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STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

Brother Knights of the Arkansas Jurisdiction:

With our new fraternal year beginning, I would like to say thank you. Thank you for allowing a great group of Knights to serve you this coming year. We are blessed to have such a group dedicated to serving our church, our parishes and our order, although, our jurisdiction is made up of all of us and not only those on the state council. Your District Deputies will be working hard with each and every council this coming fraternal year and know they are very capable of helping you through any fraternal matter.

Our order was founded in the basement of a church by our founder Venerable Michael J. McGivney. We as Knights, followers of our founder and keeping true to why we are called Knights of Columbus, the right hand of the Catholic Church, must continue to serve our brothers in Christ in the parishes. We must reach out and live to our true meaning of Catholic, universal, to be able to grow our order. Our order throughout our 73 jurisdictions is maturing at a very rapid rate. We must reach out to all individuals starting at the age of 18 and without any distinction of any kind. This can only be accomplished in the pews of our churches, in the vestibules of churches, in the parish halls and in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, by serving Him in any capacity needed by our priests.

We, the 7300+ Knights in the Arkansas Jurisdiction, can make a difference this year by ensuring each of us asks our Lord Jesus Christ to guide us to our brother in Christ who has not been asked to join our order, which we are proud of, and work side by side with them. We must be true to our faith as Matthew 25:40 states, "And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Yes, this is you and me. We must lead by example.

May God look upon each and every one of us and continue to bless us with His greatness. May we all continue to work in His vineyard where the work is plentiful but the laborers few.

Have YOU asked someone this week to join our order?

Fraternally,

Adrian Dominguez
State Deputy



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IMMEDIATE PAST STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

I wish to thank all 2013-2014 Officers, District Deputies and Program Chairmen and Directors for a job well done. I wish to thank all the Grand Knights and Council Officers for the hard work they have put in during this last year.

We have elected a great group of officers to lead us in the up coming year.

Please include in your prayers our State Officers and Council Officers, that they have a successful year.

I plan to stay involved as the New Council/Round Table Denouement Chairman.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Kieffer,
Immediate Past State Deputy



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ARKANSAS SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHAIRMAN REPORT

On Thursday, May 22, 2014, thirty-nine Hot Springs Village, Horseshoe Bend and Mena, Arkansas Knights of Columbus members, including their spouses, plus 5 friends, gathered on the campus of Harding University in Searcy to work in Olympic Town, which has become an integral part during the Arkansas Special Olympics annual state competition. Olympic Town, funded by the Knights of Columbus, is an area where athletes, their chaperones, coaches and families can participate in FREE fun games in-between their athletic events. Activities include seven games, where participants get prizes whether or not they win the game, nail polishing, wash-off tattoos, and a hand-eye coordination opportunity to create one-of-a-kind necklaces/bracelets using plastic beads or hand-painted wooden beads.

On Thursday evening, thirteen Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard members from several Councils, outfitted in their regalia, led over 3,000 athletes plus chaperones, coaches and some family members onto and around the track of Harding football stadium for the Opening Ceremonies. Arkansas Special Olympics is divided into Areas, and each Area athletes wore shirts specifically designed for and selected by them, creating a colorful scene with much waving and smiles for the spectators. The Honor Guard posted Colors throughout the ceremonies until after the athletes had taken their oath and the Olympic Torch had been lit and the games declared open. To the delight and loud cheers of the athletes, nearly 400 motorcycle riders, representing clubs which had raised monies for Special Olympics, followed the athletes into the stadium. The dramatic entry of the Olympic Torch followed, carried into the stadium by law enforcement officers whose journey took them from Fort Smith, Pocahontas and Texarkana, through various cities and towns, culminating at Little Rock to run the torch the remainder of the route to Searcy. The final lap was conducted by several special athletes who lit the Olympic Torch. It was an emotional and memorable ceremony.

The competition began early Friday morning and closed late afternoon, then commenced on Saturday morning until noon. Olympic Town was open that entire time and, of the 5,000+ attendees at the state competition, approximately 1500 participants came to enjoy themselves in Olympic Town. The volunteers, under the leadership of Dub Green, Knights of Columbus State Chairman-Arkansas Special Olympics, worked tirelessly with smiles galore to make this a rousing success with much fun for all and with a deep appreciation for the opportunity to work with all of the participants. For anyone who has not experienced the Special Olympics state competition, we urge you to come witness an event that will leave an incredible, indelible imprint in your heart.

Dub & Geri Green
Special Olympics Chairman



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PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES CHAIRMAN REPORT

Brother Knights:

It seems like we just finished wrapping up last year's highly successful fund drive, but the time has come to begin the 2014 K of C Fund Drive for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities (PID). Our goals this year are to better our fundraising total for 2013 and, more importantly, have at least 50% of the councils in the state participate. (Last year, 41% of the councils participated).

Please help me make this drive a success. I will be contacting each council in the next few weeks about this year's fund drive (formerly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive).

Should you wish any assistance beforehand feel free to contact me at 501-831-2746 or razor-back100@att.net.

Paul M. Leonard
People With Intellectual Disabilities Chairman



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STATE CHAPLIN REPORT

"Timing is everything" is a saying that seems to fit in many situations of life. It also does so at times with the Church's calendar. That is truly the case with the solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist which the Church celebrates every June 24. It's a celebration, coming in the first days of the Fortnight for Freedom (June 24 - July 4), has much to say about the ministry of John the Baptist who boldly proclaimed in public the message of conversation and preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

Many tried to silence the voice and witness of John including Herod who imprisoned him and ultimately had him beheaded. John stood tall and strong to the end for the truth, and so should we in all the ways of the Lord, and in the right of all people to practice and live out the tenants of their faith.

We should be inspired by John and ask for intercession for us and our country at a time when some of our religious freedoms are being threatened. Also, as we recently celebrated the birth of John the Baptist who "stirred in his mother's womb, "so we should continue to do what we can so that all pregnant women will be stirred with joy at the child in their womb and will be encouraged to care for that child before and after it is born. Once again and always our voices should resonate for the right of all children to live inside and outside of their mother's room and like John, to grow in spirit throughout their lives.

Father Bill Elser
State Chaplin



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NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE UPDATE

**WE WILL HAVE A NEW WEBSITE AND
NEW NEWSLETTER COMING SOON! **KEEP POSTED.****

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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