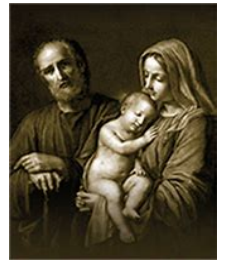




OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAITH IN ACTION



2020 Member Experience Director Report 115th Annual State Convention

April 16, 2020

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy, Worthy Vice-Supreme Master, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Master, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy State Directors, Worthy General Agent, Delegates, Brother Knights,

Throughout the State of Oklahoma our councils continue to explore and implement great programs and support worthy causes in our Faith in Action program model. These programs and causes are specific to the crucial work within our faith and civic communities as well as our Family and Life initiatives. Although amazing charitable work is underway in many parts of the State, through the voices of our District Deputies during our winter meeting, many councils are still struggling to find their way in implementing our new Faith in Action program model. Our State Directors and I along with direction of State Deputy and State Officers, will work to the best of our ability to assist these councils succeed and create a model that will in turn provide the ability for all our councils to be effective in their local parishes and communities.

Currently, I am preparing an analysis of our effectiveness throughout our State by culminating data from each council's 2020 Fraternal Survey. The data composed in this report will be an additional tool and resource that will assist the State in providing feedback to our councils on how to increase effectiveness in their programs. It will help create a strategic plan and implementation process that each District Deputy will be able to work with each of their respective councils in forming partnerships within a district. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

The SP-7 Columbian report requires the reporting of 16 programs, 4 under each program category. A featured program can be added as 2 of the 4 programs on the report, while each category must contain the required Faith in Action program for one credit. Another requirement for the Columbian award is the completion of Safe Environment Training for all Grand Knights, Program Directors, Family Directors, and Community Directors within the council. Our new "Faith in Action" program model gives councils a more enriched opportunity for spiritual development and community outreach within their councils and parishes.

My report will include reports from our State Community Director, State Faith Director, and our State Life Director. Each report will also be inclusive of individual chairman reports. We have a great base of directors and/or chairman, but are always in

need to add more energetic and enthusiastic Brother Knights to the program team. We are especially in need of someone to assume the duties of our Family programs.

During the month of April, representatives from the State Council conducted the selection of award recipients for the 2020 convention via an electronic format due the coronavirus pandemic. Attached to my report is a listing of all the councils that submitted entries in the various programs, however below is a breakdown of the number of entries:

- Faith Activities – 6
- Community Activities – 6
- Family Activities – 4
- Life Activities - 4
- Outstanding Youth – 3
- Family of the Year – 3
- Knight of the Year - 5

Councils in contention for obtaining Star Council status for this fraternal year need to be sure the required forms are completed which are part of qualifications for Star Council. Councils are encouraged to begin submitting their SP-7 Columbian applications and not wait for the June 30, 2020 deadline. This will allow extra time for any revisions that may be required.

I want to thank all of the Directors and Chairman for all their work they have faithfully carried out during this fraternal year within their respective areas. I also want to thank our State Deputy, Matt Maly for his confidence in me, and for appointing me as the Oklahoma State Member Experience Director. We have an amazing program model for our state councils to look outside the box on improving existing programs, as well as being creative on new programs within in charitable and spiritual outreach endeavors. Our goal will continue to focus on each of our members experience while each of them live out their lives as a Knights of Columbus Champion.

I respectfully submit this reported to be included in the minutes of the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus 115th State Convention held in the Great State of Oklahoma.

Vivat Jesus,

Philip Stramski
State Member Experience Director

2020 State Convention Award Entries

Faith Activity:

4598	St Teresa- Harrah	RSVP Mardi Gras Dinner
5396	St Robert – Jones	Sacramental Gifts
5759	St. James – OKC	Paint Church Gym
8523	St. Thomas More – Norman	Contributions to New Sanctuary
11237	St. Monica – Edmond	Marion Icon Prayer Program
15834	Church of the Resurrection – Tulsa	Parish Men’s Retreat

Community Activity:

916	Guthrie	Stuff the Truck with Turkeys
5759	St. James – OKC	Update Willow Pregnancy Support
8523	St. Thomas More – Norman	Center of Family Love Tie Dye
11237	St. Monica – Edmond	Soccer Challenge
11959	Tulsa	Triviafest
15834	– Church of the Resurrection – Tulsa	Meal at Daycenter for the Homeless

Family Activity:

5396	St Robert’s – Jones	Family of the Month
11237	St. Monica – Edmond	Food for Families
13313	St Mary’s – Tulsa	Finley the Fox Fundraiser
15834	Church of the Resurrection – Tulsa	Hope Food Pantry

Life Activity:

5396	St Robert’s – Jones	Beef Raffle
8523	St. Thomas More – Norman	Women’s Resource Baskets
11237	St Monica – Edmond	Novena for Life
15834	Church of the Resurrection – Tulsa	Novena for Life

Outstanding Youth of the Year:

6477	St. John’s – Edmond	Alex Littell
11237	St. Monica – Edmond	Hayden Love
13313	St Mary’s – Tulsa	David Steichen

Family of the Year:

11237	St. Monica – Edmond	Justin DeMoss Family
13313	St Mary’s – Tulsa	Michael Fusco Family
15834	Church of the Resurrection – Tulsa	Francisco Gomez Family

Knight of the Year:

4598	St Teresa – Harrah	Caleb Foshee
5396	St Robert’s – Jones	Calvin Rotherell
8523	St. Thomas More – Norman	Ed Averyt
11237	St Monica – Edmond	Garth Christian
15834	Church of the Resurrection – Tulsa	Keith Steffen

Oklahoma KofC State Faith Activities Director Report

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Deputies, Delegates, and Brother Knights.

The following is an update on the status of Faith Activities throughout the State of Oklahoma.

RSVP:

Currently there are 14 Seminarians supported by 13 reporting councils. Donations have been in the amounts of \$500, \$1000, \$1500 and most notably \$2000 (Council 11237). The total of all known donations is \$6500. I would like to those councils who have donated for showing their support for our seminarians.

For those Councils that have pledged support to seminarians but have not made donations or have not reported them, I ask that your Council Leadership ensure that the State RSVP Chairman Joe Mecham be notified as soon as possible of their current status. This information is imperative for the State Council in tracking how the Knights are supporting our future priests and deacons.

Marion Icon:

The Marion Icon “Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians” finished its circuit throughout Oklahoma in November of 2019. Starting in the panhandle, the Icon was received and enjoyed by every council.

Each council had the Icon for a number of days, affording parishes the opportunity to have it present during the week and at Sunday masses. Councils had the opportunity to come together with the parish faithful to pray for our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters.

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk:

The Building the Domestic Church Kiosk program was designed as a tool for all councils to put exceptional religious education materials into the hands of the faithful with the guidance and approval of the pastor.

If your council is already participating in this program, that’s a great achievement. If your council is not, then meet with your pastor and discuss placing a kiosk in your parish. As most of us know, attendance and participation in Church functions has been severely restricted. Use this program as an opportunity to broaden the knowledge of the faithful as we re-enter the Church!

Spiritual Reflection:

We have been blessed with the annual Oklahoma Catholic Men’s Conference. With this singular event, if a Council sends at least 10 members, they are able to fulfill the requirements found in the Faith in Action guidelines. This dynamic day of Catholicism has become an annual

highpoint in the spiritual lives of many Knights across the state. If your Council has not participated, we encourage you to do so in 2021!

Into the Breach:

An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men, written by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmstead, Bishop of Phoenix, *Into the Breach* encourages each of us to be a better Christian man, love as a Catholic man, and to realize the importance of fatherhood. It is an 8-week course of study that can be used in a group setting. If you or your council has not utilized this resource, it can be ordered from the Supreme website.

Rosary Program:

During the formation degree, we as Knights take an oath to pray the Rosary as often as possible. The Rosary Program capitalizes on this by asking that Councils organize regular and recurring Rosaries as a Council and faith family.

Holy Hour:

Much like the Rosary Program, Councils are encouraged to work closely with their pastors to organize and schedule regular and recurring Holy Hours throughout the year. When combined with the Rosary Program, the Holy Hour can be an easy and faith-filled way to meeting Faith in Action requirements.

Sacramental Gifts:

This program allows KofC councils the opportunity to participate in momentous celebrations that families experience with Baptism, First Communions, RCIA, and Marriage. Gifts for each can be ordered from supplies online. Order enough to cover every event throughout the year.

I encourage each Council in the Oklahoma to utilize the Faith in Action Guidebook in planning your Council's activities. We should be the front line in assisting our pastors in keeping with the vision of our founder, The Venerable Fr Michael J. McGivney.

I respectfully submit this report to the Worthy State Secretary and move that it be adopted into the minutes of the 115th Oklahoma Knights of Columbus State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

Caleb Foshee
Faith Activities Director
Oklahoma Knights of Columbus State Council

**Report Regarding Community Programs for the Worthy Membership
Experience Director: Philip Stramski**

By the Community Programs Director: Vincent Nowaczewski

Date: 04-16-2020

Dear Worthy Membership Experience Director,

Two programs under community have reportable information. These are the State Soccer Challenge and the Youth Basketball Free Throw Competition. In reference to the "required" program under Community, this report confirms that the Helping Hands Program is active in the state, but functions at the council level with each group optimizing the broad requirements of the program to their local conditions. The Helping Hands program was promoted by the Community Director to the state assembly of District Deputies and Grand Knights in the January 2020 workshops. However, the Community Director has no structured data to report for the Helping Hands program in this document.

