



Knights of Columbus Arkansas State Council



December 2011

I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

STATE DEPUTY
CHARLES KETTER

Brother Knights

I trust everyone had a great and blessed Thanksgiving. Thank-you is such an important word whether you are with Our Heavenly Father, Family, Clergy or Brother Knights. Those two words say more than please. I want to thank you my Brother Knights for all the prayers and support this past year.



I have just returned from Nashville from the mid-year meeting of the State Deputies. I was joined by our State Chaplain who was energized by the call from the Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori and the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson to all Knights to evangelize. This charge did not come only from them, but Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. You, my Brothers, are the Strong Right Arm of the Church. You are the one who the Priest looks for to do what needs done in his parish. We are being urged to learn and live our faith. We are called always to live our faith through our charitable work and also the way we live in our community.

One of the things we discussed was the need of more communications from Supreme to State to Councils to the most important part of the Knights, YOU! So I am asking each Grand Knight to make it your duty to keep informed by constant contact with your District Deputy. He has all the answers or he can get them. Foremost I ask that with each new recruit, you (the Grand Knight) make it

your duty to call the New Knight for the first three activities after he is knighted and request his help. Also let your Pastor know who he is and his interest so he will have another Strong Right Arm. It is vital that the new recruit know he is very important and needed in your council. Personal contact and not e-mail is vital to keeping any Brother Knight active.

We have just held our first (new third degree) in Fort Smith. It went very well and was well received. I ask that each District Deputy check with the councils in his district and set up a date for a Second and Third Degree with the Ceremonials Chairman Brother Greg Baltz. His Phone Number is 870-378-3420.

We need each council to recruit one new member this month and Arkansas will receive \$2,000.00 from Supreme for meeting 50% of our membership goal. It is your duty to ask every Catholic Gentleman to be a Knight and help with the work of the church and the need to evangelize.

May Our Heavenly Father bless you as we enter this Advent Season. May the Christ Child bring peace to you and our world. And may Our Lady of Guadalupe be your guide in answering your call to share Our New Civilization of Love.

Merry Christmas

Vivat Jesu

Fraternally,
Charles Ketter
State Deputy

VOCATIONS REPORT

PETER McNULTY

My Brother Knights

Thanksgiving is behind us and we are preparing for the Holy Season of Christ's birth. While we go about visiting and communicating with family and friends, please let us remember to keep all our seminarians in mind and prayer. We can show each of them that we care and appreciate their gift of self. Their journey to priesthood is long and demanding, but our prayers and acts of love throughout the year with letters, e-mails, and remembrance of their birthdays and holidays, show that we care and want them to fulfill their calling by God to serve



in His vineyard. We are blessed with 36 seminarians with projected dates of Ordination as far out as 2020.

We, in the Diocese of Little Rock, Arkansas, will be blessed with five (5) Ordinations in 2012. There are none in 2013. There are three (3) scheduled for 2014 and for each year after, there are multiple Ordinations projected.

Did you know..... we have two (2) converts in our group of seminarians? One, George Sanders, will be ordained in 2012. The other is Norman McFall, he is scheduled for ordination in 2018.

Msgr. Scott Friend has said many times, he would like to see forty (40) seminarians under study for our diocese. Each year the numbers get closer to his goal! He and his team of Msgr. O'Donnell, Msgr. Oswald, and Father Pohlmeier, with our Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, have given us the gift of all these seminarians, who will, upon ordination, be servants of God's Gifts to all the faithful of the Diocese of Little Rock

May each of you have a very Blessed Christmas with the gifts of Grace and joyfulness with Jesus our Savior.

Vivat Jesu

Peter McNulty
Vocations Chairman

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

MIKE KIEFFER

Our slogan this year is "Am I my brother's keeper." Have you asked your brother, father, son, uncle or best friend to join the Knights? If not, why not?

A Baptist friend of mine asked to ride along when the Knights on Bikes rode to Subiaco for Mass and then to Magazine Mountain for lunch. After a beautiful Mass, ride, and meal on a beautiful Sunday, my friend said he was about ready to convert so he could join the Knights.

Remember to get your Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities money in before December 10th.



Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Mike Kieffer
State Secretary

SPECIAL OLYMPICS DUB GREEN CHAIRMAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ARKANSAS—it's **NEVER** too late to think about the upcoming Special Olympics Competition. The event is scheduled May 24, 2012, thru May 26, 2012, at Searcy (campus of Harding University) 2012. We need all the help we can get from you or your council for this event. The Knights man the Olympic Town With games for the athletes in between their competition. We offer games such as Basketball throw, beanbag toss, ring toss, necklace stringing and etc. If you have left over Tootsie Rolls, we can sure use them as prizes for the athletes. If you need any information, please contact me at dubgeri@suddenlink.net, or 501-922-6134.



Thanks and God Bless
Dub Green
Chairman Special Olympics.

CHURCH DIRECTOR REPORT ROY ANDERLE CHURCH DIRECTOR

The February Retreat at Subiaco is on the 1st weekend, February 3 thru 5, 2012. Retreat Master is Fr. John Anglin, OFM. There are a few rooms available. Be sure to get your reservation in soon. Reservations must be made thru:

Roy Anderle
Church Director
rcanderle@localnet.com
479-394-4519 home



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JIMMY MCKINNON, PSD

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies and Councils,

How is Membership growth in your Council and District going? Is your Council and District promoting - one knight, per month, per council and are you achieving the theme this year?

Our goal for Arkansas this fraternal year is 400 new knights.



We have not achieved our goal yet, but I hope that we can achieve it this year. Our State Deputy, your Membership Chairman, along with others are talking membership up this year. We can't forget to go out and recruit. It's exciting this year, on the number of new knights that have joined our order.

We have been promoting new members this year at a great pace. We hope to continue the membership campaign in earnest. Many Council's recruiting programs are working well. Thanks to all of you and to each District Deputy and Council this year. The District Deputies and Councils are promoting the Membership campaign very successful. The State Officers are promoting Membership this year.

Our theme this year - is one knight, per month, per council.

Membership recruitment is asking eligible men to join the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in Arkansas.

There are still a lot of men that have not been asked and we need to keep the ones we have. We have eight months to achieve our membership quota for this year. We need to keep those that are members and promote programs for your Councils. New Councils need to be formed this year along with new Roundtables. Let me know where you are on forming New Councils and New Roundtables.

If you look at conducting a first degree or going to another Council for a first degree each month you will keep membership in front of the members of your Council and hopefully that

increases the membership for that Council. Remember that new knights give you the ability to promote new leadership in your Council and promote more programs.

We have had a number of Councils achieve their membership goals and I look forward to other Councils and Districts to achieve their goal. It is an achievable goal.

Please contact me and we will work on the development of the membership program for this year.

Jimmy McKinnon, PSD
Membership Director

PRO LIFE COUPLE

JIM & PATRICIA GOODSON

Brother Knights,

As we approach Christmas we share a wonderful time to stop and think about the fact that Mary bore the most perfect and meaningful Baby that has ever been born, Jesus. None of us will argue that.



Have you ever thought about the 54,000,000+ babies that God created and cried as He saw these babies being aborted here in the United State alone? In that huge number there might have been another Einstein, a President or a talented School Teacher. Sadly there were most likely some wonderful Priests, Deacons and Nuns, or maybe a few Bishops and a Cardinal that will never be seen or heard preaching the word of God.

This is the reality of abortion. It affects us and the world in more ways than we can ever know.

We encourage all Brother Knights to commit to taking a pro-active role in the fight to end abortion. There are many ways that you can do this and we assure you that none of them will cause you pain. In fact, the rewards will be “heavenly”.

The 40 Days for Life campaign that ended recently resulted in 7 lives saved at the Little Rock abortion mill and 440 nationwide. Other ways that you can get involved are suggested in the web sites that you will find on the Knights of Columbus website. Refer to the “culture of Life” page, for information on what you can do to help.

Does your Council have a Pro-Life Director? If you do we offer congratulations. You are serious about Pro-Life. If you do not have a Pro-Life Director, why not? We feel that the following is worth repeating from our November report:

Please ask your Council members to step up and be counted in the Pro-Life movement. Ask them to commit to at least one hour praying at the abortion clinic in Little Rock or Fayetteville. 40 Days for Life ends soon and that just means that we have the other 325 days of the year for us to be there in prayer and action.

