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2021 Convention Report – Respect Life Director

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Thank you to all Councils and Assemblies for answering the call to replace the funding that Arkansas Pregnancy Resources Center, Saint Joseph's Helpers, our only Catholic PRC in Arkansas.

For those who do not know, Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center was gifted a grant for an Ultrasound. The Ultrasound was not funded by the Knights of Columbus. It was a Grant given by another Pro-Life Christian organization. The Ultrasound was in the two year plan for the PRC and they had let me know to have one or two Councils begin thinking on fundraising for the new needed machine in the near future. They were offered the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Pro-Life Christian organization and they were pleasantly surprised to be awarded it. The grant for a machine that cost \$40,000 or so. The grant covered all but \$7000 of the total cost of the machine.

St. Joseph's Helpers is the ONLY Catholic PRC in the state. It is right next to the ONLY surgical abortion clinic in the state. They took the \$7000 out of their operating budget to pay for and get this wonderful gift. As you know donations are down for all PRCs and when you take what little you get from your operating budget it causes you to pull back on some other good works to cover the unexpected expense. The hope was that if as a Catholic organization the Knights could help the PRC by raise the \$7000 to put back into their operating budget.

The GREAT NEWS is the call was answered. Councils, Assemblies, and individual Knights donated and covered the \$7000 plus a little bit more.

All PRCs deserve our help and we freely give it with the approval of our Diocese. Please if you can help do so and if you cannot it is understandable. As Councils and Assemblies our funds are limited too. We all do what we can with what we have.

COVID 19, an opportunity? It was and we came to the forefront to serve our communities and Pro-Life causes. We:

Started Leave No Neighbor Behind

Were the first to offer to help open up the church for Masses

Restarted blood drives

And continued to offer our charity to so many good causes included but not limited to:

- 40-Days for Life
- Safe Haven Baby Boxes
- Ultrasound Initiative, Billboards
- Arkansas Right to Life

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- Pregnancy Resource Centers
- Christmas Gifts for SuperMax Prisoners with Monsignor Jack Harris.

You did God's good work in troubled times. Thank you all and God Bless You.

Please continue and if it is possible please recommend that all councils create budget line items for the following:

- Monthly/Quarterly Donation to a Pregnancy Resource Center
- Monthly/Quarterly Donation to Arkansas Right to Life
- Monthly/Quarterly Donation to Safe Have Baby Boxes
- Annual Donation to Arkansas 40-Days for Life
- Annual Donation to Monsignor Jack Harris for Christmas Gifts for Prisoners

Links:

[Safe Haven Baby Boxes - Safe Haven Law, Safe Haven Baby Boxes \(shbb.org\)](http://shbb.org)

[Arkansas Right To Life \(artl.org\)](http://artl.org)

[40 Days for Life](#)

Fr2jack@hotmail.com (Email Address)

[Life Programs - Faith in Action | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

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As State Community Director, the fraternal year 2020-2021 was promising with lots of events and participation. We were planning several activities that would include area galas, festivals, and dinner events, that would provide an opportunity to the public on awareness about the Knights of Columbus and our Catholic faith. As Fraternal leaders in our communities, we can use every event to show everyone our dedication to Faith, Family and Fraternity.

This can be something as simple as setting up a booth or tent with hot dogs, or any variety of things like hamburgers, soda, kettle corn, etc.

The events after our 2020 State Convention prohibited us from participating in these such events as many were cancelled or limited.

With this in mind, our dedication to the afore mentioned " F's" of Faith, Family, and Fraternity, we strive to continue in this new fraternal year 2021.

I strongly urge every Council, and Assembly to participate in every event possible. This includes not just Catholic events, but all public events, as we are showing our involvement in community. This will bring, hopefully into the Catholic Church, new members that may be looking for a strong involvement in family, and by doing this, recruit new members that are younger, and have a desire to involve the entire family aspect.

The other thing I want to express is the Knights on Bikes (KonB) Arkansas Chapter, which will be seeking active Knights that ride motorcycles for membership.

The National Rally is coming up in less than a month and will be held in New Orleans LA. from May 17th- May 20th.

Arkansas will be actively participating with KonB State President Mickey Huber, State Diocese President Herb Holloway, and others attending for representation.

We will no doubt get new information to share. I strongly urge every KonB member to try his best to attend, as this will be an opportunity to not only get spiritual lift, but enjoy the fellowship and food only an event in New Orleans can provide.

Vivat Jesus!

AR State Community Director
Herb Holloway

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Worthy State Chaplain, State Officers, District Deputies, Program Directors and Brother Knights,

April 5, 2021

With all the unusual aspects of this year the Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID) has been no different. I tried several times to contact each council in the state. Many councils are not meeting during the pandemic. Even so I encouraged all to participate in the CPID. After talking to the State Deputy we extended the dead line for participation as to the annual awards presented at the State Convention. The cut off is set at March 31, 2021. All councils have been notified.

As of April 5, 2021, Twelve (12) councils have turned in checks to the State Secretary for a total \$27,747.36. 85% of that was presented to local charities and 15% was held for ARK of Arkansas, per resolution. The check to ARK of Arkansas should be delivered to them before the State Convention

Vivat Jesus,


signed

Michael L. Kieffer, PSD, CPID Chair

cc: State Deputy



4-20-2021

To: Knights of Columbus State Convention Delegates
Arkansas State Council
Subject: Pennies from Heaven report

Worthy State Deputy

During 2020/2021 fraternal year the Arkansas State Council Pennies from Heaven fund has responded to 10 separate requests for financial assistance to needy families in the state and distributed \$3,677.00 to these needy families.

13 different Councils participated with matching funds to help member's families or needy families within their communities. This amounts to \$7,354.00 which was generously donated by the Arkansas membership.

The funds were used to help families recover from house fires, most were a total loss to families, and also some were used to help families suffering with expense of health care, funeral expense as well as assistance with loss of family income due to health or injury of the primary wage earner.

Thank you to all the Arkansas Knights of Columbus for your generosity.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Gerald E Krawczynski
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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, and Brother Knights,

The tentative time for the Silver Rose to be in Arkansas November 1, through November 21. I believe that this will be approved and we will receive the Silver Rose at this time. I will have the route to all District Deputies as soon as I get final word. I want to thank all the District Deputies; without your hard work we could not have had the success in 2020. I understand the challenges of moving the Silver Rose across the State in 21 days so thank you too all who helped. I will be sending an email to the District Deputies to find out from you if your District will be interested in the Silver Rose in 2021. My plan is to have some who did not have it in 2020 will have it in 2021.

I am still waiting to hear when we will receive the new St. Michael Icon. We are all ready for the new Icon and await its arrival. As soon as I get more information, I will send it to all of you. The route will remain the same as it is now and I will be sending you that schedule again when we know more. Again I thank all the District Deputies and their Grand Knights for all their hard work with the Marion Prayer program and Icon.

Vivat Jesus,
Robert Collins
State Warden