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# **STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2013**

## **Michael Kieffer**

### **State Deputy**

The State Officers, District Deputies, Program Directors/Chairman and I had a great Organizational Meeting in Hot Springs. The meeting was very well attended, and we learned of many new programs and procedures to get the most out of our Knights of Columbus efforts. The District Deputies were sent home with the minute books from last year's state councils meeting, State Directories for each council and a Fraternal Planner (sort of a K of C day planner) for each Grand Knight. We installed State Officers and newly appointed District Deputies.

District Deputies will be holding their District Organizational meetings in the next few weeks. All Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program and Membership Directors should attend.

We did a lot of preparation this time last year and had a good year. This year we are very well prepared and should have a great year!

Supreme set aside Round Tables last year. This year they want a Round Table for each parish where a council supports more than one parish, or for each ethnic group if a council supports more than one ethnic group. I noticed from the Columbian Award paper work a lot of councils support Round Tables, but Supreme shows only one having sent in paperwork. Round Table paperwork (two different forms) has to be filed out annually, and the Priest must sign it. Please send your paperwork in to Supreme!

Remember we have only until November to finish the four requirements for the "Year of the Family Icon" for your council. Every council in Arkansas should be able to earn one of these beautiful Icons to hang in their council meeting place.

One Member per Council per Month!

One First Degree per District per Month!

One Star Council per District per Year!

We can do this!

**Vivat Jesu!**

Mike Kieffer, State Deputy



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## **STATE CHAPLIN**

### **Father Bill Elser**

The State Officers, District Deputies, Program Directors/Chairman -

I had a great Organizational Meeting. I look forward, upon writing this, to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in San Antonio August 6-8. If you have EWTN I invite you to look at the schedule of Convention events including all three Masses at the Convention and Carl Anderson's Supreme Knights address.

During that address he praises all Knight's Councils for all their charitable endeavors. I always am taken aback by how much good is being done by brother Knights in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ and in answer to our baptismal call.

We are blessed in our diocese to have an active Catholic Charities office and staff that reach out and help so many people who are in need from children who need adoption, to people who have material needs and many others as well. I want to urge all Councils to sponsor at least one 4 person golf team for the annual Catholic Charities golf tournament at Maumelle Country Club on Monday, September 17.

There will be a morning and afternoon tee time, food, refreshments and prizes that are awarded after scores re flighted at the end of play. What my Council is doing is asking brother Knights to pay \$75.00 of the entry fee while the Council picks up the other \$75.00.

That would be \$300 from the Council for each team that plays. In the 18 years of this tournament, there have always been openings (especially with the morning tee times) that remain unfilled. Please consider this contribution to the work of Catholic Charities and the good time awaiting those who play. Get more information on [dolr.org](http://dolr.org), punching in Bishop McDonald-Catholic Charities Golf Classic in the search window or call 664-0340 ext. 355 and ask for Rebecca.

I hope to see my brother Knights in force on September 17.



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## **STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR PHILIP SAVAGE**

One Member, per Council, per Month

Hello brother Knights, upon us is another exciting fraternal year! I have just returned from the organizational meeting! Wow! We had such a great time and learned many things to help every council be even more successful this year! We have a very helpful tool on the way to the District Deputies and to all the Grand Knights in Arkansas! It is called a Fraternal Leader Success Planner.

Allow me to share a story with you that has a profound message...When a young man married his wife, the young man's rich uncle gave them a bible for a wedding gift with a \$10,000.00 check inside of the bible! The young couple never prayed together or read the bible so they never found the check!

Please don't do that with the planner you will be receiving. It is not a paperweight, it is not just another book to put on the shelf; it is a road map for you and your council to follow which will ensure that you will have a great year!

So, when you get this planner, break it open and keep the dust knocked off of it and it will help you achieve STAR Council this year! No, I am not a rich uncle, so you will not find a \$10,000.00 check. Sorry. But, what you do find will be priceless!

We are all on a great team, the State Deputy, State Membership Director, State Program Director (me), District Deputies and all the Grand Knights will have the same playbook. Now that is a winning combination!

All Programs are an opportunity to recruit new members.

One Member, per Council, per Month

Fraternally,  
Philip Savage  
State Program Director



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## **STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MICHAEL (MIKE) WILLS**

ONE MEMBER/ PER COUNCIL/ PER MONTH

ONE 1ST DEGREE/PER DISTRICT/PER MONTH

One new Member per Council Officer

Our New Recruiting Year has begun and we have Councils generating new members.

Council 11294 Searcy 75%

Council 4538 Little Rock 25%

Council 6615 Tonitown 17%

What a great way to start the New Year. The key to making your Goal for this year is to get a head start and recruit early. Make certain that your Membership Team is 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 get a jump on the New Year by planning recruiting events well in advance and getting everyone energized.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GREAT RECRUITING YEAR!**

The Recruiting Broacher, **JUST 24 HOURS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE**, is a good recruiting tool for individuals who do not have time to be a Knight.

