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Knights of Columbus Arkansas State Council June 2014



State Deputy's Report for June 2014

Michael Kieffer, State Deputy

Well, we had a GREAT Convention in Russellville last month. Many important topics were covered; resolutions and the budget were passed. We received words of wisdom from Levi Leyba, the Supreme Representative, and Monsignor Malone. The hit of the banquet, besides the wonderful meal, was Monsignor Friend's Seminar Video! The awards were very difficult to judge, and we had more submissions than I have ever seen. I wish I could have given a plaque to every entry because they were all so deserving. We look forward to having every council represented in the submission process next year. Share the great work that your members are doing, and make plans to be at the 2015 Convention in Little Rock – see you there!

The number of new members we have brought in has reached 70% of our goal, but because of the large number of suspensions this year, we are still 4 members short of the number we had on the 1st of July, 2013. We still have several councils holding First Degrees in June, so please send those form 100's in as soon as possible. After the 15th of June, they may not count for this year's goal.

Council 7787, the U of A Fayetteville, has achieved more than 300% of both their membership and insurance goals. This council has really achieved a lot over the last year; way to go, Council 7787!

In this, my last newsletter submission as State Deputy, I want to thank all of you that made the past two years possible. Being State Deputy has been a very rewarding experience, and I have found that it is true-- you meet the nicest people in the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Kieffer, State Deputy



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Attention Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators:

Please send your Council/Assembly, Grand Knight/Navigator, Chaplain/ Friar, Financial Secretary/ Comptroller, Program and Membership Chairmen information to the State Secretary elect Philip Savage, 526 Charmont Dr., Charleston, AR 72933, email philipasavage@gmail.com, as soon as you have your election. We need name, address, email, phone #s and wife's name for the new directory. Please make sure this information is correct! Send your form 185(due July 1) and 365(due August 1) to Supreme and the State promptly. Form SP-7, the Columbia Award is due June 30! We have had several councils miss Star Council because they did not send in the SP-7. Make sure all items are filled out because they check them.

UP DATE ON DANIEL ECKELOFF:

Daniel Eckeloff, District Deputy for District 14, is out of the hospital and has been home now for a couple weeks. He still has pain and is not as mobile as he was. A group of Knights put a ramp into his house and another group of Knights did some modifications to his bathroom. David Tenclave will be helping him do Installation of Officers, but Daniel wants to keep going as a District Deputy. Keep Daniel in your prayers.

Brother Knights of the Arkansas Jurisdiction:

What a blessing and an honor it is to have been elected by you, my fellow Knights, as the State Deputy of our jurisdiction. Thank you for trusting in me and allowing me to serve you through this coming year.

Our Arkansas jurisdiction will be as good as all of us make it out to be. We will work together to ensure each council has the support and tools needed to be successful. Your state council is here to support the needs of each district and council. Each individual Knight serving in any capacity at the state level has committed to serving you, including a great team of District Deputies, Directors and Chairmen. We will be sharing the Directorships and Chairmanships soon. We are blessed to have the following District Deputies in our Arkansas Jurisdiction serve you this coming year:

District #1	John Lett
District #2	Robert Luis *
District #3	Patrick Hatfield, Jr.
District #4	Shane Gauthier *
District #5	Tim Malloy
District #6	Rusty Adams
District #7	Ron Wildman
District #8	mark Tyler
District #9	Robert Collins
District #10	Jimmie Rogers
District #11	Rick Esquivel
District #12	Richard Oloffson
District #13	Bill McCullough
District #14	Daniel Echeloff (Continue to keeping him in your prayers for a quick recover)
District #15	Jacob Bates
District #16	Philip Ference

We added two more districts with the new councils added and God willing reactivating others. District 15 will be Charleston, Booneville and Paris; District 16 will be Mena, DeQueen and Arkadelphia.

There are many needs in our jurisdiction for different degree ceremonials to take place. Having new Knights experience all the degrees in a reasonable time period will be our goal. Thus, we need experienced Knights to step up and be part of these ceremonial teams. Our order is based on all four principals of our degrees, not only the first. Please answer this call by submitting your name to your District Deputy.

Brother Knights, through prayer and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ, anything is possible. Our work ahead of us will be fruitful when we pray together, work together and socialize together. We, as Knights of Columbus, are obligated to be pillars of society, make a difference in someone's life, serve our brother's in Christ, serve our church, Bishop and Priests, and grow our order through the love of Christ.

I am at your service,

Adrian Dominguez
State Deputy - Elect



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Team Work!!!! **One Member/Per Council/Per Month** **One 1st Degree/Per District/Per Month** **One new member per council officer**

ONE MONTH LEFT, TIME TO FINISH STRONG. All data as of 5-19-14

Arkansas started the year with a total Membership of 7374 we are now at 7370 putting us minus 4 from where we started on July 1, 2013. We have gained 260 new members and have lost 132 giving us a net of 128.

