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An update on state projects

Brothers

Welcome to 2023

Our Savior is born and the New Year is upon us. Here are a few of the highlights of 2022.

We were able to fund two new ultrasound machines. The Ultrasound Program is run by the State Council with funds coming in from councils and individuals across the state. All councils are encouraged to collect funds and turn them into the State Secretary at least once per quarter. These machines have increased in price just like everything else. We currently have one application on hand and need funds to get it purchased.

Our Coats for Kids program was completed in November of this year. Our shortfall of paying for the coats is \$5,000. If you or your council can help, please send a check to our State Secretary.

The blessing of Tepeyac Hill and the statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego took place on Dec 11th. Please follow us on Facebook. Our page is Oklahoma Knights of Columbus State Council and at Oklahoma Knights of Columbus. We also have our state website at www.okkofc.org.

How are we doing on membership within the state? We are currently behind on our membership goal. Ending on Dec 31st, we are at 47.39%. Our goal is 441 members for 2022-2023. We still need to have 230 more men join the Knights in serving our parishes and becoming stronger in our faith. Thank you to all who



Dennis Kunnanz

From the State Deputy

recruited men during the first half of the year. For us to make our membership goal, we need each council to grow by one member per month. There are men out there who will join if you take the time to visit with them and offer programs they want. One program I have been hearing about from men is that they want bible study groups and faith programs such as

Ministry to Men. The Knights of Columbus also has a new faith program for men coming out soon called CORE. Please contact SW Ryan King or me to get you more information. There is still time to get your council qualified to win a pellet smoker at the State Convention. Your council just needs to achieve its membership goal by April 15th. When was the last time you or your council prayed for men and women considering religious life? Have you mentioned to any young men about serving God as a priest? The only way we are going to increase the number of men in seminary is to ask them to consider being a priest. Asking could be all it takes to encourage them to listen to God calling them. Please read the article about a pellet smoker to be raffled off by the State Ladies to help support our seminarians. Have you seen the pictures of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St Juan Diego that were blessed by Archbishop Coakley on Dec 11th? Please visit www.archokc.org Sooner Catholic. The funds for these statues are being raised by members of the Knights of Columbus in OKLAHOMA. Please donate today. We want you all to achieve Star Council. I will attend as many council func-

tions as possible if you send me an invitation. You can invite me at dennisokkofc@gmail.com and I will attend if my schedule is open. Please ask any state officer for help, if needed. When was the last time you invited men of your parish to attend the Catholic Men's Conference? This year's conference is Feb 25th in Norman. The conference is attended by many priests including Bishop Konderla and Archbishop Coakley. See catholicmen.net There

There is also a Women's Conference on Mar 4th in Norman. See okcatholicwomen.com for more information. Regarding Fraternal Benefit Nights, please contact your K of C Field Agent to see what you can work out with him to help you achieve your two required nights. Check out kofcpierceagency.com to get contact information if you don't know who your agent is. Each council needs to have two Fraternal Benefit Night credits. You can change the life of one man and his family by asking him to join us and become a Knight of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus

Dennis Kunnanz
Oklahoma State Deputy

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Editor's Note

Brother Knights & families

As a reminder, please send change of address letters to:
KOC address change, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, Ct. 06510.
Thanks and God bless

Vivat Jesus
Steve Gust Okla. Knight editor

Time to think about the state convention

Brothers:

Bowling Registrations are in, the tournament is just a few weeks away, and we're looking forward to seeing you in Enid, Jan 27-29.

State Convention packets are being assembled so that you have them soon. If we get to the middle of January and your council hasn't received a packet yet, please contact me ASAP. My contact information is at the front of this publication.

Some important points to remember about State Convention:

Your Report of Delegates (yellow copy) is due to me by March 1st so plan to vote on your delegates in your February business meeting at the latest. I must have this copy embossed with your council seal and returned to me via snail mail - no email scans.

Each person planning to attend, delegate or not, needs to either:

Complete the Delegate Registration (green copy) and mail with fee payment (i.e. check) to me, or...

Submit the same info/cc payment via the State Convention portal when it is made available to use on the State website after Feb 15, 2023.

If staying at the hotel for the convention, each person MUST make reservations with the NCED - the State will not make room reservations for you.

To receive the \$99/night group rate, you must

Call 1-866-855-1541

Identify yourself as a member of Oklahoma State Council, Knights of Columbus

Make said reservations prior to Apr 17, 2023

Please support the Host District by purchasing an ad in their Convention program. There is an order form in the packet for this.

