



OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAITH IN ACTION



2019 General Program Director Report
114th Annual State Convention
Edmond, Oklahoma

April 26, 2019

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy, Worthy Vice-Supreme Master, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy State Directors, Worthy General Agent, Delegates, Brother Knights,

The introduction of our new “Faith in Action” program model has provided us with the best of both worlds by combining our long tradition of Surge with Service Programs and the Building the Domestic Church (BDC) programs. Under the new “Faith in Action” program model, our programs have been restructured and realigned. The Youth programs have been integrated under the Community programs and the council programs have been integrated into the Faith and Family programs. This leaves us with four program categories of Faith, Life, Community, and Family. Supreme’s Recommended Program Category matrix provides 8 programs within each category for a total of 32 programs. Each council can implement any type of program not listed on the matrix as long as it falls within the criteria of the matrix for the respective program category. Within each of these programs, a new required program has been added which includes:

- Faith – Spiritual Reflection
- Life – Novena for Life
- Community – Helping Hands
- Family – Consecration to the Holy Family

Each of these required programs must be reported on the SP-7 Columbian report for qualification of the Columbian award. The SP-7 Columbian report now only requires the reporting of 16 programs, 4 under each program category. A featured program can be added as 2 of the 4 required programs on the report. Another requirement for the Columbian award is the completion of Safe Environment Training for all Grand Knights, Program Directors, Family Directors, and Community Directors within the council. Our new “Faith in Action” program model gives councils a more enriched opportunity for spiritual development and community outreach within their councils and parishes.

My report will include reports from our State Community Director, State Faith Director, and our State Life Director. Each report will also be inclusive of individual chairman reports. We have a great base of directors and/or chairman, but are always in

need to add more energetic and enthusiastic Brother Knights to the program team. We are especially in need of someone to assume the duties of our Family programs.

On March 23, 2019 representatives from the State Council met and conducted the selection of award recipients for the 2019 convention. Below is a breakdown of the number of entries:

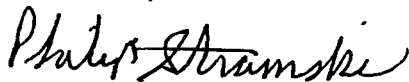
- Faith Activities – 2
- Community Activities – 5
- Family Activities – 2
- Life Activities - 2
- Outstanding Youth – 2
- Family of the Year – 4
- Knight of the Year - 6

Councils in contention for obtaining Star Council status for this fraternal year need to be sure the required forms are completed which are part of qualifications for Star Council. As of 03/30/2019 there were 26 councils who have not submitted their fraternal Survey, form 1728. As of 04/22/2019 there were 32 councils who have not submitted their 365 form for reporting service program personnel. Councils are encouraged to begin submitting their SP-7 Columbian applications and not wait for the June 30, 2019 deadline. This will allow extra time for any revisions that may be required.

I want to thank all of the Directors and Chairman for all their work they have faithfully carried out during this fraternal year within their respective areas. I also want to thank our State Deputy, John Pierce for his confidence in me, and for appointing me as the Oklahoma State General Program Director. We have an amazing program model for our state councils to look outside the box on improving existing programs, as well as being creative on new programs within in charitable and spiritual outreach endeavors.

I respectfully submit this reported to be included in the minutes of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus 114th State Convention held in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Vivat Jesus,



Philip Stramski
General Program Director

Knights of Columbus (kofc) State Community Programs Director Report Prepared for the 114th Oklahoma State Convention

Vincent Nowaczewski (Community Director)

Toan Nguyen (Soccer Challenge Chairman)

James Grim (Basketball Free Throw Chairman)

Tom Greenlee (Helping Hands Chairman)

Zach Warner (Intellectual Disabilities Chairman)

David Roewe (Disaster Preparedness Chairman)

4-15-2019

Dear worthy General Programs Director Philip Stramski,

This is an accounting of the Knights of Columbus (kofc) youth activities. Of the programs available for action through the kofc Supreme council five were executed upon in the fraternal year of 2018 and 2019. These were the Soccer Challenge (SC), Basketball Free-Throw (BFT), Intellectual Disabilities (ID), Helping Hands (HH) and Disaster Preparedness (DP). I address the SC and the BFT within separate sections in this report, but the programs: ID, HH and DP are grouped into a single section due to lack of reportable material. The chairmanships for the Habitat for Humanity (HfH), Global Wheelchair Mission (GWM), Coats-for-Kids (CfK) and Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest (CCEC) remain vacant, and there are no reportable facts on state-wide council-activity for these programs.

This report is organized as follows:

Individual Program Summaries (SC followed by BFT)

Broadly, the Program Summaries Contain:

- 1. Name and general details of event Chairman*
- 2. Date and time-window for event*
- 3. Location of event and sense of repeat use*
- 4. Number of participants hosted*

5. *Accounting of trophies awarded and their manufacturer*
6. *Date winners reports were sent to Supreme*
7. *Description of any incidents (safety, medical or otherwise)*
8. *Brother Knights involved in events*
9. *Key learnings*
10. *Anything else deemed worthy of note*

The SC and BFT program summaries are followed by a section on the less reported upon programs that currently have chairman. Following this is a synthesis and conclusions section.

