



**Knights of Columbus**

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# I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

**STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT  
ABBOT JEROME KODELL, OSB**

On Palm Sunday in 1987, a priest was sitting alone in a prayer chapel at his Order's generalate in Rome, praying Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. Suddenly a thought came into his head as if someone had spoken: "Tell Mother Teresa 'I thirst.'"



He thought to himself, as he said later: "What an odd interruption to my prayer." He knew well of Mother Teresa and her work with the dying poor in India, but he didn't know her personally and hadn't been thinking about her. It was a strange distraction.

But a couple of minutes later the same thing happened again. "Tell Mother Teresa 'I thirst.'" The priest says he looked at the crucifix on the wall and asked without speaking, "Are you talking to me?" And the same thought came again: "Tell Mother Teresa, 'I thirst.'"

The priest had never had an experience like that in prayer, and he says that he never has since that time. He wrote a letter to Mother Teresa telling her what had happened. It was an encouragement to her, as she was going through spiritual darkness, to hear again the words that Jesus had said to her when he called her to care for the dying of Calcutta in the late 1940s. "I thirst, I am thirsting for souls."

With this reassurance, Mother Teresa realized that Jesus was still very close to her, intimately involved with her in the ministry to the poor, even though he was letting her remain in spiritual darkness. He used someone praying halfway around the world to let her know.

## STATE DEPUTY REPORT

CHARLES KETTER

### Brother Knights

Congratulations to all rededicated and new Grand Knights and fellow officers. You have been given a special blessing to serve your council as leaders. Thanks also to all who have served and are retiring. Your state leaders will do their best to serve you in all your endeavors. As we approach Pentecost, which is the birthday of the church, we call on the Holy Spirit to guide our



lives and the work we do with the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas. I ask each Knight to rededicate their time to recruit new members. We are so close this year of achieving the quota Supreme Council has set for Arkansas. We still have time to call every new catholic, the men who joined the church on Holy Saturday, and ask them to join the Knights of Columbus. They want to join a church which is active. Who is more active than the Knights of Columbus? Brothers you are the strong right arm of the church. The church and the Knights will not grow without **YOU**. I encourage you to introduce these new Catholics to your best friends Jesus and those men we call Knights.

I want to ask all District Deputies program directors and past State Deputies to join me on top of beautiful Mount Magazine on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for the installation of officers and a wealth of information to make recruiting easier in your district. I will be sending out the agenda and a letter with information soon. Please save the date now.

I want to thank all 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights who served as honor guards at the ordinations of our Transitional Deacons this spring. May God Bless and keep you! We are once again assisting the Bishop and MSGR. Friend with the Taste of Faith. I am asking each council to help by donating \$100.00 to each event one in Springdale and one in Little Rock. I am also asking each council to host a Taste of Faith in their council. If you sponsor a seminarian through the RSVP program contact your seminarian and ask if he can attend a dinner in his honor. At these dinners we can have donation jar and invite all in the parish to attend and get to know these special young men. What a way to let the young people in your parish see vocations in progress. This just might spark a new vocation. The money raised can be a part of your council's money for educating these special men who are giving themselves to Jesus as his very special servants. There will be a special place of honor and recognition at the next State Convention for the council who contribute the most money for this very special cause. Keep the dinner simple like pulled pork, hot dogs, or whatever. More people will attend if it is casual.

On a personal note I ask for your prayers as I will be having By-Pass surgery on June 13<sup>th</sup>. I ask that all State Council business be directed to our Worthy State Deputy Mike Kieffer. May God Bless and Keep you for all the good things you do for Jesus and the Holy Catholic Church.

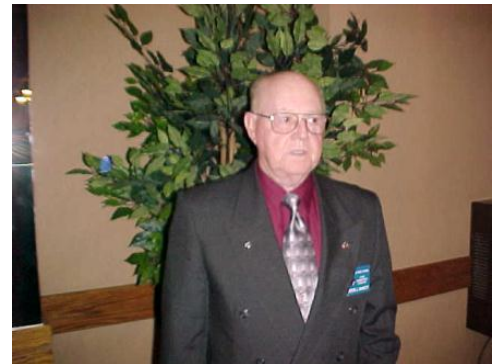
Vivat Jesu  
Charles Ketter

**VOCATIONS CHAIRMEN  
PETER McNULTY & MARK HOELZEMAN**

My Brother Knights;

A reminder - - - Mauricio Carrasco will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on June 11, 2011 at St. Raphael Church in Springdale at the 10:00 AM Mass.

