



Knights of Columbus

Arkansas State Council

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STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT FOR JULY 2013

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STATE DEPUTY

Happy Fraternal New Year!

Congratulations to all the Council Officers who were elected or reelected. May the new fraternal year ahead of us be successful?

As I write this, I have just returned from the Supreme Organizational Meeting in New Haven. They really have me pumped up and I hope I can impart some of that enthusiasm on the rest of the 7,400 Knights in Arkansas.

Our Membership goal state wide has dropped by 55, so that means some councils goal will drop this year. I don't know which ones yet. We still want to shoot for One Member per Council per Month. To meet that goal we want to have One First Degree per District per Month. I heard one council say well, "we are too lazy to recruit new members." I say "no if you were truly lazy you would want to recruit more members so you would not have to work so hard on your programs and charities. Recruit all the help you need. Invite your whole parish to take part in your programs, i.e. March for Life, Baby Bottle Campaign, Persons with Disabilities, Food for Families, Coats for Kids, etc.

Supreme has rethought its Roundtable Program. Last year they only wanted to have Roundtables for ethnic groups or Parishes over 150 families. This year they have gone back to wanting a Roundtable for every Parish served by the Council, where the council serves more than one Parish, with the Priest's concurrence. That means two extra forms to file out but that should only take a few minutes of time.

Supreme has realigned the Membership and Program Consultants as a result we lost Jose Jimenez. Jose has done a lot for Arkansas the past few years, and he will be missed. We are gaining Joseph Pietruszynski or Joe P. for short. Joe P. has been assigned to Arkansas before, and he will be an asset to the state.

Supreme has set up a new program called "Second Responder" in each state. The Second Responder Coordinator for the state will coordinate aid and assistance for the victims of floods, storms, earthquakes, etc. This has already been tested in West, Texas and Moore, Oklahoma, with much success.

Hope you have a happy 4th of July and a safe summer.

Vivat Jesu

Michael Kieffer
State Deputy

ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH!

ONE FIRST DEGREE PER DISTRICT PER MONTH!

STATE CHAPLAIN

FATHER BILL ELSER

Did you have a happy Flag Day? In case you didn't know, Flag Day is always celebrated in our country on June 14. For the last two years of Knights of Columbus Assembly in Hot Springs Village has co-sponsored activities, held on our church grounds, for Flag Day. In addition to a community-wide commemoration in our parish hall, we celebrated Mass and then, led by our 4th degree color guard, we posted the colors, and prayed the patriotic rosary. If you have never participated in this unique rosary, you should. It contains quotes from famous Americans that tie in o patriotism with our belief that God is behind all the blessings that have flowed to and from our country over the years of its existence. We also sing patriotic songs after we conclude each mystery of the rosary. If anyone would like to order a copy or copies of the patriotic rosary, you can do so by calling 205-672-2000 Extension 315 (Caritas of Birmingham). We pray the patriotic rosary once a month in our church (for our country's leaders and citizens) and sometimes before our 4th degree meetings. God bless America (and the efforts of the Knights of Columbus).

Please also remember to pray and work on an ongoing basis for the protection of religious liberty in this great country of ours.

YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT

ROD HARRISON

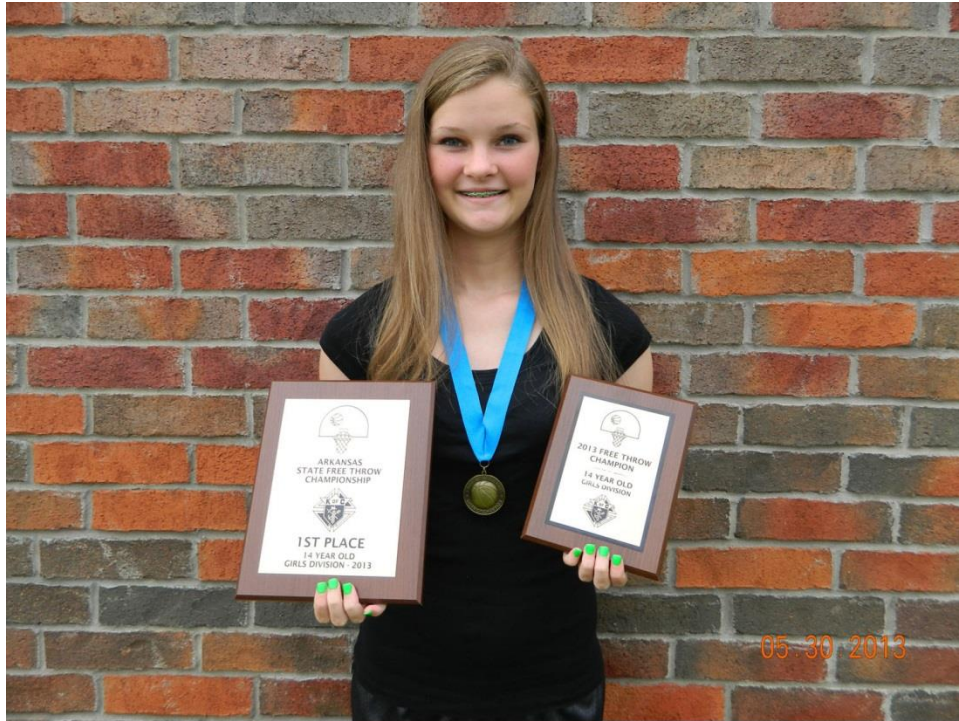
Rachel Prall Free Throw Champion

Fourteen year-old Rachel Prall, and incoming freshman at St. Joseph School, has been named one of the 16 International Free Throw Champions by the Knights of Columbus Catholic Fraternal Order. Since 1972, Knights of Columbus Councils from across the country and around the world have sponsored this contest for boys and girls between the ages of 10-14.