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

The New Year has started and every Council should have already fine tuned their recruiting strategies so they can start the New Year in positive numbers. This is the First month of year and we need every Council to put every effort forth so that the STATE can begin the year in positive numbers. It should be every Councils priority to recruit new members to help with the overall Goal of the State.

OUR MISSION FOR THE STATE IS TO RECRUIT 375 NEW MEMBERS WHICH IS ABOUT 85 MEMBERS THEN LAST YEAR'S GOAL. THIS IS VERY ACHIEVABLE AS LONG AS EVERY COUNCIL PUTS FOR A SOLID EFFORT AND MAKE RECRUITING ACCOMPLISHMENT THEIR GOAL.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INCEINTIVES THAT MEMBERS AND COUNCILS CAN ACHIEVE BESIDE THE COVETED STAR COUNCIL AWARD.

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**...CONTINUED**

NEW INCENTIVES ARE:

1. TRIPLE STAR COUNCIL
2. GENERAL AGENT KEVIN PIERCE 2 \$500 AWARDS. AWARDED AT STATE CONVENTION
3. K OF C PEN, K OF C TRAVEL MUG, K OF C PADFOLIO. 1ST QUARTER MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

Based on a percentage glide path your membership goal accomplishment should be the following: July 8%, August 17%, and September 25%. Maintain this glide as your minimum goal and recruit too always be ahead of the glide path because catching up is a struggle.

Retention is a key to success for membership accomplishment. When you drop a member you then have to recruit additional members to meet your goal. Have a good retention committee on your Team.

All Council Officers should be leading by example and have an active role in Recruiting.

**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**

Here are some ideas for the upcoming months that might help your recruiting:

Continuous: Officers Challenge - Recruit one new member. All Officers should be actively recruiting. You have the experience and should be leading by example.

August: Plan some activity of FR McGivney's Birthday August 12th. Plan a 1st Degree in Honor of the Virgin Mary September 8th.

September: Plan an Order your Recruiting Blitz material for the State Wide Church Drive coming in October, this is a great recruiting activity, plan well.

OCTOBER: Church Drive 12&13 October IS A Great Opportunity Recruit.

Michael (Mike) Wills

State Membership Director

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## **STATE FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR**

# **JOHN R. HERTZOG**

### ***20th Annual "Just Ask" Fund Raising Campaign***

The Knights of Columbus membership in Arkansas gave generously to the 2012 "Just Ask" Fund. Last year \$32,737.98 was donated and distributed to the following Diocesan Ministries: Catholic Charities, The Arkansas Catholic, Council of Women Religious, the Vocations Ministry, and the Respect Life Office. Other beneficiaries of your generosity were: the Director of the Cory House at Subiaco, Hispanic Community Encounter, and the Seminarian Fund.

The Bishop of Little Rock, the Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor is very appreciative of this financial support from the Arkansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus, especially our support for financing the Chapel in the Discernment House now under construction on the site of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Little Rock. Our financial help is needed by the Bishop, the Diocesan Staff, Priests, Seminarians, Deacons, and Lay Ministers who serve the people of God and the many needs of our Catholic Community. The Knights of Columbus HAVE and DO make a difference to the Church.

As a Catholic layman you may be contributing to the Diocesan Ministry CASA and the "Taste of Faith" events, however, your modest donation for the "Just Ask" campaign as a Knight of Columbus will reinforce the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas are very active and physically supporting the Bishop.

Soon letters will be mailed to the 7000+ members in the State Council, requesting a modest donation for this year's campaign. Your donation is the single source of income for the Special Fund.

I am also asking that each Council and Assembly in the State contribute a minimum of \$50 to offset the costs of postage and printing for the mail out. Only 10 Councils and 5 Assemblies contributed last year. Only 926 individual Knights did as well. We can do better-Spread the word.

This is a HEADS UP!! Look for your "Just Ask" letter the first part of September 2013.

John R. Hertzog  
State Fund Raising Director





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## **STATE CHAIRMAN - ARKANSAS SPECIAL OLYMPICS DUB GREEN**

From the feedback received from the Arkansas Special Olympics Board of Directors, our volunteers and many of the athletes and their families, Olympic Town at the 2013 Special Olympics State Competition was a rousing success. We are extremely grateful to, and proud of, the 42 volunteers from Hot Springs Village and the 8 others from throughout Arkansas, plus the walkers who helped work at Olympic Town. Many of our volunteers said the time spent in Searcy was not nearly long enough and have already signed up for the 2014 games.

Update: Part of the basketball game had to be repaired. A Sacred Heart council member has made those repairs. We have also modified the 2 bean bag throw games (to make it easier for our volunteers to retrieve the bean bags). Additionally, I have purchase another game for next year. It consists of 2 boards (very much like the Washer Game boards) but using bean bags, which are included with the game. I feel it will be a big hit with the athletes and will help accommodate the large crowds that visit Olympic Town (approximately 1300 this year).