The second very important item: RSVP refund applications are due at Supreme by June 30th for this year's refunds. Please send copies of REFUND APPLICATIONS to Vocations Chairman!



**YOU DON'T NEED THE REFUND??**

A thought for your council or assembly to consider:

The refund could be seed money for an additional RSVP award.

**OR**

The refund could be given to the Diocesan Seminarian Trust Fund to help support the cost of educating OUR SEMINARIANS (Those studying for service to Christ for the Diocese of Little Rock).

**A REPEAT TO ALL OF OUR COUNCILS AND ASSEMBLIES**

We have 28 enrolled at various Seminaries, Rome, Mexico, and here in the good old USA. There will be more coming in the next scholastic year. I will be reporting their needs as they are related to me by Msgr. Friend. I recently had the pleasure of speaking to one young man from the Conway area and also speaking to the mother of a young man from the Little Rock area, both will enter the seminary this year. We are again blessed by the endeavors of Msgr. Friend and his assistants for their continued attention to the need for additional young men to answer the **"Call of their Vocation in the service of Christ"**!

Please keep ALL these seminarians in your daily prayers. Your prayers and some communications with these men shows that we care and wish them God's blessing on their journey to Priesthood.

My best regards to all for the prayers all the Council and Assembly members and their families offer up for the abundant answer to God's Call.

God bless America and all our service personnel keeping us FREE.

**STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION 2011**  
**APRIL 30, 2011**

WOW! What an awesome State Convention! If you were there you know what I am talking about, if you weren't you missed a great time.

Find some one that was there and ask them to share some of the details. If you can't find someone to ask call me I will be happy to tell you all about it!

I want to thank Supreme Representative Gary Nolan and his lovely wife Dawn for spending the weekend with us we learned many wonderful things from them.

This year was a very busy year for all of the councils in the state. Unfortunately many of the councils that worked so hard on numerous worthy projects will not get the recognition they deserve.

I know some people say it is bragging, but actually it is very important to the Knights of Columbus worldwide that we keep track of all of the charitable things we do.

Another important aspect comes from your individual Council's submitting their projects to the State for a chance to win a Service Program Award. When you do this, you are sharing you council's ideas with all other councils; therefore you are giving other councils the opportunity to do great things as well.

Make it a goal of yours for this next fraternal year to ensure your council gets the recognition they deserve by submitting the entry forms for Knight and Family of the Year and as many of the State Service Program Awards categories as possible.

**AWARDS GIVEN OUT AT THE STATE CONVENTION:**



**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN FUND**  
Fr. Arthur B. Chaisson  
Council 10908 St. Vincent

**PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES DRIVE**  
Largest Donation  
St. Bernard  
Council 09514 Bella Vista



**PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES DRIVE**  
Largest per capita donation  
Monsignor Adam A. Micek  
Council 08410 Harrison

**THE WINNERS OF THE STATE PROGRAM AWARDS:**

**CHURCH: "A TASTE OF FAITH"**  
Council 11604 Jacksonville

For their hard work spearheading the fund raising dinner for our Seminarians



**COMMUNITY: "ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES"**  
Council 06253 North Little Rock

This council shares the love of Christ with people who have physical and mental disabilities hosting a Christmas party for them complete with gifts, games and entertainment for all who attend.

**COUNCIL: "WE ARE IN THE EXEMPLIFICATION BUSINESS"**  
Council 11604 Jacksonville

This council hosted nine First Degree Exemplifications; four of them were set up to help other Councils. They hosted a Second and Third Degree Exemplification and a Fourth Degree Exemplification and also hosted the State Council's mid-year meeting.



**FAMILY: "MEMORIAL MASS AND DINNER"**  
 Council 10208 Hot Springs Village

This council hosts a Memorial Mass and dinner to celebrate the lives of their deceased brother Knights and to let the widows of those Knights do not know they nor their husbands are forgotten.