Please, Brother Knights, let's be there for God's Babies. In speaking with two Brother Knights who were out in prayer to end abortion for the first time, with their wives, they shared with us the joy and blessing they felt in being there.

When our days on earth end, let not we be asked, "Where were you when my children were being brutally murdered by abortion?"

God created Babies. Just ask Him!
Jim & Patricia Goodson, Pro Life Couple
Knights of Columbus
Arkansas State Council
501-226-5312

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FRAMED IMAGE TOUR

ADRIAN DOMINGUEZ

Supreme has blessed our state with two Our Lady of Guadalupe images and prayer books. Our jurisdiction has been separated by districts into two, East and West. The East District's (ED) consist of District's 03, 01, 13, 11, 07, 02 and 05. The West District (WD) consists of District's 10, 04, 08, 14, 09, 12 and 06. Our Lady of Guadalupe image will pilgrim through each district for at least one month starting with District 03 in the ED and District 10 in the WD. Each case containing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe has a LOG BOOK in the side cover of the casing. This log must be filled out each time you have a prayer service/rosary and/or any gathering honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please ensure the log book is kept with each image. We must return both set's at the end of the pilgrimage.



The District Deputy's will be responsible for ensuring the Our Lady of Guadalupe image pilgrims through their district. The District Deputy's coordinate with each Grand Knight the dates their council will have the image in their parish. Each Grand Knight will need to coordinate with their parish pastor's to ensure the image is displayed, at least one prayer service with the accompanied prayer books is made at each parish, one Rosary is said by the Knights and it is kept safe. Again, please ensure the log book is filled out for each event. The host council will then contact the next visiting council for date and time of delivery of Our Lady of Guadalupe image, prayer books, and log book. Please follow up with each Grand Knight receiving the Our Lady of Guadalupe image to ensure they are on schedule. Once the last council in your district is concluding their time with Our Lady of Guadalupe image, the DD will be responsible for contacting the next District Deputy to coordinate hand off.

The following is the schedule of the two pilgrimages:

Month.....	ED.....	WD
December**	11.....	14
January	07.....	09
February	02.....	12
March	05.....	06

****NOTE:** The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th. Lucky District's 11 and 14!

I will be following up with each District Deputy at the beginning and end of each month to ensure we are on schedule. Our mission is to have both Our Lady of Guadalupe image's at our State Convention in April, at which a prayer service will be held on Sunday morning.

Please ensure all the prayer books are placed back into the traveling case with each Our Lady of Guadalupe image for the use of the following council. There are prayer cards which may be given to those who attend a prayer service, although limited. One of the follow up questions during my call will be the quantity of prayer cards left. I pray we can receive more from Supreme. We will see.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe keep you safe and watch over our pilgrimage of her image throughout our Arkansas Jurisdiction.

VIVAT JESÚ

God Bless,
 Adrian Dominguez
 Knights of Columbus - AR
 Arkansas State Council Treasurer
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Chairperson

4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

**MAX NUTT
STATE MASTER**

I am asking each assembly to help us work to get more candidates for the next scheduled date at the Same place of our new assembly at Harrison, Mary, Mother of God Assembly 3306. With hunting season here then winter coming on, we are looking for a date in March or the 14th of April. When we get the date firmed up I will let you know.



On another note, Supreme Council has initiated a request for our help in creating a scholarship fund for seminarians that will pledge to serve some years as a military chaplain. There is a very low percentage of Catholic priests serving in the military for our service men. Our state is asked to raise \$4,000.00 each year for 5 years for a total of \$20,000.00. This is included with the state councils for the total. I will be sending each Navigator a letter along with an explanation letter from the Vice Supreme Master of Florida who is in charge of the campaign over this section of the country. All individual checks will be sent to him and names will be printed in a report of recognition of individuals by

state. As I said this is not only 4th degree included in this, but first second and third degree are included also.