Appendixes I & II document the results of the SC and BFT state-level competitions

Soccer Challenge

The Oklahoma Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge (SC) was chaired by Toan Nguyen of Tulsa. This is Toan's 3rd year of chairing this event. The SC was held on November 3, 2018 at Bishop Kelley High School as in previous years. Registration was from 10:00 to 10:20 AM and the competition was from 10:20 am to 12:00 pm.

The Soccer Challenge had 12 participants this fraternal year and represented three councils (6606, 13313, and 15834). The total participants count was equal to last year's participation. The trophies were purchased from Trophy and Plaque Plus in Tulsa at an expense of \$117.20. The winners report was sent to supreme by email on February 28, 2019. A total of 10 brother Knights helped with the event. The brother Knights involved in the event included: Vincent Nowaczewski, Dave Schlitter, Lee McLain, Chris Gifford, Paul McTighe, Bob Stovall, Tim Doyle, and Rick Hornak.

Trophies were awarded to winners in each represented age group. The Boys age 12 and Girls age 14 did not have a representative this year (See Appendix for Formal Listing). **Notably, Avery Aldrette was named as International Champion of the 2018-2019 International Soccer Challenge for her division.**

There were no incidents to report. The signage pointing to the soccer fields were improved this year from last year. Several participants had conflict with the event because of either football games or soccer events that were occurring at the same time. We can look at pushing the event back another week to resolve those issues for the upcoming year.

Basketball Free Throw

James Grim of Chandler is the new Chairman of the BFT and is his first year chairing the BFT program. This year the BFT championship was held on March twenty-third (3-23-2019) with registration from eight thirty until nine a.m. and the competition from nine a.m. until around eleven thirty. There were 46 participants in this year's State-Level BFT.

The venue was St. Charles Borromeo school gymnasium located at 5000 N. Grove Avenue, Warr Acres, OK 73122. The venue for the BFT during the previous fraternal year was the Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma County located at 1150 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73118. Due to a lack of response from the Boys and Girls Club management, an alternative venue had to be sought this fraternal year. There is a good chance that St. Charles Borromeo school gymnasium could be used again next year.

There are seventeen (17) placers that are boys and fifteen (15) that are girls for a total of thirty-two (32) placing participants. There were no third place finishers in the following groupings due to a shortage of participants: 11, 12 and 14 year old girls, and 14 year old boys. Thirty-three (33) trophies were ordered this year since there were three (3) left over from last year. These trophies covered first (1st) through third (3rd) place for age groups nine (9) through fourteen (14). The thirty-three (33) trophies ordered this year were from Edmond Trophy in Edmond, OK (401 W 15th St, Edmond, OK). This was the same shop that was used last year. Vincent Nowaczewski picked up the trophies on March fifteenth (3-15-2019) and served as their bearer to the St. Charles Borromeo school gymnasium on the twenty-third (23rd). Vincent still has the remaining third (3rd) place trophies for the boys and girls for use at a later date (girls ages 11, 12, and 14, and boys age 14). Lastly, Vincent sent signed winners reports to the Supreme Council office by eFax on March 31, 2019.

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There were no safety or medical incidents. However, there were at least two conversations with disgruntled parents. One parent noticed that the score keepers were not marking a “missed shot” when the participant stepped on, or over, the line while making shots. This was my fault for not getting with the score keepers prior to the event and ensuring that they paid attention to this detail. After talking with this parent, I did go to all the score keepers to notify them that they needed to mark “miss” when a participant stepped on, or over, the line. Another mother and father of one of the participants claimed that the wrong weight (size) of basketball had been used for one of the groups of contestants. This may have been the case. I believe it was the 11 year old boys group. Unfortunately, our basketball was not clearly marked. All contestants in that group had used the same basketball, but the point was that it was not the size that the particular contestant had been practicing with.

There were many Brother Knights who assisted with the state event this year including Philip Stramski and Vincent Nowaczewski. Mike Bertels and the Worthy Grand Knight Patrick Determann from St. Charles Borromeo were a big help in opening up the facility for our use. John Grim was also helpful in processing participant paperwork. Lastly, we are extremely grateful to the St. Charles Borromeo Principal, Brother Gungoll for allowing the kofc access to the school gymnasium. Worthy Oklahoma kofc secretary Matt Maly was also instrumental in helping the Community Director and his chairman acquire trophies and proof-of-insurance for the competition.

Key Learnings:

- **Book the venue as far in advance as possible. (We had trouble getting the venue booked and, since we were late, we did not seem to have as many options for the date on which to hold the competition.)**
- **Ensure the correct basketball is used for each participating group and use basketballs that have clear-size-markings so issues can be resolved quickly.**

- Know who the knight helpers will be ahead of time so that the rules for scoring can be discussed prior to the event.
- Take down the names and council numbers of all participating knights.
- If possible, hold the event earlier in March so that there will be more time to tabulate the results to send to Supreme before the March 31st deadline. (This will also help in not having to communicate sensitive information via email.)
- If possible, do not hold the event during the schools' Spring Break time period. (There may have been a lower turnout this year due to holding the event at the end of Spring Break.)
- If possible, become involved with getting the word out early to District Deputy Knights to encourage their councils to hold the local level basketball free throw championship competitions. (This could have an impact on the number of participants at the final state-level competition.)