**PRO- LIFE: "RESPECT LIFE LIVING ROSARY"**  
 Council 10908 Saint Vincent



This council sponsored a Living Rosary in honor of Respect Life Month.



**YOUTH: 3 ON 3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

Los Martires Mexicanos/The Mexican Martyrs - 14609 Rogers

This council sponsored a soccer tournament to help engage the youth of Northwest Arkansas in a physical activity.



**KNIGHT OF THE YEAR**

William McCullough  
Council 11604 Jacksonville



**FAMILY OF THE YEAR**  
Larry Seiter Family  
Council 04143 Conway



**SMALL COUNCIL OF THE YEAR**

Council 14010 Altus



**LARGE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR**  
Council 10208 Hot Springs Village

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Savage  
State Program Director

**FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD**  
**R. S. 'BOB' PETERS, JR., PSD, FVSM**  
**FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD CHAIRMAN**

Congratulations to the officers elected to lead our State Council for the fraternal year 2011-2012.



The Roman process of investigation into his life and holiness is nearing completion, and the investigation into a reported miracle is progressing. The Guild plays an important role in making Father McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercession.

Again I am pleading with each of you to join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, it is painless, free and it will help

in the cause of Sainthood for Father McGivney. As a member of the Guild you will receive updates, miracles etc., on the progress to Sainthood.

At present we only have about 10% (619) of our membership participating in the Guild, this is a very sad situation, we need to get our numbers way up. Get on your computer, right now, and go [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) to make your presence known, it is important, do it now.

Thanks for participating and joining the Guild.

Vivat Jesus

R. S. 'Bob' Peters, Jr., PSD, FVSM  
Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Chairman

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**JUNE 2011**  
**JIMMY MCKINNON, PSD**  
**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

**Membership** growth continues to be an important part of each **Council** this year. June is the last month of our fraternal year and we need to complete the year with new growth in membership. Opportunities for growth of membership are close to being achieved in the **State of Arkansas** this year and for each **Council**.

Our membership goal is 410 with a net of 275. We need 125 new members to accomplish our quota for membership growth. Let's put on a strong finish so that we can attain the goal this year. I would ask each Knights of Columbus Council to continue recruiting new men in the KC's for June. Each Council needs to grow in membership to attain their involvement in the community and to the Church.

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# RECRUIT

## RECRUIT, RECRUIT- New Members.

Forming new councils in the State of Arkansas assists the State for new membership growth. Forming new Roundtables and Squires Circles assists the State in new membership growth. Call me and we will work on the development of the membership program for this year.

Viva Jesus.

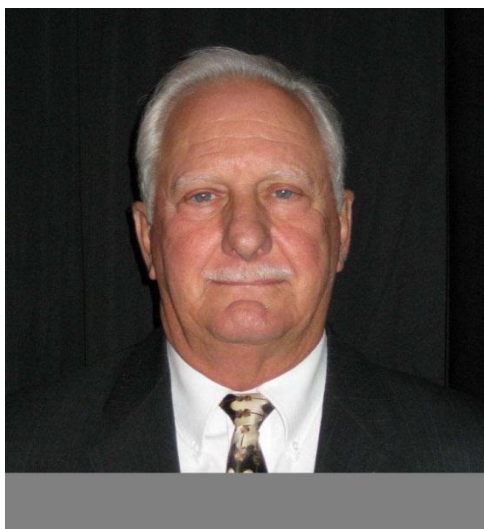
Jimmy McKinnon, PSD  
Membership Director

## **MEMBERSHIP REWARDS FROM SUPREME**

The Arkansas State Council received \$400.00 from supreme because we met our membership quota for the month of April. The \$400.00 is available for the months of June if we meet our membership goals for those months. With everyone's help we can do it again in May and again in June.

**STATE ADVOCATE  
MICHAEL HEATHCOTT  
ARKANSAS STATE 103<sup>RD</sup> CONVENTION  
APRIL 29-30 MAY 1, 2011  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**

A lot of planning and hard work went into making this year's convention a successful and enjoyable experience. Thanks go out to districts 9 and 14 for the planning and to Bob Peters for making sure that everything ran smoothly during the convention. Henry Moore and David Tencleve and their councils spent many hours making sure that all that attended were glad they were here. We had a break in the weather for the golf tournament and until Sunday the rain held off.