Thank you for all your good work,

Max W. Nutt
District Master

STUDENTS FOR LIFE APPEAL

Enclosed in this email is the Students for Life Appeal to attend their Convention/March in Washington D.C. on January 21-23, 2012. This convention will have workshops and speakers from very strong pro-life leaders that the students will learn the skills it takes to go back to their campuses and promote life saving techniques. They will be inspired from the best and motivated to carry out the tasks it takes to promote pro-life

This campaign should have been started in August....giving the students who wanted to attend this Convention/March in Washington D.C. on January 21-23, 2012, the time to do some fund

raising. But we didn't start this campaign or even come up with the idea till late September. Getting all the details and endorsements worked out, the campaign is now on its way. The largest problem we had was finding out how to handle the money. So, the Logan County Right to Life has opened an account to be responsible for all the money in an Arvest Bank account. This will make it easier for anyone who wants to donate any amount to just go and deposit the money into the account...

The students will learn techniques and skills from these workshops to carry out pro-life activities on their school campuses. Plus they will experience one of the most powerful pro-life events. After the convention on Sunday is the March for Life in our country's capitol.

Please see if in any way you can help sponsor a student or help with any amount. The **Benton County Right to Life** wrote the first check of \$400.00 to sponsor a student and *challenges* all other Right to Life groups and organizations.

We would like to carry this tradition of making this an annual event and having Arkansas represented in this SFL Convention and March. If you have any suggestions or ideas please let us know. We encourage groups to have a fundraiser every year to put into this account.

The difficulty we face is we are right here at the holidays and it is the end of the year. Not to mention the economy. This donation or sponsorship cannot be a tax deduction because you will be receiving something in return.

How can we not afford to send these students to this convention? They are right on the front line of many abortions minded individual each and every day. They are the voice we need to fight this battle. Also, keep in mind students have no money, and that is why we must raise this money to send them.

For bus fare, convention fee and hotel it is going to cost \$400.00 per student...that will include bus fare there and back and hotel for 2 nights and convention fees. The students will be responsible for almost all their own food. The convention will feed them and the hotel offers free breakfast each day.

If you have any questions or ideas please don't hesitate to call me or email me. I encourage you to please pass this along to others in your contacts who you would think would be interested in promoting more Pro-life activity on campuses.

One thing I ask if you would pray for this campaign and for the students who want to attend.

Many Blessings,

Barbara Durkee
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JOB ADVERTISWEMENT

St. Joseph's Helpers in Little Rock is seeking a Nurse Sonographer for the **Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center** to perform ultrasounds on abortion minded women. Applicant must be a registered nurse (RN), with previous experience in sonography or willing to be trained.

Submit resume to:
St. Joseph's Helpers
P.O. Box 25413
Little Rock, AR 72221
or email gohogs23@sbcglobal.net
For more information
call Shannon @ 501.407.0716

**104TH ANNUAL
STATE CONVENTION
APRIL 26TH – 29TH, 2012**

THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2012

Registration
State Officer's Meeting
State Officer's Dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2012

Registration
Golf Tournament
Hospitality Suites
Committee Meetings 9
Naturals Game
Live Music

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2012

Registration
Rosary for the Deceased Brother Knights
Mass of Deceased Brother Knights
Breakfast
Business Meeting
Ladies Activities
Youth Activities
Mass – Bishop Anthony Taylor
Reception
Awards Banquet Dinner
Dance

SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2012

Our Lady of Guadalupe Service
Breakfast
Business Meeting

REMINDER

January 2012 Newsletter Deadline

Please try to send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by Wednesday, December 21, 2011, for the January 2012 Newsletter. Please e-mail your report, article, message, or photos to johnh911@conwaycorp.net.

Reports Due

FORM	REPORT	DUE BY
185	REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Jul
365	SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT FOR THE TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Aug
1295-1	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Aug
SC-KIT	SOCCER CHALLENGE KIT ORDER FORM	15-Aug
2629	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR	1-Sep
SA-KIT	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	1-Sep
CR	OFFICIAL ORDER FORM FOR RECORDED COLUMBUS DAY PROGRAM	15-Sep
FT-KIT	FREE THROW COUNCIL COMPETITION KIT ORDER FORM	1-Nov
4567	SOCCER CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM	1-Dec
FT- 1	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION REPORT	31-Jan
4584	PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS	31-Jan
1728	INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT	31-Jan
4001	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST PARTICIPATION FORM	31-Jan
1295-2	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Feb
SP-7	COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION	30-Jun
2630	ANNUAL REPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUND TABLE	30-Jun
2863	RSVP REFUND/PLAQUE APPLICATION	30-Jun
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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