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**NOVEMBER**

**NEWSLETTER 2013**



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## **STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2013**

**Michael Kieffer**

**State Deputy**

Many of our members are veterans. Please thank a veteran on November 11th.

As I am writing this it is not yet Halloween, but when I look at my Success Planner I find we are preparing for Christmas. I guess we should be preparing our souls for Christmas as well as preparing fraternally.

December 3rd is "Light Up For Christmas", where we might light up our Nativity Scene in preparation for Christmas. Make a big deal out of knights in mass attending Mass and lighting the lights.

December 7th and 8th we should have a Corporate Communion for the Immaculate Conception. Have all your knights set together at Mass or wear their K of C shirts or name badges to Mass. Show the Colors!

December 12th is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Make this another K of C Show the Colors! Have your council attend Mass for this truly American feast day.

If you have not ordered your Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest kit, do it now. You should have already ordered your Free Throw Championship order kit and Essay Contest kit order form by now, if not, do it now.

Officers, District Deputies, and Program Directors and Chairman mark your calendars. The State Mid Year Meeting will be on January 12th and 13th in Jacksonville.

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We have a new District Deputy for District #2, Robert Lewis. Robert was a DD several years back and is excited to get back into it. Please write into your directory Robert Lewis (Louise), 1625 N County Rd. 359, Manila, AR 72442.9070, Phone 870-740-5101, email – nov5zcg@yahoo.com. Robert only has email at work and would rather you call him. I want to thank Marty Hogan for the excellent job he has done for the Arkansas State Council.

Please read the Membership Directors Newsletter Item. Even after a big membership push in October, we are only at 20% of our goal. But we have 19 less members than we had on the 1st of July. Why is this important to you? Who is going to replace you? Who is going to help with the veterans parade, setting up the Nativity Scene, the Christmas party, or what ever your council has coming up? Is it the same old guys! You need some new blood! Look in the next pew at church, and that is where you will probably find your next new member. Then you need to keep them. Don't just have a meeting and write checks, do something exciting. Successful councils make things happen!

**Vivat Jesu!**

Mike Kieffer, State Deputy



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**ONE MEMBER/ PER COUNCIL/ PER MONTH**  
**ONE 1ST DEGREE/PER DISTRICT/PER MONTH**  
**One new Member per Council Officer**

List below are the Councils at are above the Glide Path percentage of 25%.  
Listed below are the Councils at are above the Glide Path percentage of 33%.  
Council 7787Fayetteville 100% Mission Complete Keep up the good work.  
Council 11294 Searcy 75%  
Council 4143Conway 37%  
Council 6419Hot Springs 35%  
Council 3998Slovak 37%

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. PLAN, PLAN, PLAN!

Based on a percentage glide path your membership goal accomplishment should be the following: October 33%, November 42%, December 50%. Maintain this glide path as your minimum goal and recruit so that you are always ahead of the glide path because catching up is a struggle.

Retention is a key to success for membership accomplishment. When you drop a member you have to recruit additional members to meet your goal. Having a good retention committee on your Team.

Just look at the chart below. As a State we already have 72 New Members but we have had 42 Losses giving us a net of 30. Gentlemen some of these losses are preventable by having a good Retention Team. It is your responsibility to make certain your Councils actively work and make every effort to retain current members.

Get your members involve in your many programs.

TEAM WORK!!

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AS OF Oct 18, 2013

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP-INSURANCE PROGRESS REPORT

Jurisdiction: AR

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	LOCATION	MEMBERSHIP 7/1	MEMBERSHIP							PERCENT
				QUOTA	THIS MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			
					GAIN	LOSS	NET	GAIN	LOSS	NET	
		<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>7374</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>	
812	001	Little Rock	187	11	0	0	0	2	0	2	18.18
996	009	Fort Smith	459	29	0	0	0	1	4	-3	0.00
1153	003	Pine Bluff	99	6	1	0	1	1	0	1	16.67
1702	002	Jonesboro	209	14	0	0	0	1	0	1	7.14
1713	002	Paragould	65	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
1770	011	Helena	58	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
2443	002	Pocahontas	196	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
2650	004	Texarkana	101	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	14.29
2780	003	Stuttgart	62	4	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0.00
2857	002	Blytheville	60	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	25.00