We were honored to have Bishop Taylor celebrate our Saturday evening Mass and to stay for the banquet. We thank our State Chaplain Abbot Kodell for celebrating the mass for our deceased members on Saturday morning and attending the banquet. We also thank Vicar General

Monsignor Scott Friend, Diocesan Vocations Director, and Father Greg Luyet, Diocesan Adjutant Judicial Vicar and Pastor of Immaculate Church in Fort Smith for their attendance at our awards banquet. Our Supreme Representative was Gary Nolan, Supreme Ceremonial Director. He presented the new degree ceremonials to us on Friday evening and gave a rousing speech at our Awards Banquet.

I apologize for not getting this note into the May bulletin, I was wrapping up the details of the convention and paying bills. For those who will be asked to work on the 2012 convention, please make yourselves available to help as it takes a lot of hard work and many dedicated Knights to make a convention successful.

Vivat Jesús  
Michael Heathcott

State Advocate  
2011 Convention Co-Chairman

**FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**  
**MAX W. NUTT**  
**MASTER ARKANSAS DISTRICT**

The next 4th degree exemplification will be at Mt. Home on June 4th and another one on Sunday June 26th at Charleston. We need your help in getting 3rd degree candidates for these dates. With the last three exemplifications we have added 70 new 4th degree members to our patriotic degree. With the two dates scheduled we should have over 100 new 4th degree members in this fraternal year. Any candidates for these dates, I need the form 4 and fee as soon as possible to be in the program book.

A special thanks for the members that were in the honor guard at the Special Olympics at Searcy on May 26th and all the other events that the honor guard has been a part of. This certainly adds to the honor and meaning of any event we take part in.

Thanks for all your good work on behalf of our patriotic degree.

Max W. Nutt  
District Master



## NOTICE TO ALL ARKANSAS KNIGHTS

R. S. 'BOB' PETERS, JR., PSD, FVSM

Brother Knights all:

Just got word yesterday that our State Deputy Charles Ketter is going to have **By-pass surgery on Monday, June 13th**. In talking with Charlie he has 100% blockage on 2 and partial blockage on 2 more, so he will be laid up for a few weeks

Please remember Charles in your prayers for a successful operation and speedy recovery.

Oh yea also keep Diane and the family also in your prayers as it is going to be rough around the house knowing Charlie.

Vivat Jesus

Bob Peters, PSD



## Newsletter Deadline

Please try to send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by Friday, June 24, 2011, for the July 2011 Newsletter. Please e-mail your report, article, message, or photos to [johnh911@conwaycorp.net](mailto:johnh911@conwaycorp.net).

# Reports Due

FORM	REPORT	DUE BY
1295-1	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Aug
1295-2	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Feb
1598	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP SCORE SHEET	AS NEEDED
1728	INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT	31-Jan
1728A	SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET	AS NEEDED
1831	RELIEF FROM COUNCIL DUES AND PER CAPITA TAXES	AS NEEDED
185	REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Jul
1993A	FAMILY OF THE MONTH GENERIC REPORT FORM	AS NEEDED
2629	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR	1-Sep
2630	ANNUAL REPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUND TABLE	30-Jun
2863	RSVP REFUND/PLAQUE APPLICATION	30-Jun
2935	COLUMBIAN SQUIRES INQUIRY KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
365	SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT FOR THE TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Aug
4001	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST PARTICIPATION FORM	31-Jan
4348	YOUTH LEADER	AS NEEDED
4371	FATHER PRIOR	AS NEEDED
4567	SOCCER CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM	1-Dec
4584	PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS	31-Jan
532	REQUISITION FOR FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIALS	AS NEEDED
CR	OFFICIAL ORDER FORM FOR RECORDED COLUMBUS DAY PROGRAM	15-Sep
EA-Kit	ESSAY CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
FT- 1	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION REPORT	31-Jan
FT-KIT	FREE THROW COUNCIL COMPETITION KIT ORDER FORM	1-Nov
SA-KIT	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	1-Sep
SC-KIT	SOCCER CHALLENGE KIT ORDER FORM	15-Aug
SP-7	COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION	30-Jun
STSP	STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM	AS NEEDED

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