



KNIGHTS

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State Deputy's Report for April 2014

Michael Kieffer, State Deputy

Spring is finally here and we are most of the way through our Lenten preparation for Easter. I hope you all have a blessed Easter.

We have just finished our March, Founders Day (month) Church Membership Drive. I thank those councils that made an effort to bring in new members. New members are our future! If you could not do a Church Drive in March please try to do one during the month of April. The new member you bring in might be your future Grand Knight.

Welcome back to Pope John XXIII Council 6942 in Arkadelphia. They reactivated their council on the 19th of March and brought in five new members. They are really excited about helping their parish and community. They may have to alter the name of their council to Saint Pope John XXIII, when he and Pope John Paul II are canonized on April 27th.

The convention is coming up: April 25-27 in Russellville if you do not have your packet yet look at the website in the March Newsletter. This will be a great convention with a lot of exciting business and elections. We will have a lot of fun too! See you there!

All councils be preparing for and wrapping up their requirements for Star Council. There are 12 Councils that have it almost in the bag as far as making Star Council. If they need a couple more members – think about RCIA, Graduations or relatives. If they need Insurance – for as little as \$100 for a new member or \$300 for an older member you can get into an Annuity. Is your Priest an insurance member? Get him a \$300 Anuity. Then take a few minutes to fill out the required reports. We had two councils missed Star last year because they did not send in the required reports.

One Member per Council per Month.

One First Degree per District per Month.

(At Least) One Star Council per District.

Vivat Jesus
Mike Kieffer, State Deputy



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State Program Director Report for April 2014

Philip Savage, State Program Director

Worthy Brother Knights,

Our state meeting is just around the corner. Are you ready? State meeting is always a great time for me, a chance to visit with so many Brothers who share the same love for our church, our seminarians, our priests, our bishop and Pope Francis!

I congratulate each of you, for every day you choose to do what needs to be done! (I hope it is not a sin) I am proud to be working with you Brother Knights to ensure our church stands firm and follows the teaching and examples that Pope Francis has set before us.

I pray your council is doing well. I know so many council's here in Arkansas are doing great things. Keep up the good work.

With programs, we have the opportunity to reach out to all in need.

Remember, programs are an opportunity to recruit a new member.

God bless each of you,

Philip Savage
State Program Director



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WE ARE IN THE LAST QUARTER TIME TO FINISH STRONG, BELOW ARE YOUR RESULTS AS OF 3-20-14. I am proud of Councils making their goals, satisfied with those on glad path, encouraged by those who have at least recruited some members and disappointed by those with ZERO new members. Listed below are the Councils at/are above the Glide Path percentage of 75%.

- Council 7787 Fayetteville 216%
- Council 11294 Searcy 100%
- Council 11604 Jacksonville 108%
- Council 6419 Hot Springs 92%
- Council 14609 Rogers 100%
- Council 9396 Benton 120%
- Council 6410 Batesville 125%
- Council 12778 Heber Springs 100%
- (New Council 15867 Booneville 9 members)

EVERY COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE WORKING TO MAKE STAR COUNCIL. THIS IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOU RECRUITING PUSH TO EARN THIS AWARD.

The following Councils are at/above 50%:

Councils: 1702 57% 1770 50% 2243 66% 8410 60% 12875 70%

I want to recognize the following 23 Councils because they have recruited one or more new members this year. We appreciate your efforts and hope that you can continue to recruit so that you can finish the year at 100% of your recruiting Goal.

COUNCILS:	812 27%	1153 16%	2650 42%	2857 25%	3998 37%
	4143 45%	4147 37%	4538 25%	5099 33%	5209 11%
	5725 14%	5804 20%	6253 31%	6609 41%	6615 16%
	6834 45%	7258 16%	9514 14%	9777 28%	10167 18%
	10208 4%	12082 11%	14010 20%		

Every Council above that line can and should make their recruiting goal. Don't let the opportunity of being successful slip away. Don't FAIL!

When you look around your KC Hall do you ever say "Man I haven't seen a new face all year". If that's the case you need to recruit.