3383	003	Lake Village	64	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3787	014	Paris	233	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3998	003	Slovak	115	8	0	0	0	3	0	3	37.50
4143	008	Conway	556	35	0	0	0	13	0	13	37.14
4147	011	Wynne	121	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
4538	012	Tontitown	119	8	0	0	0	2	0	2	25.00
5099	004	El Dorado	84	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
5209	008	Morrilton	258	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
5725	014	Clarksville	103	7	1	0	1	1	0	1	14.29
5804	011	West Memphis	82	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6140	007	Batesville	55	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6253	013	North Little Rock	236	16	0	0	0	5	0	5	31.25
6398	008	Russellville	199	14	2	0	2	4	5	-1	0.00
6419	010	Hot Springs	215	14	0	0	0	5	0	5	35.71
6454	006	Eureka Springs	29	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6609	012	Fayetteville	172	12	0	0	0	2	0	2	16.67
6615	001	Little Rock	90	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	16.67
6680	008	New Dixie	105	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6814	011	Brinkley	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6834	006	Rogers	155	11	0	0	0	2	0	2	18.18
6942	Unassigned	Arkadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6969	005	Cherokee Village	65	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
7258	010	Mena	82	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	16.67

7353	005	Mountain Home	207	14	0	0	0	1	10	-9	0.00
7783	002	State University	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
7787	012	Fayetteville	85	6	6	0	6	6	0	6	100.00
8410	005	Harrison	78	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	20.00
8815	007	Fairfield Bay	47	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
9396	010	Benton	67	5	2	0	2	3	0	3	60.00
9514	006	Bella Vista	203	14	0	0	0	1	0	1	7.14
9777	009	Van Buren	105	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
10167	001	Little Rock	157	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
10208	010	Hot Springs Village	300	21	0	0	0	2	3	-1	0.00
10493	005	Horseshoe Bend	35	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
10908	008	St Vincent	114	8	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0.00
11097	013	Marche	109	8	0	4	-4	0	6	-6	0.00
11294	007	Searcy	63	4	0	0	0	4	1	3	75.00
11604	013	Jacksonville	181	12	0	0	0	2	2	0	0.00
11908	010	Dequeen	31	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
12082	012	Springdale	127	9	1	0	1	1	0	1	11.11
12458	006	Bentonville	165	11	0	0	0	3	9	-6	0.00
12473	004	Camden	63	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
12778	007	Heber Springs	44	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
12875	014	Charleston	141	10	1	0	1	1	0	1	10.00
13829	006	Siloam Springs	51	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
14010	014	Altus	70	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

14609	006	Rogers	70	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
14619	014	Scranton	102	7	1	0	1	1	0	1	14.29	
14774	009	Fort Smith	36	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
15453	009	Fort Smith	35	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	





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**TEAM WORK!**

WE NEED EVERY COUNCIL TO STEP UP AND PUT EXTRA EFFORT IN THEIR RECRUITING EFFORT. THERE ARE A LOT OF COUNCILS THAT HAVE NOT RECRUITED ONE NEW MEMBER. The Recruiting Flyer# 10099 , JUST 24 HOURS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE, is a good recruiting tool for individuals who do not have time to be a Knight, as a matter of fact it is a GREAT informational tool that must be order and used, it really can make the difference in your recruiting efforts.

8 HOURS WORKING ON CHARITABLE PROJECTS  
4 HOURS COUNCIL SOCIAL FUNCTION  
4 HOURS ATTENDING MEETINGS  
6 HOURS READING THE COLUMBIA AND VISITING THE KNIGHTS WEBSITE  
1 HOUR MEETING WITH YOUR INSURANCE AGENT  
1 HOUR ATTENDING MASS WITH YOUR COUNCIL  
TOTAL 24 HOURS

**TEAM WORK!**

OUR MISSION FOR THE STATE IS TO RECRUIT 375 NEW MEMBERS WHICH IS ABOUT 85 MEMBERS THEN LAST YEAR'S GOAL. THIS IS VERY ACHIEVABLE AS LONG AS EVERY COUNCIL PUTS FOR A SOLID EFFORT AND MAKE RECRUITING ACCOMPLISHMENT THEIR GOAL. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INCENTIVES THAT MEMBERS AND COUNCILS CAN ACHIEVE BESIDE THE COVETED STAR COUNCIL AWARD.

