at the Last Supper) and the call to servanthood which Jesus taught throughout his life and through the action of washing his apostles feet at the Last Supper. Good Friday gives all Catholics the opportunity to ponder Jesus' Passion and Death (through John's Gospel) and show reverence and even awe toward the instrument of our salvation, the wood of the Cross during the Veneration of the Cross. Finally, the Easter Vigil Liturgy through its powerful symbols of darkness and light, through listening to some key stories of salvation history in the Old Testament, and through the emergence of new life for some in the waters of baptism and our renewal of our baptismal promises, we are strengthened in our belief in the ultimate victory of Christ (his Resurrection) and the hope we have and share with others in our own Resurrection'l life with the Lord now and one day in heaven.

As our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson is urging us as Knights in this fraternal year to be more connected than ever to our parishes in ministry and in our activities, I pray that you will not only plan to come to Church for the Easter Triduum liturgies, but they you will offer yourselves in any way the priest of your parish needs you for these liturgies. New life in Christ in the Church can also mean new life in the Order (through the men who will be baptized and/or Confirmed at the Easter Vigil) as we support them with our presence and words of encouragement and invite them in the future to join the mission of the Knights of Columbus in service and in unity and fraternity with the Lord and with each other. May you all have a Blessed Easter Triduum and an invigorating Easter season. Vivat Jesus.

Fr. Bill Elser

Arkansas Knights of Columbus

Membership Report As of 29 February, 2016



State Deputy: Adrian Dominguez
State Membership Director: Godwal "Ed" Viera



Our Lady of Charity



The Mexican Martyrs

Total State Membership: 7561 / +32



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District 1

District Deputy - John W. Lett

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
|---------------------------|-------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 812 Little Rock* (1904) | 12 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 108 |
| 6615 Little Rock (1974) | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 17 |
| 10167 Little Rock* (1989) | 11 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 36 |

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| District 1 | 20 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 90 |
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**CONGRATULATIONS
STAR COUNCIL - 812**

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 455 | 9 |

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District 2

District Deputy – Aaron Baltz

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
|-------------------------|-------|------|------|-----|----|
| 1702 Jonesboro (1913) | 13 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 46 |
| 1713 Paragould (1913) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 25 |
| 2443 Pocahontas (1923) | 14 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 36 |
| 2857 Blytheville (1942) | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| 7783 ASU (NA) (1981) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

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| District 2 | 27 | 15 | 2 | 13 | 48 |
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| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 573 | 7 |

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District 3

District Deputy – Greg Mattics

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 1153 Pine Bluff (1906) | 6 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 333 |
| 2780 Stuttgart (1937) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3383 Lake Village (1951) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3998 Slovak (1955) | 8 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 25 |
| 16342 Monticello (2015) | 0 | 18 | 0 | 18 | |
| District 3 | 15 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 267 |

**CONGRATULATIONS
DOUBLE STAR DISTRICT
TRIPLE STAR COUNCIL - 1153**

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
|------------|-------------------|
| 352 | 25 |

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District 4

District Deputy – Roy Anderle

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
|------------------------|-------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 2650 Texarkana (1927) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 5099 El Dorado (1961) | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 40 |
| 12473 Camden (1999) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 16222 Nashville (2015) | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 100 |

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| District 4 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 43 |
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CONGRATULATIONS

STAR COUNCIL - 16222

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 257 | -2 |

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District 5

District Deputy – Timothy R. Malloy

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 6969 Cherokee Village (1977) | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 50 |
| 7353 Mountain Home (7353) | 13 | 5 | 5 | 0 | |
| 8410 Harrison (1983) | 5 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 60 |
| 10493 Horseshoe Bend (1990) | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| District 5 | 18 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 33 |