Other Chaired Programs

Helping Hands Program (HH)

The HH program is currently chaired by Brother Tom Greenlee. Helping Hands is a new program area under Community in the Faith in Action program format. We have chosen to focus on homelessness with this program in Oklahoma. This is a required program to earn the Columbian award.

To assist councils with this effort, we have sent the contact information for all the homeless shelters and other agencies that give aid and assistance to the homeless, through the District Deputies to the councils. These agencies are largely concentrated around Oklahoma City and Tulsa, but are present in most areas of the state.

Unfortunately, none of the councils forwarded documentation to Brother Tom recording their efforts to fulfill the HH program. Consequently, there are no hard numbers to report concerning the extent of this program in the Oklahoma region.

Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Program

The current chairman Brother Zach Warner did not receive any documentation from councils recording efforts towards this program. Zach notes that his contact information is not recorded on the Oklahoma kofc website, and this may have partially contributed to the lack of documentation.

Disaster Preparedness (DP) Program

Unfortunately, like the previous program chairman, the DP chairman David Roewe also did not recover any documentation from councils on projects oriented towards disaster preparedness. Awareness, of the necessity of documentation and including the chairman on the submission of rare existing documentation, is the suspected issue confounding the quantification of this programs activity. Brother David Roewe stepped-up to be the DP chairman after the 2013 Moore, OK tornado. Brother David coordinated the partnership of the kofc with the Ste. Vincent DePaul charity to distribute furniture to house-holds trying to get upright after having being impacted by the massive storm. Following 2013, the DP program has been intermitently active, variously supporting recovery efforts following severe weather-events in Oklahoma, Texas and surrounding regions.

Synthesis and Concluding Points

Timing, was a critical issue for this past fraternal year's active programs (SC and BFT). Because of logistical constraints both SC and BFT programs were forced to hold the state level competitions on suboptimal weekends. The SC was competing with football programs and the BFT participant spring-break-plans.

It seems reasonable to imagine that attendance at the soccer challenge would have grown year-over-year had the timing been a bit more optimal. Attendance, was exactly the same numerically for the SC as it was last year, but with some verifiable subtractions from families involved with football. With the BFT it is less clear if growth would have been realized with placement on a non-spring-break weekend because of the sharp loss in attendance year-over-year; presumably due to the widespread vacation-week. Nevertheless, the BFT was a strongly attended event *comfortably* fitting the attendees and their families within the Ste. Charles Borromeo gymnasium.

There is a certain room for improvement with communication between state and council/district levels with our other chaired community programs. Lack of exchange seems to be a common theme, but it is not clear whether this is because these programs are not being carried out in the majority of councils, or if they are and the results simply not being reported to the state level chairman, directors and officers. The truth may be somewhere in-between these two extremes. It will be important going forward to persistently message District Deputies and Grand Knights to inquire upon the state of these programs in the councils and solicit documentation. It does not seem that we have a regular messaging system for these particular programs outside of the yearly workshops and mid-year meetings, but it may be best-practice to develop such a system going-forward.

The remaining community programs are Habitat for Humanity (HfH), Global Wheelchair Mission (GWM), Coats for Kids (CfK) and Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest (CCEC). None of these programs currently have chairman, but the objective is to chair these programs to drive program promotion, install council-level-program chairs, assist-targeted-councils in fulfilling program requirements and improve data-collection for the GWM, CfC, HfH and the CCEC in decreasing order of priority. Importantly, the top three priority programs to chair are those having "featured" status by Supreme. The Helping Hands (HH) program is the required program under community, and so we also need to grow much more in our ability to track how councils are doing executing that program.

In Closing:

Worthy General Programs Director, Philip Stramski, I submit to you the Community Programs Director's report for the 114th kofc Oklahoma State Council Convention. The statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge, and represent the State of Oklahoma's official community-program-activities for the 2018-2019 fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!

Vincent Nowaczewski

State of Oklahoma kofc Community Director

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Appendix I— Table of Soccer Challenge Winners

Names	Age	Gender	Award	KOC CNCL #
N/A	14	Female	1st	N/A
Natalie Holdgrafer	13	Female	1st	
Avery Aldrette	12	Female	1st	
Berkley Seefeldt	11	Female	1st	
Elia Lundt	10	Female	1st	
Mary Kate Ross	9	Female	1st	
Carson Schultz	14	Male	1st	
Braedon Gehring	13	Male	1st	
N/A	12	Male	1st	N/A
Mason Zink	10	Male	1st	
Malcom Davie	9	Male	1st	



Figure 1: Photograph of participants at this fraternal year's soccer challenge competition.



Figure 2: Photograph of the Brother Knights who attended and assisted Chairman Toan Nyugen with the Soccer Challenge.

