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ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL

November 2015 Newsletter

Father Bill Elser, State Chaplin

Many of us have experiences with people who have given themselves to God in the consecrated life. Hopefully, most of those memories were positive and good for us. Those of us who had religious brothers or sisters as teachers in our schooling days may recall a firm voice and/or hand that we found distasteful or even hurtful. Unfortunately, such experiences may have led to short-term or even long-term negative thoughts and feelings about "Religious". In some instances, people have even left the practice of the Faith due to it. The three nuns I had as teachers in my grade school were "no nonsense" and were not afraid to use the paddle (as my lay teachers also did), but I remember the overall good atmosphere that was created that led myself and my siblings to get a great start in our formal education life and in the knowledge and practice of our faith.

My fifth grade teacher, Sister Mary Laurene Favre, who was one of my toughest (and best teachers) is now 99 years old and lives in retirement with other nuns in Barling Arkansas. I have had an ongoing relationship with her and I give thanks to God for the blessings I have received and continue to receive through that relationship. As we come toward the end of the "Year of Consecrated Life", I hope we can all give thanks to God in a personal or general way for all who have chosen the path to heaven through religious life.

There are, no doubt, many more positive stories than negative ones about the virtue and Christ-like example that many religious brothers and sisters exude and the blessings that have come and continue to come from their ministry of prayer (and for many, their ministry of action in the world). Their life of community as well as that of poverty, chastity, and obedience is not for everyone, but they inspire us to seek the things of God's kingdom, the things that last forever. Let us all pray for more vocations to the "Consecrated Life." It's a blessing to the Church and to the whole world!

Father Bill Elser
State Chaplin



Adrian Dominguez, State Deputy

Brother Knights, Knight Families and Friends:

I pray to find you all well in this month of November. As we get ready for the Advent Season to come upon us, in this month we give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for all the blessings He has given us each and every day. I truly am blessed to have the honor to work with each and every Knight, Knight Family and Brother Catholics throughout our jurisdiction. Each month that passes allows us all to be blessed with what we do to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, His church, our Bishop and priests, through all our works in the Knights of Columbus.

This is the month where Brother Knights throughout the state continue to give their time in helping those less fortunate through our Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Many councils are working so hard to raise money for all the charities you give to. Thank you for taking the time and making the effort to ensure all children of God are given the chance to succeed in the smallest ways they can, by donating to your local charities. Please ensure you send in your forms with money to our Worthy State Secretary Philip Savage and a copy to our Worthy CPID Chairman Paul Leonard.

As all of us have already received our "Just Ask" envelope from our Worthy Fundraising Chairman, John Hertzog, please consider donating to our State Fund so we can continue to do Gods work here in Arkansas. Remember that your donations are going to great causes and your support is truly appreciated. The money is given by what you voted for at the convention.

We are now into our third full month of selling raffle tickets for our seminarians. I have heard from many councils that sales are going great. Keep selling those tickets throughout the Christmas Season, give them as gifts, take them with you to Christmas parties, Thanksgiving dinners outside the state, keep them selling. Remember that all the money is going to our future priests. Thank you for your efforts and continuous support throughout the Christmas Season and through next year. God will continue to bless us with each ticket we sell.

With this month of giving thanks, I would like to say "Thank You" for all you do to make our Arkansas Jurisdiction as great as it is. Your service to the Knights of Columbus is a true reflection to the love to our Lord Jesus Christ, His church, our Bishop and Priests. May our Lady of Guadalupe, through her intercession with her son Jesus Christ, watch over us all during this coming Thanksgiving Season, Advent Season and Christmas Season.

Adrian Dominguez
State Deputy



Phillip Savage - State Secretary

May God bring to completion the good that the Holy Spirit has begun in us.

Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have all said this.

“There is no Church without the Eucharist and there is no Eucharist without the Priest” and so of course, there can be no Priest without the Seminarians.

Saint Theresa of Lisieux, Theresa Martin seemed driven from her childhood to spiritual greatness.

“I would like to perform the most heroic deeds” she wrote “I feel the courage of a crusader. I should like to die on the battlefield in defense of the Church. If only I were a Priest!”

So I ask each of us to stand up with courage such as that and help raise one million dollars for our future priests. There is no better way to defend your church than to defend our Pope, our Bishops and our Priests.

So fear not, what we are accomplishing now will affect many generations.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Redemptorist 1819-1867

In 1860 Fr. Seelos asked to be bishop of Pittsburgh, he instead organized a celebration for the Redemptorist Seminarians, declaring, “I would rather be bishop of my students than bishop of Pittsburgh!”