The contest begins at the local level in January and works up to the State and International levels. Rachel was sponsored by Council 04143 in Conway.

The International Winners, who represent each age level, are chosen by the records they achieve in the State Competition. Those are matched against what others do in their states or countries. Rachel won the Arkansas Championship by making 24 out of the 25 free throws she took back in March. She will be receiving a special trophy from the Knights in the near future. She's seen here with the awards she won previously.

Initial reports provided to me by Ray Nielsen who secured the biographical information from Rachel's parents.



Rachel Prall - Age 14 Group
2013 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Champion

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

PHILIP SAVAGE

USE CHARITABLE PROGRAMS TO SHOW GENEROSITY!

Hello Brother Knights! State Program Director here, have you had any charitable programs yet? I hope you have had several. Why? Two reasons; Ok, really three reasons; Number one... your council has reached out to, and helped someone or many people in need! Number two, your council has opened a door or perhaps at least a window of opportunity to recruit new members. When men see the Knights of Columbus do good things, they want to be a part of it. Promote. Promote. Promote. Number three, because of the contest Supreme has been sponsoring to honor Pope Francis during April, May and June; you had the opportunity to win a trip to Rome and Assisi for your Grand Knight, your Program director and your Membership director. I am sure everyone would like to see some of their guys and their wives enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Rome and Assisi!

Here are a few numbers for you; I hope you are not bored with numbers! From some of the entries for Large Council of the Year Award that was given out at the State Convention: One council had sponsored 109 programs, another 81, two councils 73 another council 61! Wow, that is amazing! Well done guys! One of the programs that won the state award for Community was Fortnight for Freedom!

Remember what Pope Francis tells us ... "What does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashion of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything you don't like out the window.....Let us not be afraid of life commitments, commitments that take up and concern

our entire life! In this way our life will be fruitful! And this is freedom: to have courage to make these decisions with generosity”

Philip Savage
State Program Director

ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH!

**PRO-LIFE COUPLE
MR. & MRS. RUSTY ADAMS**

Brother Knights,

My wife and I were just appointed by the State Knights of Columbus Council as Pro-Life Couple for Arkansas for 2013-2014 so we are looking for ways to make a difference. I heard Arch Bishop Kurtz on the Catholic Channel asking for support for this cause?

<https://catalog.osv.com/catalog.aspx?simplifiedisplay=true&productcode=x1433>
<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/pro-life-blessings.cfm>.

Blessing of a Child in the Womb — NEW!!!

The new "Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb" was crafted to support parents awaiting the birth of their child, to encourage parish prayers for -- and recognition of -- the precious gift of the child in the womb, and to foster respect for human life within society. It may be offered within the context of the Mass as well as outside of Mass.

***God, author of all life,
bless, we pray, this unborn child;
give constant protection
and grant a healthy birth
that is the sign of our rebirth one day
into the eternal rejoicing of heaven...
~ excerpt from the Prayer of Blessing***

Washington D.C., June 7, 2013, 12:08 pm (CNA). - A new booklet on the vocation of Christian parenthood and its relationship to the parish and broader society is now available online.

“The Gift of Joy” was co-authored by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., and Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield of Philadelphia.

The booklet focuses on “The Blessing of the Child in the Womb,” which was prepared at the request of then-Bishop Kurtz, who currently serves as vice president and associate general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The text for the blessing was drafted by the conference’s Divine Worship and Pro-Life Activities committees. Approved by the U.S. bishops in 2008, it received final approval from Rome in 2012.

“The blessing of the child in the womb unites the parish” because it can be celebrated during Mass,” explained Archbishop Kurtz and Msgr. Bransfield. In addition, the birth of a new child brings parents more fully into their faith and the loving support of their parish community.

The booklet is now available online through Our Sunday Visitor. Click on the OSV link to purchase your pastor a copy. I encourage all the councils to share this information with their parishes and incorporate into Mass at least 4 times a year, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Annunciation, Mother’s Day and Forty Days for Life in October. If you have any questions please reach out to me. I look forward to working with all Councils in pursuing respect for life.

In Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Vivat Jesu

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT CALVIN WEBB COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Each one of us has a voice in shaping the world around us; as members of the Knights of Columbus we must make our voices heard. We need to do more than give up in despair over what is wrong, instead; we need to make a difference, ***One Person, One council at a time.*** Our communities offer limitless opportunity for action that can be seen, felt and judged for its true worth. Look for something that’s needed and workable in your community and get involved. The Knights of Columbus are still taking donations for Oklahoma tornado victims as well as the explosion in West, Texas. Information on how to contribute can be found at www.kofc.org.

Independence Day is typically celebrated with public displays of patriotism, including parades, picnics, and fireworks. As Knights there are several ways we could get involved with our local communities, search out ways to involve your Council or Assembly in the local 4th of July celebrations.

If you have a community related activity you would like to see in this newsletter please email me with the information.

God Bless

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AUGUST 2013 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos, until a new Newsletter Editor is appointed, to Michael Kieffer, State Deputy, by Monday, July 15, 2013, for the August 2013 Newsletter. Please e-mail your report, article, message, and/or photos to kiefferkc1@gmail.com.

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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