**NEW INCENTIVES ARE:**

1. TRIPLE STAR COUNCIL
2. GENERAL AGENT KEVIN PIERCE 2 \$500 AWARDS. AWARDED AT STATE CONVENTION
3. ALL COUNCIL OFFICERS RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER THEN THE COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE 26000/52,000 RECRUITMENT REWARD POINTS.

All Council Officers should be leading by example and have an active role in Recruiting.

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**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**

Here are some ideas for the upcoming months that might help your recruiting:

**Continuous:** Officers Challenge - Recruit one new member. All Officers should be actively recruiting. You have the experience and should be leading by example.

**NOVEMBER:** Report Church Drive results, Plan Soccer Challenge, Essay Contest, Christmas Poster Contest, Coats for Kids, Food for Families.

**December:** Any activity that promotes the Knights of Columbus. Keep Christ in Christmas.

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State Membership Director  
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**Peter McNulty**  
**State Vocations / RSVP Chairman**

Worthy Grand Knights Faithful Navigators, District Deputies, Brothers All,

This is an UPDATE & REMINDER of the RSVP awards and function. I am finding some of our Councils and Assemblies, over time, have forgotten some of the prime functions;

1. The RSVP operates on FRATERNAL year.
2. The year starts on July 1 and ends on June 30 the following year.
3. The refunds applications are reviewed at Supreme and the DATES of the awards must be correct for the refunds to be approved.

EXAMPLE: A Council submitted a request last month (Sept. 2013). BUT the checks, properly endorsed, were dated August 2013. I would point out, This is an example, but it is also true for 2 more Councils and 1 Assembly. The DATE of these Checks will be PAYABLE AFTER June 30, 2014. There is a possibility that these applications could be overlooked, even possibly lost in the system being so far in advance of the NORMAL reporting (requesting) period. It is BEST to delay the submission of the application until March of 2014, if your award to a seminarian is after July 1, 2013. I will keep the copies of the applications I received to be able to verify (if necessary) of a question arising from the submissions, if that should occur. If you have any questions, please call me at 479-331-2341 or email me at – pmcnulty@centurytel.net.

On a more favorable note, the response, so far this year in support of our seminarians has been very good. I have had a number of requests for names to support and would ask ALL councils and assemblies to please contact me for data on all the seminarians – what data, where they are located, what their level of study is, projected Ordination date, and if there has been a recent change. I can now – again provide some family data. Please contact me to avoid the funding of an individual with excessive funding while some seminarian is not funded at all!

We will have FOUR new priests in 2014. Three will be Ordained in the Spring and one will be Ordained in December. Some of these men are presently serving in their PASTORAL year, with just a few months at their Seminary.

Please keep up with your prayers for all of our Diocesan seminarians. Remember, some still have a long journey to fulfill their calling to the priesthood.

God bless you all, and have a very happy Thanksgiving. We are in troubled times at present, but with prayer we will see many better days ahead.

Vivat Jesu

Peter



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## **FR BILL ELSER** **STATE CHAPLAIN**

A few Sundays ago ( October 20), the Gospel for the day (Lk 18:1-8) ended with Jesus asking: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on the earth?" We are concluding this month the "Year of Faith" as declared by Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI. It is time for us to reflect on whether or not we have grown in faith during this year. Have we tried to pray more? Have we studied Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and/or the documents of Vatican II? Have we sought to strengthen our faith through acts of charity done alone or with the help of others? If the answer to all of these questions is no, then we have probably not be active as Knights of Columbus in this past year. The Knights provide many opportunities for growth in our faith lives. This can happen through our Council and Assembly gatherings and charitable activities and it can happen when we access reading materials through the Supreme website, [kofc.org](http://kofc.org), by accessing the "Know Your Faith" tab which provides materials to read and study. As a parishioner, we may easily say that my parish does not provide enough opportunities for growth in faith. As a Knight of Columbus, on the other hand, it is always the case that opportunities exist and new ones can be started to help us grow strong in faith and in our witness for Jesus Christ. If Christ came today, how much faith would he find in you?  
Vivat Jesus.

## **John Hertzog** **State Fund Raising Chairman**

"Just Ask"

To date, 532 members and 8 Councils have answered the CALL with \$22,859. District Deputies, Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators please make this an agenda item for your next meeting.  
Thanks and God Bless-John Hertzog



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## **RUSTY AND DEBBIE ADAMS** **Pro-life Couple**

Some abortion facts to ponder: I can't put things any better than Martin Fox:



Dear Brothers,

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.