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MEMBERSHIP-INSURANCE PROGRESS REPORT

Jurisdiction: AR

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	LOCATION	MEMBERSHIP 7/1	MEMBERSHIP							PERCENT
				QUOTA	THIS MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			
					GAIN	LOSS	NET	GAIN	LOSS	NET	
		Arkansas	7374		11	5	6	207	117	90	
812	001	Little Rock	187	11	0	1	-1	4	1	3	27.27
996	009	Fort Smith	459	29	0	2	-2	4	50	-46	0.00
1153	003	Pine Bluff	99	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	16.67
1702	002	Jonesboro	209	14	0	0	0	8	0	8	57.14
1713	002	Paragould	65	5	0	0	0	0	6	-6	0.00
1770	011	Helena	58	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	50.00
2443	002	Pocahontas	196	12	0	0	0	8	0	8	66.67
2650	004	Texarkana	101	7	0	0	0	3	0	3	42.86
2780	003	Stuttgart	62	4	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0.00
2857	002	Blytheville	60	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	25.00
3383	003	Lake Village	64	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3787	014	Paris	233	16	0	0	0	0	7	-7	0.00
3998	003	Slovak	115	8	0	0	0	3	0	3	37.50
4143	008	Conway	556	35	0	0	0	16	0	16	45.71
4147	011	Wynne	121	8	0	0	0	3	0	3	37.50
4538	012	Tontitown	119	8	0	0	0	2	0	2	25.00

5099	004	El Dorado	84	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	33.33
5209	008	Morrilton	258	18	0	0	0	2	0	2	11.11
5725	014	Clarksville	103	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	14.29
5804	011	West Memphis	82	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	20.00
6140	007	Batesville	55	4	0	0	0	5	0	5	125.00
6253	013	North Little Rock	236	16	0	0	0	5	0	5	31.25
6398	008	Russellville	199	14	0	0	0	6	6	0	0.00
6419	010	Hot Springs	215	14	0	0	0	19	6	13	92.86
6454	006	Eureka Springs	29	4	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0.00
6609	012	Fayetteville	172	12	0	0	0	5	0	5	41.67
6615	001	Little Rock	90	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	16.67
6680	008	New Dixie	105	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6814	011	Brinkley	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6834	006	Rogers	155	11	0	0	0	7	2	5	45.45
6942	Unassigned	Arkadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6969	005	Cherokee Village	65	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
7258	010	Mena	82	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	16.67
7353	005	Mountain Home	207	14	0	1	-1	4	11	-7	0.00
7783	002	State University	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
7787	012	Fayetteville	85	6	1	0	1	13	0	13	216.67
8410	005	Harrison	78	5	0	0	0	3	0	3	60.00
8815	007	Fairfield Bay	47	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
9396	010	Benton	67	5	0	0	0	6	0	6	120.00

9514	006	Bella Vista	203	14	0	0	0	2	0	2	14.29
9777	009	Van Buren	105	7	0	0	0	2	0	2	28.57
10167	001	Little Rock	157	11	0	0	0	2	0	2	18.18
10208	010	Hot Springs Village	300	21	0	0	0	5	4	1	4.76
10493	005	Horseshoe Bend	35	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
10908	008	St Vincent	114	8	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0.00
11097	013	Marche	109	8	0	0	0	2	6	-4	0.00
11294	007	Searcy	63	4	0	0	0	5	1	4	100.00
11604	013	Jacksonville	181	12	0	1	-1	16	3	13	108.33
11908	010	Dequeen	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
12082	012	Springdale	127	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	11.11
12458	006	Bentonville	165	11	0	0	0	9	10	-1	0.00
12473	004	Camden	63	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
12778	007	Heber Springs	44	4	4	0	4	4	0	4	100.00
12875	014	Charleston	141	10	6	0	6	7	0	7	70.00
13829	006	Siloam Springs	51	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
14010	014	Altus	70	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	20.00
14609	006	Rogers	70	5	0	0	0	5	0	5	100.00
14619	014	Scranton	102	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	0.00
14774	009	Fort Smith	36	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
15453	009	Fort Smith	35	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
15867	014	Booneville		0	0	0	0	9	0	9	0.00



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Gentlemen some of these losses are preventable by having a good Retention Team. It is your responsibility to keep your Membership Teams geared up and ready to recruit. Strong Team Members are the key to success. District Deputies and Grand Knights must train their Team Members so that they have every tool available to meet their recruiting objective. Councils must be planning recruiting events well in advance and get everyone energized. PLAN, PLAN, PLAN!

Based on a percentage glide path your membership goal accomplishment should be the following: by the end of March 75%, April 83%, May 91% and Jun 100%. Maintain this glide path as your minimum goal and recruit so that you are always ahead of the glide path because catching up is a struggle.

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I HOPE EVERY ONE HAD A GOOD CHURCH DRIVE. MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL FORM 100'S HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. When you get your prospect cards back get your recruiting team talking to the prospects. You can make your GOAL.