Appendix II—Tables of Female and Male Basketball Free-Throw Winners

Name	Age	Gender	Award	KOC Council #
Brittney Grissam	14	Female	1st	965
Carolina Avant	14	Female	2nd	3220
Katelyn Penner	13	Female	1st	1533
Kinley Manşel	13	Female	2nd	1287
Katelin Baltazor	13	Female	3rd	4598?
Madison Munden	12	Female	1st	1533
Kennedy Flinton	12	Female	2nd	8204
Ildri Weber	11	Female	1st	13313
Maya Voyles	11	Female	2nd	4601
Katie Milam	10	Female	1st	1287
Evelyn Wagner	10	Female	2nd	11135
Molly Milligan	10	Female	3rd	4601
Andrea Azadi	9	Female	1st	13313
Hallie Morse	9	Female	2nd	965
Kalie Parham	9	Female	3rd	3220
Name	Age	Gender	Award	KOC Council #

Brock Barr	14	Male	1st	965
Caleb Flinton	14	Male	2nd	8204
Jacob Gunter	13	Male	1st	4601
Luke Drew	13	Male	2nd	1018?
Wyatt Pinkerton	13	Male	3rd	3220
Jack Franklin	12	Male	1st	11959
Karson Howerton	12	Male	2nd	1533
Dawson Rucker	12	Male	3rd	12819
Gavin Mansel	11	Male	1st	1287
Max Harper	11	Male	2nd	6606
Will Grayson	11	Male	3rd	12819
Lane Rother	10	Male	1st	3220
Cohen Flinton	10	Male	2nd	8204
Connor Gracey	10	Male	3rd	12819
Sam Grayson	9	Male	1st	12819
Will Kroener	9	Male	2nd	3220
Levi Mansel	9	Male	3rd	1287

Life Director Report - 2019 State Convention, Edmond Oklahoma

2019 March for Life Trip - As a result of the efforts of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, combined with the donations and support from the members of Knights of Columbus Council 12108, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City was able to send a group of 42 Catholic High School students from Bishop McGinnis, Mount St. Mary and Cristo Rey High Schools and their sponsors to a pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. from January 16th to January 20th for the first time. The trip was a dream come true for many of the students, who had to each write an essay on why they were Pro-Life, in order to be selected to attend the march. The trip started with an airplane flight to Washington D.C, on Wednesday January 16th, followed by a tour of the Catholic University and a vigil mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on January 17th. The actual March for life was held on Friday March 18th and was followed by a tour of the Capitol. Saturday March 19th started off with mass concelebrated by the Archbishop Coakley and Fr. Carson Krittenbrink, followed by tours of the Holocaust museum, Bible Museum and Arlington Cemetery and a walking tour of the national mall. On the last night of the trip, the students had a chance to play some games and got to express their thoughts and impressions of the trip and how it changed their lives and their view of the pro-life issue.

Knights of Columbus Prolife Billboard Campaign - Knights of Columbus Council # 12108 initiated Phase 1 of the Pro-Life Billboard campaign in the OKC Metro Area that ran from July 2018 to January 2019, with money raised by Council #12108 to purchase space on ten (10) electronic billboards located at various areas around the Oklahoma City Metro Area showing a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a mother and her baby on one side and the words, "Choose Life" on the other side". While Phase 1 of the Pro-Life Billboard campaign was in progress, Council # 12108 sent out letters to all of the other Councils in the state of Oklahoma soliciting donations for Phase 2 to extend and expand the Pro-Life Billboard campaign from January 2019 to July 2019. In response to this appeal, Council #3220 in Okarche, Council # 10822 at St. Eugene's, Council #12669 at Christ the King, Council #16214 in Del City, Council #1018 in Shawnee, Council #6477 at St. John's, Council 5396 in Jones, Council 13313 at St Mary's in Tulsa, Council #6478 in Yukon and Council 11237 at St. Monica's, gave amounts ranging from \$200.00 to \$500.00 per council, to raise a total of \$5,675. In addition to the electronic billboards, St. Marks Council #12108, paid for twelve bus benches at \$75.00 a piece, located all over the OKC Metro Area with the "Choose Life" slogan on them.

Currently, Council #12108 is in the process of raising additional funds to fund Phase 3 of the Pro-Life Billboard Campaign which will run from July 2019 to January 2020. To date we have raised a total of \$882.00 and still have a ways to go to meet our \$5,000.00 goal. So, we encourage those councils who have yet to participate in the Pro-Life Billboard Campaign to join us.

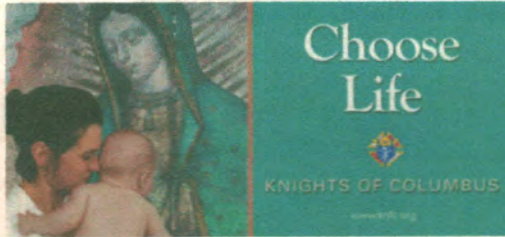
2019 PROLIFE BILLBOARD



CAMPAIGN - UPDATE

PHASE ONE (July 2018 to January 2019)

Phase One of the Prolife Billboard Campaign (PBC) began on July 16, 2018 with electronic billboards displaying the "Choose Life" message to thousands of drivers a day in Oklahoma City, Edmond, Yukon and Del City. The first phase of the Prolife Billboard Campaign will end on January 31, 2019. The cost of the billboards in **Phase One** was funded by Council 12108. We are ready to begin to display the billboards in **Phase Two** of the PBC.