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 350 | -4 |

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District 6

District Deputy – Michael Dietering

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 6454 Eureka Springs (1973) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6834 Rogers (1976) | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 9514 Bella Vista (1987) | 14 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 14 |
| 12458 Bentonville (1999) | 13 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 62 |
| 13829 Siloam Springs (2002) | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| 14609 Rogers (2008) | 6 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 83 |
| District 6 | 38 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 42 |

| Membership | YTD Membership Change |
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| 738 | 0 |

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District 7

District Deputy – Ron Wildman

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 6140 Batesville (1969) | 5 | 4 | 11 | -7 | |
| 8815 Fairfield Bay (1984) | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| 11294 Searcy (1994) | 5 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 60 |
| 12778 Heber Springs (1999) | 4 | 0 | 1 | -1 | |

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| District 7 | 13 | 8 | 12 | -4 | |
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| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 221 | -12 |

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District 8

District Deputy – Wayne Eastman

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 4143 Conway (1955) | 35 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 34 |
| 5209 Morrilton (1961) | 17 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 53 |
| 6398 Russellville (1972) | 15 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 33 |
| 6680 New Dixie (1975) | 6 | 0 | 3 | -3 | |
| 10908 St. Vincent (1992) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| District 8 | 57 | 28 | 3 | 25 | 44 |

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 1254 | 9 |

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District 9

District Deputy – Robert Collins

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 996 Fort Smith (1905) | 25 | 6 | 11 | -5 | |
| 9777 Van Buren (1988) | 8 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 25 |
| 14774 Ft. Smith (2009) | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 50 |
| 15453 Fort Smith* (2012) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| District 9 | 29 | 10 | 11 | -1 | -- |

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 585 | -6 |

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District 10

District Deputy – Jimmie Rogers

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 6419 Hot Springs (1972) | 15 | 13 | 2 | 11 | 73 |
| 9396 Benton (1987) | 5 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 120 |
| 10208 Hot Springs Village (1990) | 20 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 30 |
| District 10 | 28 | 25 | 2 | 23 | 82 |

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STAR COUNCIL - 9396

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 602 | 15 |

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District 11

District Deputy – Conrad De La Paz

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 1770 Helena (1914) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4147 Wynne (1955) | 8 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 25 |
| 5804 West Memphis (1966) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6814 Brinkley (1976) | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 25 |

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| District 11 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 20 |
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| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 280 | -2 |

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District 12

District Deputy – Joseph Beffa

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 4538 Tontitown (1958) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6609 Fayetteville (1974) | 13 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 62 |
| 7787 UofA-Fayetteville (1981) | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 100 |
| 12082 Springdale (1997) | 8 | 10 | 48 | -38 | |

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| District 12 | 25 | 25 | 48 | -23 | |
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| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 521 | -17 |

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District 13

District Deputy – William H. Bill McClullough

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 6253 North Little Rock (1971) | 16 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 24 |
| 11097 Marche (1993) | 6 | 4 | -10 | -6 | |
| 11604 Jacksonville* (1995) | 14 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 29 |

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| District 13 | 25 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 8 |
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| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 5298 | -4 |

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District 14

District Deputy – David Thompson

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 5725 Clarksville (1965) | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| 14010 Altus* (2006) | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 100 |
| 14619 Scanton (2008) | 7 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 43 |

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| District 14 | 13 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 69 |
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STAR COUNCIL: 14010**

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 281 | 6 |

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District 15

District Deputy – David Wewers

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 3787 Paris (1953) | 11 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 64 |
| 12875 Charleston* (2001) | 11 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 27 |
| 15867 Booneville (2013) | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 75 |
| District 15 | 18 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 61 |

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 364 | -1 |

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District 16

District Deputy – Philip Ference

| Council | Quota | Gain | Loss | Net | % |
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| 6942 Arkadelphia (1977) | 4 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 150 |
| 7258 Mena (1979) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 11908 DeQueen (1996) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| District 16 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 67 |

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STAR COUNCIL - 6942

| Membership | YTD Growth Change |
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| 155 | 9 |

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Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight



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