The State Level Soccer Challenge was held at Ste. Monica's Parish in Edmond, OK on the second of November, 2019. There were competitors for every male age group. Female competitors were missing from the age 13 and age 14 groups. In total there were 23 participants for the state-wide tournament which was more than double the immediately previous year's total. One of the advantages of this fraternal year's competition is that it was held in the centrally located position of Edmond/OKC instead of the eastern corridor seated by Tulsa. Data for the Soccer Challenge winners is summarized in the Appendix section. The Community Director thanks Chairman Toan Nguyen for a fantastic job running the Soccer Challenge this year, and also to express gratitude to the leadership of Ste. Monica's parish for their willingness to host the event and assist in its logistics.

The State Basketball Free Throw competition has not yet been held, and has been postponed indefinitely by KofC leadership in light of the COVID-19 crisis. If it had been held, it would have been hosted on March 21st 2019, by the Ste. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church/School's gymnasium. The Ste. Charles KofC council Worthy Grand Knight, Sean Corbett, was very kind and considerate for agreeing to coordinate the hosting of the State Basketball Free Throw. Such acts go far beyond the Ste. Charles KofC council's regular responsibilities and require considerable extra effort by these local leaders; the Community Director is very grateful for and humbled by their dedication. The Community Director also wishes to express gratitude to the Ste. Charles Catholic School Principal, Mr. Gungoll for his allowance of the gym for the Oklahoma State KofC purpose.

Mr. James Grim, of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Chandler is the Chairman for the Basketball Free Throw competition. Brother James performed admirably this fraternal year coordinating with the Ste. Charles Borromeo KofC council and Catholic school to set up the event. Mr. Grim, also took charge of ordering and securing the trophies that would have been handed out in the wake of the Free Throw competition, had it gone forward. Brother James, currently has charge of storing these trophies. If the competition is completely canceled this year, he will need to take these back to Edmond Trophy to have the year markings updated next time the event is held.

Worthy Membership Experience Director, this concludes the Community Director's reporting of KofC community programs at the state level; please, let him know of any questions or concerns. These figures are accurate to the best of the Community Director's knowledge. Finally, it is also at this time that the Community Director submits his resignation as his work is taking him out of state, and he will no longer be able to be a resident of Oklahoma.

Vivat Jesus!

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Appendix: State Soccer Challenge Winner Information

Table 1: Data on male participants in the State Soccer Challenge (compiled by the worthy Chairman)

Age	Name	Score	Council Number
9	Hung Truong (winner)	185	5266
9	Israel Barojas	150	15834
10	Pace O'Shields (winner)	185	9901
10	Shawn Wickline	170	6606
11	Mason Zink (winner)	230	13313
12	Sebastian Casillas (winner)	355	1044
12	Stephen Colt Campbell	210	5266
12	Carlos Sigala	205	15834
12	Antonio Haynes	180	11909
13	Christian Cintron (winner)	160	11909
14	Thomas Nolan (winner)	180	916

Table 2: Data on female participants in the State Soccer Challenge (compiled by the worthy Chairman)

Age	Name	Score	Council Number
9	Roxy Adibi (winner)	175	5266
9	Adamaris Herrera	175	1044
9	Payton Miller	165	9901
9	Paisley Potwora	135	11959
9	Isabelle Wagner	135	5266
10	Evelyn Wagner (winner)	190	5266
10	Jaylen Soto	185	15834
11	Sarah Nolan (winner)	190	916
11	Avery Bidelspach	160	5266
11	Kaylee Escobar	110	9901
11	Karlee Escobar	50	9901
12	Josephine Wagner (winner)	165	5266
13	No Participant	N/A	N/A
14	No Participant	N/A	N/A

Life Director Report - 2020 State Convention

2020 March for Life Trip - As a result of the efforts of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, combined with the donations and support from the members of Knights of Columbus Council 12108, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City was able to send a group of 50 Catholic High School students from Bishop McGinnis, Mount St. Mary and Cristo Rey High Schools and their sponsors ,plus members of GOLD for a total of 70 plus people on a pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. from January 22th to January 26th for the second year in a row. The trip was again a dream come true for many of the students, who had to each write an essay on why they were Pro-Life, in order to be selected to attend the march. The trip started with an airplane flight to Washington D.C, on Wednesday January 22th, and included a tour of the capital and a meeting with Senator Jim Inhoff and the annual vigil mas at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on January 23rd. The actual March for life was held on Friday January 24th. Saturday January 25th was day for touring Washington, D. C. At the end of each day, the students would have some time for prayer worship and games. to get to know each other better and discuss Pro-Life issues..