PHASE TWO (January 2019 to July 2019)

During **Phase One**, money was donated that will fund the PBC in **Phase Two** which runs from January 2019 to July 2019. We will continue the same format as **Phase One** with electronic billboards in Oklahoma City, Edmond, Yukon, **Norman (new location)** and Del City. (See Page Two -

below)

PHASE THREE (July 2019 to January 2020)

We will accept council, parish or individual donations. We need a minimum of \$5,000.00 to reach the **Phase Three** goal of ten electronic billboards. This is your opportunity to stand up and answer God's call to speak out for the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves. Please prayerfully consider supporting this life saving program.

We would like all donations or pledges to be in by July 1, 2019

Please send your donations to the address listed below:

**Knights of Columbus Council 12108
Prolife Billboard Campaign
P.O. Box 893232
Oklahoma City, OK 73189**

Please make your check payable to **Knights of Columbus Council 12108** and write **Prolife Billboard Campaign** in the memo line. **Include the name of a contact person, his telephone number and e-mail address.** Your council will receive a receipt for the Prolife Billboard Campaign donation via e-mail. The list of donations will be posted on the Council 12108 website at **www.kofc12108.org**. All administrative costs for the Prolife Billboard Campaign will be absorbed by Council 12108. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

Vivat Jesus,

Dr. Ronald Larchick
Grand Knight
St. Mark the Evangelist Council 12108

PROLIFE BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN - PHASE TWO

Council 12108 collected a total of \$5,675.00 from July 2018 to January 2019 to fund **Phase Two of the Prolife Billboard Campaign**. We want to thank all the generous donors listed below. Everyone involved in these donations made a choice to defend the defenseless. May God bless all of you.

Phase Two Funding Sources

Council 12108	John Spaight	\$500.00
Council 3220	Okarche	\$500.00
Council 12108	Linda & Ron Larchick	\$100.00
Council 10822	St. Eugene	\$250.00
Council 12669	Christ the King	\$300.00
Council 16214	Del City	\$200.00
Council 12108	Ladies Auxiliary	\$500.00
Council 12108	Anonymous Donor	\$500.00
Council 1018	Shawnee	\$200.00
Council 6477	St. John, Edmond	\$500.00
Council 5396	Jones	\$200.00
Council 12108	Anonymous Donor	\$250.00
Council 13313	St. Mary, Tulsa	\$200.00
Council 6478	Yukon	\$300.00
Council 12108	Anonymous Donor	\$100.00
Council 11237	St. Monica, Edmond	\$500.00
Saint Monica Parish	Edmond	\$500.00
In honor of Patty & Garth Christian's 50 th Anniversary		\$50.00
<u>In honor of Nancy DeGroote's Birthday</u>		<u>\$25.00</u>

Total \$5,675.00

various parish celebrations, including parish Masses, school Masses, rosaries, processions, and prayer services in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

2019 will mark the 60th anniversary of the Silver Rose program. A special celebration is being planned for the transfer of the Rose to Mexico in Laredo in December 2019. The detailed planning for this celebration is ongoing. All members and their families are invited to attend this special anniversary celebration. As the details are finalized the State Council will keep everyone informed. The State Family recommends that members prayerfully consider making a commitment to participate in the program in 2019. This participation can be by volunteering as a runner in Oklahoma, attending Silver Rose Masses in Oklahoma and/or making a pilgrimage to Laredo to attend the 60th anniversary celebration.

Having been the State Silver Rose Chairman for the past seven years, this report marks the conclusion of my time as State Silver Rose Chairman. I will be happy to assist Former District Master LeRoy Giddens as he moves into the new position of State Chairman for 2019. I would like to thank Past State Deputies Dan Hogan, Ron Schwarz, and Bob Melko and our current State Deputy, John Pierce, for allowing me to serve these past seven years as State Silver Rose Chairman for Oklahoma and Past State Deputy Paul Weigl for assisting me this past year.

Special Olympics – Tom Greenlee

We Knights of Columbus have a unique relationship with Special Olympics and have been supporting them both financially and with volunteers for many years.

Here in Oklahoma we have been and continue to support the Special Olympics Summer Games in Stillwater by running the Concession stand serving both athletes and supporters.

Local councils have provided volunteers to assist with registration and conducting events with the local Special Olympic area organizations. This has allowed these athletes with physical and developmental disabilities to enjoy the thrill of competition and to be a part the larger world.

Novena for life – Tony Gianino

The Knights of Columbus Council 12108 and its four committees (Life, Family, Faith, and Community), under the direction of State Director for Life, Victor Munding, have participated in praying two novenas this fraternal year. One novena was prayed by all members of Council 12108 back in October for the Sanctity of Life at all levels from conception to natural death. The second novena was prayed in December leading up to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Our Lady of Guadalupe, as the Patroness of the Americas and of the Knights of Columbus, caused our council to participate in this worthwhile prayer effort and has led to a closer fraternity within the Knights of Columbus and Council 12108. Our plan is to continue

praying these novenas in the future and to continue building the Domestic Church for the betterment of our families and our society in general.

