

Oklahoma Knights of Columbus 114th State Convention Membership Report

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy Supreme Representative, State Officers, District Deputies, Delegates and Brother Knights:

The 2018-2019 Fraternal Year has once again demonstrated the determination and resolve that we as Oklahoma Brother Knights have come to expect. As in years before, we have had ups and down: A strong 1st qtr start and solid monthly gains in our online membership, but also a recent surge of suspensions in the last 3 months, some as high as 30 suspensions in individual councils. As of today, our total membership stands at 8,673. This represents a total increase of 153 Brother Knights to our State since the beginning of the year. Our intake this year has been 389 new Brother Knights, putting us at 86% in relation to our intake goal. With just more than two months remaining in the Fraternal Year, I have no doubt that we will reach 100% and achieve our goal. But more important than just these numbers are the Brother Knights that these numbers represent. The men who have been brought closer to their faith through the Knights. The families that are better financially protected through the Knights. The ability to make an impact in the lives of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This is what these numbers truly represent. Knowing that membership in our order is more on relationships than it is on numbers, I urge all councils to participate in a sort of "self-evaluation" when it comes to your members:

We call ourselves Brother Knights...are we truly being Brothers to each other in our councils? Are we actively engaging new and old members alike? Are we meeting the ever changing needs of our members? Are we participating in activities to which our members actually want to participate? Or are we only contacting our Brothers when we are demanding their dues be paid? If you were a member of an organization that you felt only wanted you for your money, you might second guess being a member of that organization, too. We must remember that every Brother Knight stepped up, like you yourselves, to the plate at some time in their life. They actively reached out to the Knights of Columbus seeking membership and were no doubt anticipating becoming more involved with their community, their parish and their faith. It is our obligation to help each other maintain that positive path.

As I mentioned earlier, we have achieved strong monthly gains in online membership, with most recently last month March being our most successful month by bringing in 32 new Knights to our order. As of the end of March, we have recruited 150 new online members this fraternal year, with the average age of those new members being 42 years old. For the last numerous months, Oklahoma has lead the way with online membership by being the #1 jurisdiction within the Knights for online membership. And for that, I applaud you! Because, Brother Knights, if you think that this success has been because of me, you give me far too much credit. You are the engines that drive us. You are the lights that guide us. And you are the men that inspire us. And it is an honor to be a Brother Knight with you.

But there is still a key, critical action that each of your councils can do to ensure your ability to utilize this online tool effectively: converting online members to your councils via an

Admission Degree. Right now, we have 64 online Knights that have identified an interest in joining a local council. That's right...there are 64 men that have put their money where their mouth is and have said, "I want to join a council." We must answer that call. My Brother Knights, know this: men are looking; men are longing; men are acting. If we, the Knights of Columbus, do not answer their call, they will find someone or something else.

As we now close out the first month of the 4th Qtr, we find ourselves 180 degrees away from where we were last year at this time. Last year, April found us sitting further away from our goal of achieving our membership goal than at any other time during my tenure. This year, we find ourselves closer to achieving our membership goal than at any other time of my tenure. But we cannot get complacent, we cannot assume that we have this "in the bag". Currently, we sit 61 shy of our intake goal and 39 shy of our net gain goal. So again, your help is needed. There is still time to hold a membership drive. There is still time to reach out to your members pending suspension. There is still time to achieve your own council goals by converting those waiting 64 online members. There is still time to, as Supreme Knight Carl Anderson says, to meet our moral obligation to ask every Catholic man to become a Knight of Columbus. To this end, the State Council will be announcing at the state convention two new incentives for the remaining months of the fraternal year.

Thank you to State Deputy John Pierce for his appointment for this past year and to the State Officers for their continued help and support. Thank you to the various Membership Chairman for their amazing effort and dedication. I especially wish to thank each of the District Deputies for being open and willing to discuss the various membership issues affecting their districts. This level of openness and dialogue is going to be one of the key attributes that will help drive our membership into the future. Finally, thank you to you, the members and councils of Oklahoma that make this position such a rewarding one.

I respectfully request that this report be submitted to the official minutes of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus 114th Annual State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

Ryan King, State Membership Director
Oklahoma Knights of Columbus

CENTER OF FAMILY LOVE REPORT

Oklahoma State K of C Convention

Edmond, April 26 - 28, 2019

The Center of Family Love is one of our proudest possessions since it's opening in 1981 by the OK Knights, and something that we can all be very proud of. You are encouraged to visit the main CFL campus in Okarche, to see firsthand what we are doing there to provide quality lifetime care for the 130 adult residents with intellectual disabilities.