If you plan to take advantage of the free child-care during the convention, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE indicate on the green registration form how many children, their ages, and for which events you will be leaving them. This helps us plan for appropriate levels of staffing and having age-appropriate activities for them.

Please check to ensure your council has paid its 2022-2023 State Per Capita. Invoices were sent July 26th. Delegate credentials cannot be sent if your council is unpaid.

As always, I'm happy to answer questions. Contact info is in the front of this publication.

Vivat Jesus
Chris Victor
State Secretary

Key Faith in Action reminders

Brother Knights, as we enter into 2023, there are some key Faith in Action reminders for this third quarter of which to take note. First, let's look at some key dates: The OK March for Life is Jan 21st, with Rose Day close behind on Feb 8th. The state bowling tournament is Jan 27th-29th. Special Olympics reporting via form 10784 is due Jan 31st (this report is critical as it helps determine how much money back from Supreme we receive!). If your council/districts had participants for the Catholic Citizenship Essay (Jan 31st deadline) or the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest (Feb 15th deadline), those council/district winning entries need to be submitted to me for state judging.

Next, let's begin to plan with your councils for upcoming events. The state free throw contest will be in late March, so please have your council/district contests done by no later than March 10th to avoid being too late. As soon as the date and location are finalized, that information will be sent. With Lent in late February, now is the time to begin planning for

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those programs that fit well into the Lenten season, such as Good Friday Family Promotion, Family Prayer Night, or Holy Hour. The Sacramental Gifts program could be an excellent fit for your council to celebrate those preparing for Baptism/Confirmation in the months to come. Remember: Lent and Easter can be extremely busy times for our clergy, so ensure that your programs don't put additional work into their schedules unless they have approved beforehand.

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fore you know it. And with it, we have the deadline for convention awards set as March 17th. This is a HARD deadline! Judging will occur immediately after this deadline to allow time for winning plaques to be ordered. Submission instructions, rules and forms for all FIA awards, Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Outstanding Youth can be found on the state website at www.okkofc.org. Simply visit the page, scroll to "Looking for State Forms?" and click the link. Every state form, not just awards submission forms, can be located here. I sincerely hope that each council will have at least one submission. It truly is a joy to read through the submission to see what's happening around the state, and even more exciting to have others see that hard work be inspired to do the same.

Ryan King, SW & SMED

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ROBERT ROGERS



CATHOLIC EVANGELIST AND SPEAKER, Teacher of "No Regrets," Speaker, Worship Leader, Pianist and Songwriter

catholicmen.net

IN THE FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS XXVII

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Blessed are the peacemakers.

for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5:9

SATURDAY

FEB 25 2023

EMBASSY SUITES CONVENTION CENTER

Norman, OK | 8:45 AM

Journey in Eucharist Revival ongoing

January 2, 2023

Dear Knights, families and friends of the Knights of Columbus,

First I wish each of you a very happy, holy and healthy 2023! May this year be filled with graces of joy, peace and faithfulness to God who is always with us.



Fr. Jim Caldwell

Writing this column on the 2nd day of January provides a great opening thought as we in the Catholic world mourn the loss of Pope Benedict the XVI who died on December 31, 2022. He was a great pope whose writings give us great hope as we the Church militant continue to be strengthened by the word and direction our pontiffs write, speak, and share with us. Pope Benedict XVI will be mourned and missed while his contributions to our faith will last a long time.

Pope Benedict XVI followed

after our most beloved Pope St. John Paul II, and through his pontificate and writings, continues to draw us into a deeper awareness of who Christ is. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops is embarking on a three year Eucharistic Revival in the United States. In this revival, the goal is for us as Catholic men and women and Knights of Columbus, to renew our love, desire and faith in the mystery of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is at the heart and soul of the Church universal and at the heart of our faith. Without the Eucharist, our faith cannot increase, renew our hearts and deepen our love for the Lord. Hence the need for a renewal and revival of deepening our understanding of the Eucharist in order plumb the depths of this mystery which make us one, holy, catholic and apostolic. In addition, this three year program of renewal invites us to examine in our hearts and be open to fresh and innovative ways to learn and deepen our desire to profess our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