Mass for People with Special Needs – Bob Winstead

The Center of Family Love was started by a few men of The Knights of Columbus some 45 years ago, located in Okarche, Oklahoma. The Center has about 135 residents in three Locations. The Center provides lifetime care for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Knights of Columbus remain an integral part of The Center of Family Love.

It is appropriate that The Knights of St. Marks Catholic Church Council #12108 sponsor a Mass at The Blessed Stanley Rother Chapel, located at the Center of Family Love. A weekly Mass is planned for the residents and staff and visitors on Thursdays at 9:30am. We have visiting priests that visit and celebrate Mass. Deacon Lloyd Menz is the Deacon. Of Course, Archbishop Paul Coakley, Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius Beltran and Bishop Konderla come to say Mass on occasions.

The special needs Mass sponsored by Council 12108 is planned for March 21, 2019. The Mass is at the Blessed Stanley Rother Chapel scheduled for 9:30am and the Celebrant is Father Don Wolf from St. Eugene's. After the Mass, we will have games for the residents and a lunch will be served in the Salatka Building.

Ultrasound Program - Dr. Steve Richichi

40 days for Life East - No report Submitted

Christian Refugee Relief – Working to fill this position.



Oklahoma Knights of Columbus

State Ultrasound Initiative



2019 State Convention Report

The State Ultrasound Initiative purchased 2 more ultrasound machines this past fraternal year. This brings the total number of ultrasounds purchased in Oklahoma to 23.

To date, the *Culture of Life* fund has invested **\$734,906.80** in Oklahoma to protect the unborn, with half of that coming from the state (including what Council 4026 raised for the MWC Eden Clinic machine). There is currently **\$63,743** on deposit with the *K of C Foundation*, and another **\$5000** in the *State Council* account, for a total available of **\$68,743**.

We are working on purchasing 2 more ultrasound machines, with an application pending for another one. These are as follows:

<u>Clinic Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Machine Type</u>	<u>Status</u>
GoLife	Tulsa	Stand-alone	Approved, to be Submitted
GoLife	Norman	Mobile	Received, needs Approval
Gateway	Yukon	Mobile	Application Pending

We are also anticipating a few more applications from HOPE Pregnancy Centers in the near future.

The stated objective of the Supreme Initiative has always been to save unborn lives. In this respect, the Oklahoma State Initiative continues to be extremely effective. We are responsible for placing roughly 2.5% of the overall machines, despite only having about 0.5% of the worldwide Knights population residing in our state. In other words, we are placing machines at a proportional rate that is five times greater than our member population. The technology we have been able to provide to our partner clinics has helped them to save thousands of unborn lives. It is hard to estimate this in absolute numbers, but somewhere around 90% of mothers who view a sonogram choose to keep their babies. Every Knight in Oklahoma should be proud of what we are achieving.

The Ultrasound Initiative in Oklahoma continues to bear fruit. Contributions have declined over recent years and it is important that Councils across the state, large and small, continue to put on fund-raising events to support this important ministry of the Knights of Columbus. The "*Change for Life*" cup program should be actively promoted within each council. District Deputies are asked to work with their councils to provide at least one dedicated fundraising effort in their district every quarter. Inter-council fund-raising activities are also encouraged.

Through State Life Director Victor Munding and the Forty Days for Life Program, I have made numerous connections to various Pro-Life Leaders in the metro OKC area, as well as contacting the Pro-Life & Family Officers in Tulsa and the Archdiocese. The SLD and I have sought to identify and update a comprehensive list of Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) throughout the state.

Another item of note is that we must continue to be diligent in our scrutiny of qualifying CPCs to be consistent with Catholic teaching. *Eden Clinic* announced at their recent banquet that they would begin providing birth control to their clients. As such, they are ineligible to receive any future machines until this policy is discontinued. Councils seeking to work with CPCs should remain vigilant in such scrutiny.



Oklahoma Knights of Columbus

State Ultrasound Initiative



As per Tyler Lomnitzer (Program Manager, Life-Based Initiatives, Fraternal Mission):

"The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is pleased to announce that it has entered into preferred pricing agreements with three ultrasound vendors: Neurologica, Philips, and Esaote. Given our volume of donated machines (1000+ in the past ten years), we were able to leverage our buying power to lock in guaranteed pricing for three different machines from each vendor, including a three-year maintenance contract, training, and free onboard shipping. We recommend that you select one of these vendors when you are ready to donate money for an ultrasound machine. ... Engaging these vendors is recommended, but not required. Councils and pregnancy centers we are assisting may engage with their own preferred vendor, if desired."

A schedule of these machines with pricing is attached to this report.

The following graphic depicts the placement of all but the most recent machines. We are seeking to give priority to underserved portions of the state (NW & SE) and to proximity to college towns, but we will fill requests in the order in which they are received. We will also seek to replace outdated machines as needed and to place appropriate K of C signage on both existing and all future machines.