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And studies show that between seventy and ninety percent of women who see a sonogram of their unborn baby choose life and reject abortion.

What's more, abortionists know it.

That's why abortionists typically refuse to show ultrasound images to women, although they virtually always use it themselves to perform abortions.

The fact is, sonograms show an incredibly powerful image and can mean instant "conversion."

That's what happened to Planned Parenthood Director Abby Johnson who, when asked to assist with an ultrasound-guided abortion, looked on in absolute horror, watching the 13 week baby fight, but ultimately lose its life.

Abby was so appalled that she resigned her position as a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic director and became a pro-life activist and author.

That's why National Pro-Life Alliance members and other pro-lifers have and will continue to push for laws requiring abortionists to show women an ultrasound image of their unborn baby before performing an abortion.

The good news is that twenty-two states have now passed such laws and a federal law has been introduced to do the same thing nationally.

The bad news is that twenty-eight states have yet to pass similar laws, and although we are pushing for it, we have yet to get roll call votes on the national legislation.

That's why the National Pro-life Alliance and its members are so committed this election year to keep the heat on the politicians and mobilize pro-lifers across the country to hold these politicians accountable.

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And why at the same time, National Pro-Life Alliance members are urged to pressure their state level politicians to join in passing state laws like those in Florida, Texas and Arizona.

Already ultrasound images and sounds of heartbeats at crisis pregnancy centers have saved thousands of lives.

And new state laws -- or better yet a national law -- would save tens of thousands more and protect an untold number of pregnant women from a lifetime of guilt for having been swayed to abort their child.

That's why continued pressure from National Pro-Life Alliance members on all fronts is so important.

I urge you to pressure your Members of Congress and politicians on your state level to join in passing laws requiring sonograms.

For Life,

Martin Fox, President  
National Pro-Life Alliance

P.S. Between seventy and ninety percent of women who see an ultrasound of the unborn baby choose life and reject abortion.

Note from Rusty and Debbie:

There have been over 1 Million abortions performed during the Obama administration, or 22 every hour. According to the effectiveness of ultra sound to protect the unborn, this simple law would have saved 750,000 lives. Please this legislation and all Pro-Life legislation. Make your feelings known to Congress. Isn't 5 minutes of your time worth the life of an unborn child.



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**GODWAL "ED" VIERA**  
**COORDINATOR**

On Sat. 10/12/2013 Divine Mercy Council # 13829

Served breakfast to 45 confirmation candidates not including workers at their retreat at St. Mary's Church in Siloam Springs. The breakfast consisted of Milk, O.J. Apple Juice, Pancakes & Sausage. A great time was had by all.



Cleanup Crew consisting of;  
C.W. Harshbarger, Chet Wiernusz, Ken Jackson, Ivan Surcouf, Joe Pearson and Francisco Olguin,  
Collected 12 bags of trash, 1 tire & hubcap approx. 165 total pounds of trash from 1 mile of  
Highway 412. Doing our Community Service. Oct.12/2013



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In Service To All





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## **NEWSLETTER REMINDER**

Please send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos to: Alex Martinez at:  
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# REPORTS DUE

FORM	REPORT	DUE BY
185	Report of Officers chosen for term July 1 - June 30	1 -July
365	Service program personnel report for the term July 1 - June 30	1 -August
1265-1	Semiannual council audit report	15 -August
SC-Kit	Soccer Challenge kit order form	15 -August
2629	Notice of appointment of round table coordinator	1 -September
SA-Kit	Substance abuse awareness poster contest kit order form	1 -September
CR	Official order form for recorded Columbus Day program	15 -September
FT-KIT	Free throw council competition kit order form	1 -November
4567	Soccer challenge participation report form	1 -December
FT-1	Free throw championship participation report	31 -January
4584	Partnership profile report with special olympics	31 -January
1728	Individual member worksheet annual survey of fraternal activity report	31 -January
4001	Substance abuse awareness poster contest participation form	31 -January
1295-2	Semiannual council audit report	15 -February
SP-7	Columbian award application	30 -June
2630	Annual report Knights of Columbus round table	30 -June
2863	RSVP refund/plaque application	30 -June
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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