This is important for us as Catholics because the Eucharist defines us and separates us Catholics from all other Protestant faiths. As a key component and foundation of our Faith, the Eucharist is the source and summit, and we as Catholics must thrive in this mystery. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Christ Himself and He becomes like us in every aspect but our sins. His love, His presence, His joy and wisdom are what we strive to live and emulate each day. This can only happen when we deepen our appreciation and understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Concluding this column, I want to encourage each and every member and family of the Knights of Columbus to do all you can to gain the knowledge of who Jesus is by studying Him. Study Jesus of Nazareth, a book Pope Benedict XVI wrote. Study the encyclical "Deus Caritas," God is Love and "Caritas in Veritate," Charity in Truth. These writings help us grow in love with the Lord, and increase our willingness to speak the truth

of our faith with love.

As we continue our journey in the Eucharistic Revival and revival of our own faith in God, let us use the intelligence and direction of Pope Benedict XVI, St. Pope John Paul II and many others to understand simply and with faith the summit and source of faith: The Holy Eucharist which is the Real Presence of Christ. Participate each Sunday and more often if possible, in the celebration of Mass to grow intimately in love with the Lord. Lastly, press the Holy Spirit to give all of us the knowledge and wisdom to proclaim this great truth about our Lord. The more we know the Lord in the Eucharist, the more we can love the Lord in the Eucharist, and the more wisdom we will have to proclaim this love of God to others and recruit more men, women and families to the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jim Caldwell
State Chaplain
Knights of Columbus

Join The Father McGivney Guild

If you and your family are not members of the Father McGivney Guild, please complete the coupon and mail to:

The Father McGivney Guild
Knights of Columbus
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, Ct. 06510-3328
Register online at www.kofc.org

Please print in block letters

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

ZIP CODE _____

Guild members receive a bi-monthly newsletter on the status of the sainthood cause, a special prayer card and additional materials as they are developed. Members may also submit prayer and Mass intentions to the director of the Guild. KOC membership does not make one automatically a Guild member. **PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY EITHER** with this form or online.

Tepeyac Hill in Oklahoma

Tepeyac Hill is located at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine.

The hill features a twelve-foot-high statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe and an eight-foot-high statue of San Juan Diego on his knees looking to Our Lady. These statues were blessed on Dec 11 on top of Tepeyac Hill at Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine.

Here's a quote from Pope St. John Paul II "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the first and new evangelization of America. To her I entrust the pilgrim Church and I fervently ask her to guide her children, so that they will enter the third millennium with faith and hope"

This hill will be a place for all to venerate Our Lady, St Juan Diego, and Blessed Stanley Rother, and ask for intercessions for deepened faith, conversion of heart, the unborn and the America's.

When Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, consecrated the Order to Our Lady of Guadalupe when he was installed as Supreme Knight, formalized that devotion's place in the Order's spirituality.

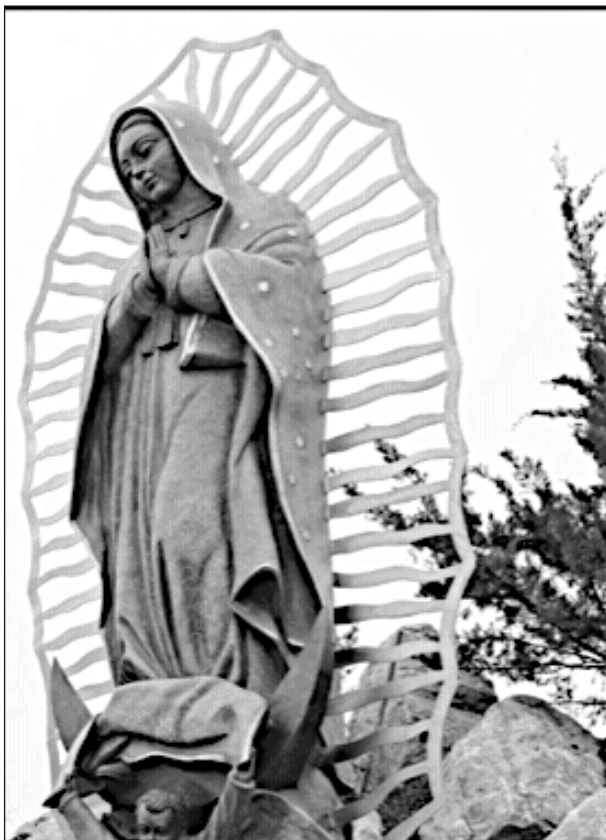
When we became Knights, we were given this powerful weapon against evil with the words, "Her holy rosary in our hands, going where we go. The salutation 'Hail Mary' on our lips. What challenge can we not face? What victories can we not achieve?"