I am extremely grateful to the *Oklahoma State Council* for giving me an opportunity to serve in this capacity. I look forward to working with Archbishop Coakley, Bishop Konderla, State Chaplain Oswald, and the councils and DD Leadership throughout Oklahoma for what I expect to be a deeply personal, faith-enriching experience, complementary to praying the Rosary with my father outside the Norman abortion facility on a year-round basis. Lastly, I offer my thanks to Past Ultrasound Chairman Otto Nieman for giving me his support and encouragement as I have gotten my bearings running this program.



Oklahoma Knights of Columbus

State Ultrasound Initiative



This report is respectfully submitted for inclusion in the minutes of the 2019 State Convention.

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For those who are not aware of the history of the program, here is the chronology:

January 2011 Through the **encouragement** of Bishop Slattery, SD David Roewe and the State Officers decided to implement the Ultrasound Initiative as a Statewide program. The Change for LIFE Campaign was rolled out to the delegates attending the State Convention in April.

December 2011 Catholic Charities of Tulsa receives the 1st ultrasound under the state program

January 2012 Pathways, Altus
 March 2012 Birth Choice, Warr Acres
 May 2012 Birth Choice, Oklahoma City
 May 2012 EDEN Clinic, MWC (purchased by Council 4026 so no State funds used)

July 2012 Pregnancy Resource Center, Owasso

December 2012 Crisis Pregnancy Outreach, Jenks

July 2013 MEND Crisis Pregnancy Outreach, Tulsa

April 2014 Northeastern Oklahoma HOPE Pregnancy Center, Pryor
 October 2014 Birth Choice, Edmond
 October 2014 Birth Choice, Norman

January 2015 GoLife, Tulsa
 January 2015 HOPE Pregnancy Center, Ardmore
 January 2015 Crisis Pregnancy Center of SW Oklahoma, Lawton
 December 2015 Crossroads Clinic, Oklahoma City
 December 2015 HOPE Pregnancy Center, Tulsa
 December 2015 The Evany Clinic, Mustang

July 2016 The Cottages, Bartlesville
 October 2016 HOPE Pregnancy Center, Edmond

October 2017 Charis Pregnancy Center, Duncan
 October 2017 Living Hope Pregnancy Center, Ponca City

July 2018 Gateway Women's RC, Yukon
 July 2018 Birth Choice, Lawton



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Portable Tablet-based (2D)			
System	\$ 21,200	\$ 24,000	\$ 25,000
Transducer	incl.	incl.	incl.
Transducer	incl.	incl.	incl.
Cart	incl.	incl.	incl.
Thermal Printer	incl.	incl.	incl.
Total	\$ 21,200	\$ 24,000	\$ 25,000
Value-Point Stand-alone (2D)			
System	\$ 23,500	\$ 27,000	\$ 26,000
Transducer	incl.	incl.	incl.
Transducer	incl.	incl.	incl.
Accessory Package	incl.	incl.	incl.
External Keyboard	incl.	incl.	incl.
Thermal Printer	incl.	incl.	incl.
Total	\$ 23,500	\$ 27,000	\$ 26,000
Mid-Point Stand-alone (3D)			
System	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,500
Transducer	incl.	incl.	incl.
Transducer	incl.	incl.	incl.
Transducer	incl.	incl.	incl.
4D Option	incl.	incl.	incl.
HDVI	incl.	incl.	incl.
Realistic Vue	incl.	incl.	incl.
Thermal Printer	incl.	incl.	incl.
Total	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,500
Maintenance Contract	Included (36 months)	Included (36 months)	Included (36 months)
Training	Included	Included	Included
Shipping	FOB Destination	FOB Destination	FOB Destination

Oklahoma KofC State Faith Activities Director Report

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Delegates, and Brother Knights.

Following is the present status of activities that are ongoing in the Oklahoma jurisdiction.

RSVP:

Currently there are 9 Seminarians that are being supported by 6 reporting councils. These councils are 916, Guthrie, OK, 4598, Harrah, OK, 5396, Jones, OK, 6477, Edmond, 11237, Edmond and 12108, Norman, OK. These councils have given donations of \$500, \$1000 and notable of all Council 11237 with a donation of \$2000. The total of all donations is \$8000. I would like to congratulate these councils for showing their support of vocations for our seminarians.

Now for those councils not mentioned who are supporting seminarians. I ask that your council Leadership ensure that the State RSVP Chairman Joe Mecham be notified of the donations your council made and to whom they were made. This information is most important for the State of Oklahoma when it comes to keeping track of how we as Knights are supporting our future priests and deacons. As leaders of our councils we are accountable for making sure everything is completed and reported in a timely fashion. Joe will be here all weekend, so see him before you leave to turn in your information and also update the State Directory. The ultimatum is for every council to support the RSVP program.

Marion Icon:

The Marion Icon "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians" has been circulating through the Oklahoma jurisdiction since January 1st. Starting in the panhandle of Oklahoma the Icon has been received and enjoyed by every council that has had prayer services. Currently the Icon is circulating through District 15 and one of the Icons is here at the Convention.