None of our residents pay directly for the ongoing care they receive at CFL, and because of the leveling of funding from state and federal sources along with increasing costs of operations we continue to face financial challenges with the cash flow for the current year. Through our ongoing efforts and the help of our Catholic neighbors and outside sources, we have been able to meet the need for an additional revenue of approximately \$1,500,000 a year. CFL is very well managed by Debbie Espinosa our Executive Director, Nellie Sanders our Development Director and approximately 130 employees. We continue to increase our exposure and support through the parishes around the state with the approval of both Archbishop Coakley and Bishop Konderla.

There are three main efforts of fundraising through the Knights : the oldest one is the handing out of Tootsie Rolls and taking donations, second and largest source of revenue is the Annual Gala and third The Love Challenge.

The old standby with the Tootsie Rolls is coming up in May and the funds raised goes through the Oklahoma K of C Foundation to support the needs of the Center for the physical plant facility or improvements as needs arise.

An extremely important event and the largest potential fundraiser is our annual Gift of Love Gala, started five years ago, which will be held Saturday June 15 at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in OKC. We are now acquiring council and corporate sponsorships and items for the auction. We already have many council and assembly sponsors, so why not join them and have your council be a Gala sponsor at some level. The main attraction is the Cash Raffle, coordinated by the Knights of Columbus, which includes Cash prizes totaling \$20,000 - the grand prize being \$10,000. Tickets are \$100 each and you do not need to be present to win. If you want to attend the banquet, the tickets are an additional \$75 per person until May 20th, after that the banquet tickets will be \$175. This event has been very successful

and this year's goal is to match last year which was a record one million gross income and a net profit of \$700,000.

An important part of this fundraising effort is through the local parishes, in which local councils are asked to get involved. Sponsorship packets including raffle tickets and Gala banquet information have been sent out to councils in March. Representatives of CFL will be at the table outside to help if you have questions or need additional packets or supplies. Hopefully, you have appointed a CFL Chairman for your council to head up your local activities, and be sure to sell or purchase your tickets for the raffle and Gala. You may be the \$10,000 winner! The State council is again promoting the sale of Gala Raffle tickets with an incentive for individual Knights and Councils. We are going to take a few minutes at this point to review the materials and answer questions.

The "Love Challenge" is the newest program currently being introduced to parishes through councils around the state. Under this program councils and parishes can adopt a resident of CFL financially and get to know them personally. Councils and Pastors of parishes have all recently received information packets asking for support and with new simplified details of how to carry out the program. We currently have 29 councils/parishes involved in this program and have raised \$227,385 since it started in 2017.

My Brother Knights, we must get the message out and follow through on behalf of this great effort we started 38 years ago. By working closely with your councils and pastors, you can help tap into new financial resources for CFL, and by supporting these three fundraising efforts you can help keep it one of our great successes!

If I can be of help to you in working with your parishes on behalf of CFL in the Archdiocese or Dan Hogan can help in the Tulsa Diocese, please let us know. Thank you for your ongoing support for CFL!

Vivat Jesus,

Richard J Schulte, PSD, FVSM, FDM

CFL Chairman, OKC Archdiocese

**State Catholic Education Program Report
Knights of Columbus
2019 Oklahoma State Convention
4.28.2019**

State Catholic Education Program (CEP) Activity: Fraternal Year 2018

**Recognizing Last Contribution to Saint Gregory's Scholarship Program
Total Donations FY 2017 - \$22,850.00**

Catholic Education Program (CEP) Activity:

- **First, A HUGE Thank YOU to YOU Brothers and Sisters who supported the SGU Scholarship Program over the years. Your efforts provided an excellent education with Catholic principals to thousands of students over the last 100+ years.**
- **During the 2018 year the State Council developed the next generation program to continue the important support of Catholic Education in Oklahoma.**
- **CEP Mission Statement** –To support Catholic Education in Oklahoma through the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa via a State Council Program.
- **CEP Purpose Statement** –To provide support for Catholic Schools in Oklahoma that continues the long-standing tradition of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus of supporting Catholic Education. The program intent is to raise funds to support all Catholic Education Programs whether or not they have a local Knight's Council, Assembly, Auxiliary. By leveraging our funds, we can ensure that programs in Oklahoma benefit from the Knight's support. This program also provides a process that allows our Councils, Assemblies and Auxiliaries to identify a Catholic Educational Program/Organization that they can designate to receive 25 percent of their total contributions while still helping the over Catholic Educational Program.