EVERY COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE WORKING TO MAKE STAR COUNCIL. THIS IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOU RECRUITING PUSH TO EARN THIS AWARD.

Council 7787 Fayetteville 317% Council 11294 Searcy 100% Council 11604 Jacksonville 117% Council 6419 Hot Springs 114% Council 14609 Rogers 100% Council 9396 Benton 120% Council 6410 Batesville 125% Council 12778 Heber Springs 100% (New Council 15867 Booneville 9 members)

The following Council is at 80%: Council 8410 Fairfield Bay 80%. All other Councils are below 79% and you have one month left to make your membership goal. Every Council should strive to be at 100% because failure is really not an option.

There have been an extraordinary number of losses this year. Councils need to evaluate their retention programs and look for ways to retain members not loose members.

There are a number of Councils that have recruited new members but have also taken losses which have them at zero percentage, also there are Councils that just have not recruited one new member. I think that as a Council you would not like to finish the year at zero percentage. There is one month left and it still is possible for you to be in positive territory at the end of the year. Remember your Council needs to grow in membership if you want to keep your Council from declining. You need new Brother Knights to carry on all the good that your Council does.

Summer is upon us and remember that THE CHURCH NEVER CLOSES. Keep your Membership Teams geared up and ready to recruit. Strong Team Members are the key to success. District Deputies and Grand Knights must train their Team Members so that they have every tool available to meet their recruiting objective. Councils must be planning recruiting events well in advance and get everyone energized.

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TEAM WORK! OWNERSHIP: When you recruit a new member it is important that you take ownership of him. Be a mentor; take him to the 2nd and 3rd Degree's. Get him involved in activities. Everyone can't do everything but they can be involved some activities. Involvement of members keeps the Council growing.

GRAND KNIGHTS USE YOUR SUCCESS PLANNER THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ALL YOUR MEMBERS BECAUSE THIS WILL KEEP THEM INFORMED OF UPCOMING EVENTS. REMEMBER A KNIGHT WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IF THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN FOR EVENTS. INFORMATION IS A KEY TO SUCCESS

I want to Thank all of you for your support that you have given me these last two years. I hope that I have been helpful and given you some ideas about recruiting. I want to leave you with this quote from GK Ken DeBauche of Bella Vista Council "Remember that being a Knight will look good on your last resume".

Vivat Jesus

Michael (Mike) Wills
State Membership Director
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TEAM WORK!!!!!!



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Hot Dogs for Special Olympians

On Thursday, April 24, 2014, the Fort Smith Arkansas Knights of Columbus Council 996 cooked 1600 hot dogs while other Knights, and their wives, prepared just as many sack lunches for the Special Olympian Athletes during the area's regional competition.





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I am my brothers keeper

With the help of Wayne Thomas from "Kind of Heart Ministry" Brother Knights from Devine Mercy Council # 13829 built a handicap ramp for Brother Ken Jackson who is in hospice at his home in Siloam Springs.

Brothers are; Chyle Rollins, Gary Dieker, Bryan Wieberg, CW Harshbarger, Mark Cooper and son Tristan. Heading the project is a prospective Knight, Reno Albarran, a carpenter by trade. The council raised \$455.00 and Kind of Heart Ministry bought all the supplies and furnished the architectural plans and balance to purchase the rest of the materials.

Brother Ken Jackson & lovely wife Ardus are very appreciative for the ramp which will make Ardus' job of getting Ken in & out of their home so much safer and easier.

Have mercy on me,
LORD
for I am a sinner.

Francisco Olguin





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State Chaplin Report for June 2014

Father Bill Elser, State Chaplin

The weekend after a judge in Little Rock gave the green light for same sex couples to legally be married in the eyes of the State, I included a petition in the Prayer of the Faithful which asked Almighty God to strengthen all husbands and wives in their calling to make their marriages loving and life-giving. The following weekend, Catholics in Arkansas received (through a bulletin insert) a teaching from our bishop, Anthony Taylor which reaffirmed the reality of marriage as being established by God for a unitive AND procreative purpose. He also spoke of the need to condemn the sin, but not the sinner as we seek to reach out always with compassion, mercy and love to everyone, saint and sinner alike those , as we know God always does to us in our sinfulness. I invite you to read the rest of what Bishop Taylor said and use this current news story to strengthen yourself in standing always for marriage as being a loving, life-giving union between a husband and wife. Refrain, as well from any tendency to condemn anyone over their actions, and pray that our society as a whole will promote what is truly good and right in the eyes of God.