TEAM WORK!

WE NEED EVERY COUNCIL TO STEP UP AND PUT EXTRA EFFORT IN THEIR RECRUITING EFFORT. THERE ARE A LOT OF COUNCILS THAT HAVE NOT RECRUITED ONE NEW MEMBER.

The Recruiting Flyer# 10099 , JUST 24 HOURS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE, is a good recruiting tool for individuals who do not have time to be a Knight, as a matter of fact it is a GREAT informational tool that must be order and used, it really can make the difference in your recruiting efforts.

8 HOURS WORKING ON CHARITABLE PROJECTS

4 HOURS COUNCIL SOCIAL FUNCTION

4 HOURS ATTENDING MEETINGS

6 HOURS READING THE COLUMBIA AND VISITING THE KNIGHTS WEBSITE

1 HOUR MEETING WITH YOUR INSURANCE AGENT

1 HOUR ATTENDING MASS WITH YOUR COUNCIL

TOTAL 24 HOURS

INSURE THAT ALL OF YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE ONE OF THESE FLYERS BECAUSE IT WILL REMIND THEM OF WHAT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS ALL ABOUT, INFORMED MEMBERS MAKE RECRUITING EASIER.

TEAM WORK!

OWNERSHIP: When you recruit a new member it is important that you take ownership of him. Be a mentor; take him to the 2nd and 3rd Degree's. Get him involved in activities. Everyone can't do everything but they can be involved some activities. Involvement of members keeps the Council growing.

GRAND KNIGHTS USE YOUR SUCCESS PLANNER THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ALL YOUR MEMBERS BECAUSE THIS WILL KEEP THEM INFORMED OF UPCOMING EVENTS.

REMEMBER A KNIGHT WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IF THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN FOR EVENTS. INFORMATION IS A KEY TO SUCCESS

Michael (Mike) Wills
State Membership Director
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TEAM WORK!!!!!!



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State Family Director Report for April 2014

Marc Rios, State Family Director

Worthy Brother Knights,

I would like to share this exert from Supreme's website:

The family rosary is a way for families to reflect on their day and to help children see how they can model their lives after Jesus and Mary. As the mysteries are prayed, the children can share how they lived the mysteries in their day. Did I say "Yes" to God today as Mary did in the Annunciation? When visiting with family and friends today, was I as attentive to them as Mary was to her cousin Elizabeth? In this way, the family rosary can help our prayer come alive as we see how we are living the mysteries of the rosary every day.

What better way to spend time with your family during this Lenten/Easter season?

I hope to see you at the state convention!

Peace in Christ,
Marc Rios
State Family Director



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Community Activities Report for April 2014 **Calvin Webb, Community Activities Director** **Community Activities**

Each one of us has a voice in shaping the world around us; as members of the Knights of Columbus we must make our voices heard. We need to do more than give up in despair over what is wrong, instead; we need to make a difference, One Person, One council at a time. Our communities offer limitless opportunity for action that can be seen, felt and judged for its true worth. Look for something that's needed and workable in your community and get involved.

Collect and distribute food to needy families or help restock local food pantries, check with your local shelters to see if you can assist or if you know someone in Church in need help them to get the assistance they need. Always remember your elderly and handicapped; no matter what time of year it is, they may need some assistance. See info on 40 Cans for Lent on website. http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/community/food_drive/lent.html

If you have a community related activity you would like to see in this newsletter please email with the information.

God Bless
Calvin Webb
Community Activities Director
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State Advocate Director Report for April 2014

Francisco Olguin, State Advocate Director

Greetings from your State Advocate,

It has been a great experience working with the State Council in various capacities. I have seen a lot of good works in the making and implementing new ones.

The Knights of Columbus organization provides a wonderful venue for doing God's work.

Membership growth is the key to our organization, permitting us to share in our faith, good works and our love of GOD, FAMILY and COUNTRY.

I have been truly blessed with the opportunity to serve and thus bid you all brothers a hearty farewell as I will not be seeking any state office for this coming year.

Francisco Olguin
State Advocate Director



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Why are those 'men they call Knights' so unique?

Council 6419 in Hot Springs, Arkansas winner of Arkansas' 2013 – 2014 Large Council of the Year, knows the answers to the question above. They have a four part answer:

- First and the greatest work we do is Charity. Not just the treasure type of charity, but a lot of the time and talent types of charitable works. Council 6419's makes over \$60K in annual cash donations to fourteen separate Garland County Arkansas charities, plus our school, the Arkansas seminarians and others.