We have received a tremendous gift in the rosary, in the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and in the Blessed Mother herself. Christ's words from the cross to the apostle John were spoken to the entire Church and to each of us: "Behold your mother" (Jn 19:27).

She is our mother. She is our queen. And we are her Knights. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Tepeyac Hill is open to all to come and pray.

As you may know the Statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St Juan Diego are funded by the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus. We are still raising funds to pay for them. I ask you to pray about donating to



Our Lady

Tepeyac Hill today. Your donation could be a one-time gift or a monthly pledge. Be it \$50.00 or \$50,000 all are tax deductible.

How do you or your friends donate?

You can scan the code or go to www.archokc.org/TepeyacHill This is a large project taken on by the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus.

Your support in completing this fundraiser will enable thousands of people to enjoy spending time with Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Saint Diego

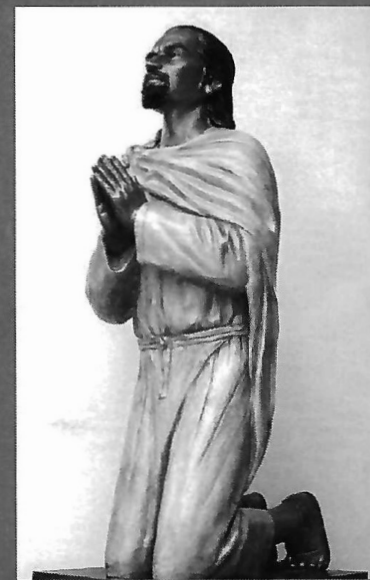


TEPEYAC HILL

at the BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER SHRINE

The Knights of Columbus and the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine join in the efforts to spread the gospel and make disciples. This Tepayac Hill and the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and San Juan Diego will be a sacred place for all.

The shrine's Tepeyac Hill will feature statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and San Juan Diego. This hill will be a place for all to venerate Our Lady, San Juan Diego and Blessed Stanley Rother, and to ask for intercessions for deepened faith, conversion of heart, the unborn and the Americas.



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Just as St. Juan Diego found peace in the tender heart of Our Lady of Guadalupe, so too did the poor and marginalized encounter the love of God in the pastoral charity of Blessed Stanley Rother. The Tepeyac Hill project is a worthy endeavor, and it is fitting that Blessed Stanley Rother be memorialized at his Shrine alongside Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego.

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Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Some State convention instructions

Brother Knights, the 2023 State Convention is right around the corner, April 28-30th at the NCED in Norman.(2801 East State Highway 9, Norman, 73071)

If you are planning to run for state office, please send your resume and intent to run letter to State Secretary Chris Victor. You will also need to be nominated and seconded from the floor at the State Convention. You must be a Third Degree Knight to run for state office.

All Third Degree Knights are eligible to run as a delegate to the Supreme Convention which will be held in Orlando, Florida the first week of August. We will be electing both insurance and associate members as delegates. If you plan to run as a delegate, please send your letter of intent to run to State Secretary Chris Victor. You will also have to have someone nominate you and second your nomination from the floor at the State Convention.

I would also like to remind you about becoming a lifetime member of the 365 Club. The donation you would need to make is \$365.00. Please send your check to your Financial Secretary. Financial Secretaries will need to send funds and a list of those receiving a plaque to State Secretary Chris Victor by March 10th, 2023.

Address any of the above-mentioned correspondence to:

State Secretary Chris Victor
4129 S. Tamarack Ave
Broken Arrow, Ok. 74011

Fraternally,


Russell Pascarella
State Advocate

Please help fund Tepeyac Hill

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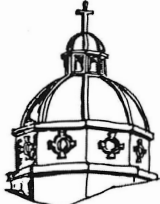
If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can support the Tepeyac Hill with a Qualified Charitable Distribution gift from your Traditional IRA.



STOCK GIFTS

You can support the Tepeyac Hill and help reach our goal with a gift of stock. The gift is equal to the full market value of the stock you give.