Each council has the Icon for a week which affords the parish to have it present during the week day and Sunday masses. Attendance for the services has been good and gives every council the opportunity to come together with the parish faithful to pray for our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters.

The most important aspect of this program is for every Grand Knight and his leadership to notify the parish pastor of the scheduled dates that the Marion Icon will be in his parish. This helps in building that working relationship with our pastors to assist him in rebuilding the church and the faith.

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk:

The Building the Domestic Church Kiosk program was designed for all councils to implement (with approval from your parish pastor) the opportunity to put exceptional religious education materials into the hands of the faithful.

If your council is already participating in this program, that's a great achievement. If your council is not, then meet with your pastor and discuss placing a kiosk in your parish. As most of us know, trust and attendance in the church is down. We as Catholic men and Brother Knights have the obligation to assist our pastors in rebuilding the church and the trust that has marred our faith. As mentioned before, start building that working relationship with the pastor.

Spiritual Reflection:

The Spiritual Reflection program is an area that most council's seem to struggle with, however some council's achieved the requirements to qualify for the Columbian Award by attending the recent Men's Conference in Norman in groups of 10 or more as per the requirement in the Faith In Action guidebook. Consult with your pastor, to set an entire weekend or a day of reflection that incorporates faith classes, confession and preferably mass.

To touch briefly on the remaining programs of the Faith category,

Into The Breach:

An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men, written by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmstead, Bishop of Phoenix, is a book about being a better Christian man, how to love as a Catholic man, and why is fatherhood, fully understood, so crucial for every man. It has an 8 week course that can be used in a group discussion setting. If you or your council has not utilized this resource, it can be ordered from the Supreme website under the supplies online.

Rosary Program:

The program encourages KofC councils to promote devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services. Each one of us should remember that during our Admission degree we took a promise of devotion to pray the rosary as often as possible.

Holy Hour:

This program is self explanatory. Work with your pastor to set a time for your council and families to spend an hour or more in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacramental Gifts:

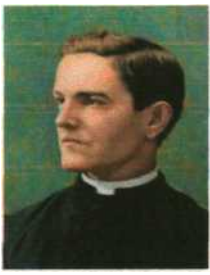
This program allows KofC councils the opportunity to participate in momentous celebrations that families experience with Baptism, First Communion, RCIA, and Marriage. Gifts for each can be ordered from supplies online. Order enough to cover every event throughout the year.

Each Council in the Oklahoma Jurisdiction was given a Faith In Action Guidebook to use in planning your councils activities. By referencing and utilizing this guidebook your council can excel in its programs and thus enhance and help your pastor grow the parish and your council in every aspect in keeping with the vision of our founder, The Venerable Fr Michael J. McGivney.

In closing, I respectfully submit this report to the Worthy State Secretary and move that it be adopted into the minutes of the 114th Oklahoma Knights of Columbus State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

Steven E Rose
Faith Activities Director
Oklahoma KofC State Council



OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

April 25, 2019

RE: 365 Club REPORT, 2017-2018 Fraternal Year, 113* Oklahoma State Convention

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Master, Worthy State Membership Director, Worthy General Program Director, Worthy State Directors, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Delegates and Brother Knights

The 365 Club was established to provide financial assistance to seminaries from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa. The 365 Club has been successfully promoted around the State with council and individuals contributing throughout the year. This fund is invested through the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus Foundation and each year a portion of the earnings are used to provide scholarships to seminarians.

This past year the 365 Club received total contribution in the amount of \$6,366.80. The total value of the fund is \$344,473.84, which includes unrealized gains or losses.

I am pleased to announce that we had four (4) members achieving lifetime membership:

- Vincent Simon
- Dale Harrison PSD

The following Councils made contributions to the 365 Club Fund

- Council 1038
- Council 12108
- Council 1104
- Council 8523

On behalf of the State Council, I wish to thank all Brother Knights and their families who have diligently supported this worthy cause and I solicit your continued support.

I respectfully submit this report to the minutes of the 113rd Oklahoma State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

**Miguel Grijalva
State Warden**



OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE



April 25, 2019

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN REPORT

Presented to the 114th Convention of the Oklahoma State Council of the Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Master, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy State Membership Director, Worthy General Program Director, Worthy State Directors, Worthy Delegates and Brother Knights all,

The Pennies for Heaven program was established during the 1973-1974 fraternal year under the guidance of then State Deputy Harold Welling for the support of Vocations in the State of Oklahoma. The program collected pocket change from members and distributed it evenly to the Diocese of Tulsa and the Diocese of Oklahoma City.

Over the course of this year, April 2018 through March 2019, the councils and members of the Oklahoma State Council have contributed \$2,969.15 to the Pennies for Heaven fund which is administered by the Knights of Columbus Foundation. Total amount in the Pennies for Heaven Fund is \$185,049.27

Checks for \$1,000.00 each will be sent from the State Council to the Diocese of Tulsa and the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City representing interest earned by the fund during the last fiscal year.

I respectfully submit this report to the minutes of the 114th Oklahoma State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

Miguel Grijalva
Oklahoma State Council
State Warden

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