- Secondly, we must care a lot about our Youth. Who is your replacement? We must maintain a long term plan for grooming our future Catholic leaders. Four (4) Council 6419 eighteen year old men were exemplified Third Degree Knights in January 2014. Additionally, two of these men, Richard Pellegrino and Peter Rick, are Charter Members of Hot Springs' Columbian Squires (Circle 5700), "The Disciples of the Springs".

- o Photo attached -

- Tied for second place, we must care a lot about local Religious Vocations. Not only the priesthood, which is critical, but all religious vocations. Council 6419 is the only Council in Arkansas (i.e. 1 of 60) hosting an annual Vocation Celebrations Event in conjunction with their local parishes. This year the Council 6419 sponsored "My Catholic Future", with the Holy Spirit as My Guidance Counselor. The Keynote Speaker each year is our Bishop Anthony Taylor.

- o Photo attached - Bishop Anthony Taylor - Sister Glorea - Rev Eric - Sister Mary Clare - Fr Elijah

- Also, tied for second place, we are very active in all Pro-life activities throughout Arkansas. The Ultrasound machine provided by our Council 6419, State and Supreme has been with Change Point for about two years, we are delighted to report the great news that the machine and its technician have saved over 40 lives between March 01, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Forty lives represents 97% of the women, who were shown their baby in utero, choose life for their unborn child.



Bishop Taylor - Sister Glorea - Fr Eric - Sister Mary Clare - Fr Elijah



Newton White (Grand Knight), Kevin Kowalkowski, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Cross Cardenas, Rev Eric Pohlmeier



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Vocations / RSVP Report for April 2014 **Peter McNulty, Vocations / RSVP Director**

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, District Deputies, my Brothers All;

As we see the weather turning to Spring, we can look forward to the coming Ordinations of three of our seminarians; Juan Guido, Robert Cigainero, and Rick Hobbs III, and in the month of December Jack Sidler Sr. The future also looks very bright because we will have a continuous line of seminarians in a steady journey to Ordination. A quick look shows 2015 – 1; 2016 -6; 2017-6 each year will see new priests; the gift of their parents and the Gift of God to serve us in such important , necessary and needed ways to help us all. The gift of The Eucharist, the gift from Jesus, to help us all to sustain our Faith which can only be brought to us by a PRIEST is promised by our continued supply of PRIESTS.

Remember, HOLY THURSDAY is the annual collection at Mass for the Seminarian Trust Fund! Support this effort and encourage as many parishioners as you can to share in this effort.

A quick reminder – submit your RSVP refund applications to Supreme and PLEASE send a copy to your State Vocations Chairman. Thank you!

Continue to pray for each of our seminarians. Pray for our country, to change the attitude of some of our leaders that we are "ONE NATION UNDER GOD"!

Vivat JESU

Peter McNulty



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State Chaplin Report for April 2014

Father Bill Elser, State Chaplin

The highlight of the month of April for me (and I hope all of you) is the celebration of the Paschal Mystery through the liturgies of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil). This is the climax of the Church's year and the celebration of New Life in the Church through the waters of Baptism. Whether you know anyone who is dying to their old life and rising with Christ to new life in the "Body of Christ", or not I urge you to participate in all of the Triduum but especially the most beautiful and meaningful liturgy of the year, the Easter Vigil. Hopefully we will be there to encourage our new male Catholics to join the Knights of Columbus and walk the journey with us to the Lord through all the activities (especially the charitable activities of the Knights).

The second highlight for me in April is the Knight's of Columbus State Convention April 25-27 in Russellville. I look forward to being with brother Knights and their spouses from all over the state. While each Council will have delegates at the convention, all Knights can participate in various activities of the convention. I think especially of the annual Mass for deceased Knights (on Saturday morning) and the main Mass and banquet for the Convention on Saturday evening. It is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of the Knights over this past fraternal year and look ahead with plans and hopes for an even better fraternal year 2014-2015.

Please remember, wherever you are on April 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday), that on that day, two of our deceased popes, John XXIII and John Paul II will be canonized as saints by Pope Francis in Rome. Both of these great spiritual leaders were treasured and assisted greatly by the Knights of Columbus during their pontificates. John Paul II called the Knights of Columbus, the "Right Arm" of the Church. Let us strive to be true to that title and true to Jesus Christ and the Order at this moment in history and for years to come. Jesus is our crucified and risen Lord. Let us rejoice!



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Newsletter Reminder

Please send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos to: Alex Martinez at: alex.martinez@soltelnetworksllc.com by the 15th of the month.

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