Archdiocese of OKC hires a husband and wife team David McHugh and his wife Noelle McHugh as Pro-life Director for the Archdiocese of OKC. David and Noelle bring a tremendous amount of energy and creativity to the Pero Life movement in Oklahoma City and have started a pro-Life web page and hold monthly pro-Life networking lunches, among other events to energize the Pro-Life community and keep them focused on promoting life in the OKC Metro Area.

Knights of Columbus Prolife Billboard Campaign - Knights of Columbus Council # 12108 Pro-Life Billboard campaign in the OKC Metro Area is now raising funds for its fifth Phase.. We are currently running our Pro-Life KOC billboards on 12 electronic billboards located at various locations around the Oklahoma City Metro Area showing a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a mother and her baby on one side and the words, “Choose Life” on the other side”. . In addition to the electronic billboards, St. Marks Council #12108, paid for twelve bus benches at \$75.00 a piece, located all over the OKC Metro Area with the “Choose Life” slogan on them

Phase 5 of the Pro-Life Billboard Campaign which will run from July 2020 to January 2021. To date we are about half- way to our goal of \$5,000, so we still have a ways to go to fund Phase 5. I encourage those councils who have yet to participate in the Pro-Life Billboard Campaign to join us.

New Go-Life Mobil Medical office- 2020 saw Go-Life of Tulsa expand and open an office in Norman across from the Burns abortion facility We encourage our brother night to schedule a tour of the Norman Go-Life facility and support the office financially, so they can continue to be a positive life sustaining force near the Burns clinic. In addition, 2020 also saw Go-Life Norman obtain their first mobile ultrasound unit that can travel anywhere in the OKC Metro area to perform free ultrasounds to pregnant women.

40 days for Life Norman – Spring Campaign – Our brother Knights participated in the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign in Norman and handed out 40 days for Life flyers at the 2020 “In My Father’s Footsteps“ conference in Norman to encourage brother knights to participate in the 40 days for Life Campaigns in Norman, Oklahoma City and Tulsa which ran from early March 6th to the first week of April.

Silver Rose – Leroy Giddens

The running of the Silver Rose in 2020 marked the 61st 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.”

Special Olympics – Tom Greenlee

We Knights of Columbus have a unique relationship with Special Olympics and have been supporting them both financially and with volunteers for many years.

Here in Oklahoma we have been and continue to support the Special Olympics Summer Games in Stillwater by running the Concession stand serving both athletes and supporters.

Local councils have provided volunteers to assist with registration and conducting events with the local Special Olympic area organizations. This has allowed these athletes with physical and developmental disabilities to enjoy the thrill of competition and to be a part the larger world.

Novena for life – Tony Gianino

The Knights of Columbus Council 12108 and its four committees (Life, Family, Faith, and Community), under the direction of State Director for Life, Victor Munding, have participated in praying a novena this fraternal year. One novena was prayed by all members of Council 12108 back in the fall of last year for the Sanctity of Life at all levels from conception to natural death.

The second novena was prayed in December leading up to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Our Lady of Guadalupe, as the Patroness of the Americas and of the Knights of Columbus, caused our council to participate in this worthwhile prayer effort and has led to a closer fraternity within the Knights of Columbus and Council 12108. Our plan is to continue praying these novenas in the future and to continue building the Domestic Church for the betterment of our families and our society in general.

Mass for People with Special Needs – Bob Winstead

The Center of Family Love was started by a few men of The Knights of Columbus some 45 years ago, located in Okarche, Oklahoma. The Center has about 135 residents in three Locations. The Center provides lifetime care for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Knights of Columbus remain an integral part of The Center of Family Love.

It is appropriate that The Knights of St. Marks Catholic Church Council #12108 sponsor a Mass at The Blessed Stanley Rother Chapel, located at the Center of Family Love. A weekly Mass is planned for the residents and staff and visitors on Thursdays at 9:30am. We have visiting priests that visit and celebrate Mass. Deacon Lloyd Menz is the Deacon. Of Course, Archbishop Paul Coakley, Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius Beltran and Bishop Konderla come to say Mass on occasions.

The special needs Mass sponsored by Council 12108 is planned for _____ Mass will be at the Blessed Stanley Rother Chapel scheduled for _____

Ultrasound Program - Dr. Steve Richichi

40 days for Life East - No report Submitted

Christian Refugee Relief – Working to fill this position.