CEP Program Information and Activity – For Fraternal Year 2019/2020

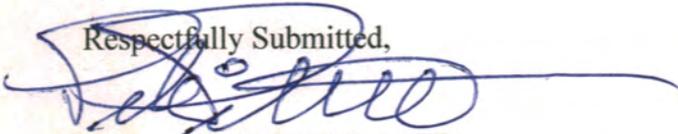
- The program is to be administrated by the Oklahoma State Council under the Office of the State Treasure.
- Paperwork and checks to be made out to the Oklahoma State Council and sent to **State Secretary, see website for current Secretary's address.**
- The collected funds to be deposited in a State Charity Treasury for the exclusive support of Oklahoma Catholic Education.
- The collected funds to be distributed by check equally between the Archdiocese of Oklahoma and the Diocese of Tulsa for Catholic Education.
- Participating councils may designate 25% of their total contributions to be donated to a Catholic Education Program/Organization of their choice.
- Funds distribution to be accomplished during the state convention annually.
- There is no minimum or maximum for contributions.

- Councils, Assemblies and Auxiliaries may identify a Catholic Educational Program or Organization to receive up to 25% of their total contribution. The chairman will be appointed by the General Program Director (GPD) and serve at the pleasure of Oklahoma State Deputy.
- The chairman shall provide as needed or requested any information or communications to the GPD, State Officers, and membership as directed.
- The chairman is to liaison with the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa education representatives as directed or required.

Next Action Items in the Scholarship Program:

- CEP information mail outs to Councils, Assemblies and Auxiliaries.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter A. Pickett, PKG, M.ED
Catholic Education Program Chairman



OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Oklahoma Knights of Columbus State Catholic Education Program Form

Council, Assembly or Auxiliary # _____

YEAR _____

Total Money Collected/Donated _____

Local Catholic Education Program 25% (if desired) _____

Local Catholic Education Program to receive your 25% donation:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St. Zip: _____

Footnotes:

Please fill out this Report Form and include it with your Council, Assembly or Auxiliary check when you turn in your Catholic Education Program donation at the State Convention or send them to **Matthey Maly, State Secretary, P.O. Box 851476, Yukon, Oklahoma 73085-1476.** Please make your checks payable to the **Knights of Columbus State Council**.

The State Council will write a check for the 25% of your donation to your desired Catholic Education Program and then sent it back to your Financial Secretary for presentation to your local Education Program. If the check is to be sent to someone else than the current Financial Secretary, please add their address to this Report Form.

Oklahoma Knights of Columbus State Catholic Education Program

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Educational Program Contributions:

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Program Director Responsibilities:

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Report of The Running of the Silver Rose

Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Vice Supreme Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Past Vice Supreme Masters, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Directors and Chairmen, Worthy Delegates, and Brothers All:

The running of the Silver Rose in 2018 marked the 59th year of the program that began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson shaped the Silver Rose program as a culture of life effort at the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Toronto. This annual activity "is a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

On October 13, 2018 the Oklahoma jurisdiction received the Supreme Silver Rose from the Kansas jurisdiction at Sacred Heart Church in Miami, OK. Oklahoma State Chaplain Reverend M. Price Oswalt celebrated Mass and Sacred Heart Council 3167 hosted a banquet following Mass. The Supreme Rose was then transferred from council to council along a route through eastern Oklahoma culminating in its transfer from the Oklahoma jurisdiction to the Texas jurisdiction on November 10, 2018 at a Mass celebrated at St. Mary Church in Gainesville, Texas. Concurrent with the running of the Supreme Rose through eastern Oklahoma, the Provincial Rose assigned to District Master Fred Crump traveled along a route through western and central Oklahoma. The running of the Provincial Rose commenced October 27, 2018 at St. Peter Church in Guymon, Oklahoma and concluded November 27, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Lawton, Oklahoma. Over the four-week schedule, both Roses were included in 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.

I hereby ASK that this report be submitted ~~to~~ INCLUSION of the 114th minutes of the
VIVAT JESUS! *OK state convention*

Fraternally, Chris King, Outgoing State Silver Rose Chairman