David Minster, a brother Knight from the Horseshoe Bend council, was a volunteer this year. He is so enthusiastic about the experience that he has invited myself and my wife, Geri, to attend their meeting in September. He has also invited members of the Cherokee Village council to attend that meeting, hoping to get those councils involved in this worthwhile effort. I will give a video presentation and Geri will meet with the ladies and show them how she paints the beads, which they offered to assist in painting.

We have also been invited to Fairfield Bay, where the ladies have asked that Geri give them a demonstration in bead painting. They hope to assist with painting up to 5000 beads (of the 10,000 needed each year).

I feel it is a privilege and a blessing that the Knights of Columbus have entrusted me to lead them at Olympic Town.

Dub Green  
Knights of Columbus State Chairman-Arkansas Special Olympics





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## **VACATIONS/RSVP CHAIRMAN**

### **PETER McNULTY**

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, District Deputies, and my Brothers All.

The start of the New Fraternal Year is here: Some very important things to note!

We will have a new PRIEST TO SERVE US ON August 3rd. Bishop Taylor will Ordain George W. Sanders at Christ The King Church in Little Rock. The Mass will begin at 10 AM. This will end a long trip from another Religion to the True Faith and on to the Priesthood. May God bless George in his service to the Faithful in our Diocese. Please pray for George and all of our seminarians.

This is a second and a very rewarding time for Msgr. Friend, our Diocesan Vocation Director. He has accomplished his long term GOAL! We now have 40 plus seminarians. I am not exactly sure of the final number, as assignments are still in progress. I should know by the middle of August.

Forty plus - This number represents the need for more of our Councils and Assemblies to join the effort to support ALL our seminarians thru the RSVP.

The FINAL TOTAL of our support for last year was 61 awards, That's an increase from the year before and an excellent showing of support for the RSVP. However, I would point out - that number (61) results from Councils and Assemblies providing multiple awards, i.e. a couple of councils supporting 4 or more and several Councils and Assemblies supporting 3. We have -53 active Councils in the State and we have 27 councils participating in the RSVP. We have 31 Assemblies and 8 are participating. As you can see, we can and should have more participation from Councils and Assemblies. Please review your resources at the start of the Fraternal year, perhaps your Council or Assembly could make a commitment to join the effort to support ALL the seminarians. Keep in mind, several of our Past State Deputies and our current State Deputy have made promises to Bishop Taylor to support each seminarian with 2 Awards.

Coordination is of the utmost importance to see that our combined efforts are shared equally among our seminarians. Please contact me to avoid some seminarians getting multiple awards (3 or more) and some get none.

My contact information is in the Directory and it is all correct.  
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District Deputies - please help in this effort - as you visit Councils, please promote the RSVP. If you need help or information, please contact me

Respectfully, Your brother in Christ, Peter



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**What could you do with \$500?**  
**2 Winners!!!**



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## **Knights of Columbus Insurance Membership Raffle**

Recruit 3 new members gets one ticket  
Each additional recruited member gets another ticket  
Drawing will be held at State Convention April 2014

\*Agents are not eligible



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## **NEWSLETTER REMINDER**

Please send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos to: Alex Martinez at:  
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# REPORTS DUE

FORM	REPORT	DUE BY
185	Report of Officers chosen for term July 1 - June 30	1 -July
365	Service program personnel report for the term July 1 - June 30	1 -August
1265-1	Semiannual council audit report	15 -August
SC-Kit	Soccer Challenge kit order form	15 -August
2629	Notice of appointment of round table coordinator	1 -September
SA-Kit	Substance abuse awareness poster contest kit order form	1 -September
CR	Official order form for recorded Columbus Day program	15 -September
FT-KIT	Free throw council competition kit order form	1 -November
4567	Soccer challenge participation report form	1 -December
FT-1	Free throw championship participation report	31 -January
4584	Partnership profile report with special olympics	31 -January
1728	Individual member worksheet annual survey of fraternal activity report	31 -January
4001	Substance abuse awareness poster contest participation form	31 -January
1295-2	Semiannual council audit report	15 -February
SP-7	Columbian award application	30 -June
2630	Annual report Knights of Columbus round table	30 -June
2863	RSVP refund/plaque application	30 -June
1728A	Survey of fraternal activity individual member worksheet	As needed
1598	Free throw championship score sheet	As needed
1831	Relief from council dues and per capita taxes	As needed
1993A	Family of the month generic report form	As needed
2935	Columbian squires inquiry kit order form	As needed
4348	Youth leader	As needed
4371	Father prior	As needed
532	Requisition for first degree ceremonials	As needed
EA-Kit	Essay contest kit order form	As needed
STSP	State council service program awards entry form	As needed

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