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Knights of Columbus Cup Golf Tournament

Knights of Columbus, Third Annual, Arkansas Cup, Golf Tournament was held May 24, 2014 at the Morrilton Country Club. This tournament is an Knights only event, hosted by Council 5209 Morrilton, AR. It was a 3 man scramble event, two teams per hole. This event is held every year to benefit the Dioses of Little Rock Seminarian Fund. DOLR has 42 seminarians studying for the Priest-hood.

With 5 Councils and 33 members participating we raised \$1300 for the fund. Councils participating: Hot Springs Village, 10208 with 4 teams, Hot Springs, 6419 with 3 teams, St Vincent, 10908 2 teams, Fort Smith, 996 with 1 team, and Morrilton, 5209 1 team.

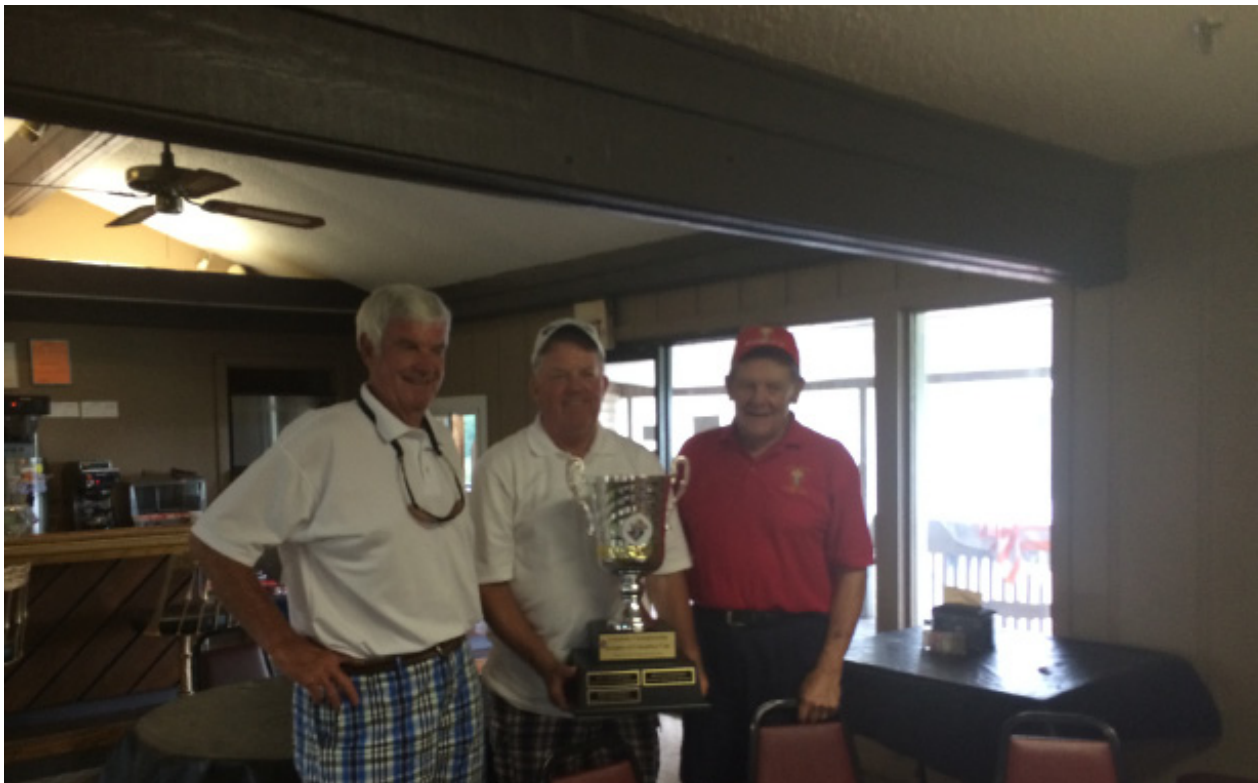
This years winners:

First Place: Council 10208, Hot Springs Village, Scott Krantz, Ed Miller, and Bill Patterson

Second Place: Council 996 Fort Smith, Art Rideout, Wayland Horn, Jack Danclu

Third Place: Council 6419, Hot Springs, Larry Stidman, Joe Dirks, Cooper White

Next year the event will be held in Hot Springs Village, Hosted by the current winning Council 10208, Daniel Patrick Sullivan.





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Youth Service Award

Youth award presented to Clarksville Council. Program chairman is Thomas Neumeier.





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Featured

Council #6609 was featured on the K of C website as one of two Arkansas Councils in "Knights in Action" this month. Read more at:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/knightsinaction/detail/1405South.html>

Newsletter Reminder

Please send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos to: Alex Martinez at: alex.martinez@soltelnetworksllc.com by the 15th of the month.

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