In order for us to properly identify and apply your gift, please call Miguel Mireles at 405-709-2745 when you make your gift



ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY
BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER
SHRINE
Go Make Disciples

“Our Lady entrusted to St. Juan Diego her request to the Bishop of Mexico to have a chapel built at Tepeyac. The obedient response of Mary’s humble servant began the most significant chapter in the story of the evangelization of the Americas. The Tepeyac Hill at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine will be a place of encounter and witness to the steadfast love of God and maternal concern of Our Lady for all her children. Like St. Juan Diego, Blessed Stanley responded to God’s call to place himself under Mary’s maternal care in service to the Gospel. May all who visit and support the Tepeyac Hill project experience her motherly care.”

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley


“The words of Mary to the servants at the wedding at Cana ring throughout the centuries: ‘do whatever he tells you.’ St. Juan Diego and Bl. Stanley Rother model for us what that obedience to the Lord looks like in the world. The Tepeyac Hill at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine will be a place of encounter for all who seek a more intimate life with Jesus in loving obedience. God bless all whose generosity makes this holy place a reality.”

Bishop David Konderla, Diocese of Tulsa

TEPEYAC HILL

at the BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER SHRINE

www.archokc.org/tepeyachill

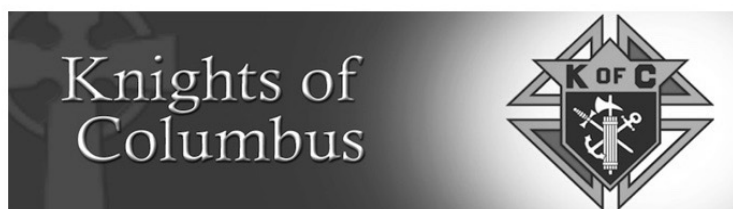


An update on ‘Coats for Kids’ program

Coats for Kids
Brother Knights we supplied over 105 cases of coats this year. We had some councils participate in the program by buying coats from the state and other that donated cash. We are working on next years program and will announce the program at the State Convention and kick off at the Organizational Meeting in July. Your help is still needed in funding the coats we pur-

chased this past year. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to pay our bill. What ever we collect past that amount will be used for next years Coats for Kids program. We accept donations from Councils, Assemblies, Individual Knights or Parishnors along with a donation from a business. Make your check out to the Oklahoma State Council and mail to State Secretary Chris Victor. His address in the State Officer listing.

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**Knights of Columbus
2023 State Golf Tournament
Council 5266 - Stillwater, Oklahoma**

Location: Cedar Valley Golf Club
Guthrie, Oklahoma

Date: May 20th, 2023

Proceeds to benefit the Center of Family Love in Okarche, OK

Registration Deadline is May 17th, 2023

REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM REGISTRATION (\$75.00 per participant):

PARTICIPANT 1. _____

PARTICIPANT 2. _____

PARTICIPANT 3. _____

PARTICIPANT 4. _____

Please make check for \$ 300.00 (team entry fee – covers green fee, cart, range balls, goodie bag, breakfast, and lunch) Mulligans, Red Tee and Hole-in-One Tickets sold at the venue.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

If you don't have a team and would like to participate, register as an individual and we will get you into a team at the tournament...

PARTICIPANT : _____

Please make check for \$75.00 (individual entry fee – covers green fee, cart, goodie bag, lunch, and two drink tickets)

Make checks to: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – COUNCIL 5266

Team Main Contact Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Tournament Format

Four-player Scramble

Sign in at 11:00 am

Lunch at 12:00 pm

Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm

Prizes:

1st Place Team

2nd Place Team

3rd Place Team

Closest to the Pin

Longest Drive

Hole in One

For Sponsorship

Opportunities call

Pedro Velasco

405-614-4585

State golf tourney set for May

Council 5266 of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Stillwater, OK, will host the 2023 Oklahoma State Golf Tournament. The Tournament will be held on May 20th, at Cedar Valley Golf Club in Guthrie, OK. It will be in the format of a four-player team scramble with a shot-gun start at 1:00 pm. Registration is \$75 per player and is open to all Knights, friends of Knights, both female and male.

Tournament organizer is SK Pedro Velasco, who can be contacted at pedropvelascoe@gmail.com. More information regarding registration forms and sponsorship forms will be sent out in January 2023.

Mail check and registration form to:

GK Pedro Velasco

304 S Keats Dr

Stillwater, OK 74075

Contact us to inform of your participation:

Email: pedropvelascoe@gmail.com

Cell: 405-614-4585