During the civil war he worried that only priests and not seminarians were exempt from the draft. When a personal appeal to President Lincoln was unsuccessful, he persuaded the bishop to ordain the seminarians immediately.

We should love our seminarians that much! We hold the future of our church for many generations in our hands.

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor said, when you are answering the call from God, are you willing to be all in?

God bless,

Philip A. Savage
State Secretary
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State Secretary



Ed Viera, Membership/Council Reactivation Director

The Arkansas Knights of Columbus had a great month in recruitment last month, mainly because of the outstanding efforts of DD #3 Greg Mattics and the entire contingent that traveled to Monticello. We will soon have a new council in Billy goat (high school mascot), country.

Another congratulations goes to all the councils that added new members this past month, because of your efforts the Arkansas jurisdiction finished in first place among all the state councils in Division IV.

Please remember to promote your council activities, not just within your parish but also within the community. We are on pace to outdo the extraordinary we had last year.

Outstanding Job Brother Knights!

Ed Viera
AR KofC Membership Director
Vivat Jesu



Peter McNulty, Vocations / RSVP Chairman

Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators Brother Knights ALL

A SHORT MESSAGE THIS MONTH, MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH.

As this is the time each year we celebrate our thanks for all God has given us, The challenges and His gifts, let us NOT forget His gift of all our seminarians. Not only our prayers but some Notes, cards, emails and letters to them to show our appreciation for their gifts to us as servants of God. We will benefit from each of them as they , after Ordination, will be our servants for the Eucharist.

We are blessed to have 43 seminarians, some with ordination dates—close-(2016) and some thru 2024. Some of us will live to see all Ordained and some will be helped to our final reward by one of these future Priest.

I wish you all a very bountiful Thanksgiving. Let us all be grateful to our servicemen and women who help provide for our freedom to honor God and all He provides for our wellbeing.

God bless you all.

Vivat Jesu

Peter



Dub and Geri Green were honored prior to the 10:00am mass on Sunday, November 1, at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Hot Springs Village. This special recognition for their brother knight and his spouse was initiated by the Daniel Patrick Sullivan Council 10208's Grand Knight Gary Wolfer and the Board of Directors. Youth Director Walter Free coordinated the event, including the design and purchase of the plaque. State Deputy Adrian Dominguez accepted an invitation to attend and present the award. District 10 Director and Council Deputy Grand Knight Jimmie Rogers also participated. Council Chaplain and State Chaplain Father Bill Elser celebrated the mass. There was reserved seating for Dub's brother knights and their spouses. Many of the Green's parishioner friends were also in attendance.

Dub and Geri have been involved in Special Olympics for 20 years, the first fifteen primarily as workers during the Olympics. For the past five years Dub has served as a Director of Special Olympics Arkansas (SOAR) in charge of the Knights of Columbus support and "Olympic Town". Dub attended numerous planning meetings during the year, while Geri stayed busy painting literally thousands of beads for the Olympians to make custom personal necklaces and bracelets at Olympic Town. She also made all the motel and other arrangements for the numerous knight and spouse volunteers attending the Olympics in Searcy.

SOAR Executive Director Terri Weir commented that there were not only significant enhancements to the Olympic Town experience for athletes during Dub's tenure, but also a much closer and mutually beneficial relationship between SOAR and the Knights of Columbus. "Dub and Geri have left a great legacy" according to Terri.



Photo Caption from left: Grand Knight Gary Wolfer, State Deputy Adrian Dominguez, Dub and Geri Green and District 10 Deputy Jimmie Rogers.



Annual State Knights of Columbus Golf Tourney Hosted by Council 10208 in Hot Springs Village

As a result of winning last year's Arkansas State Knights of Columbus Golf Fundraiser in Morrilton, the local Council was designated as the host for 2015. It was held at the Granada Golf Course on Saturday, October 10. Coordinator Scott Krantz was assisted by Dan Murphy, Ed Miller, and Bill Patterson, who happen to be the foursome who won last year and tied for second this year.

There were ten teams entered in this scramble format event, with four teams from the Hot Springs Village Council 10208; three from the Hot Springs Council 6419; one from Little Rock Council 6615; one from Morrilton Council 5209; and, one from St Vincent Council 10908.

The tournament trophy was won by the local knights' team of Tim Burke, Tom Conrad, Rick Meyers, and Larry Stein, who shot a fourteen under par 58. In addition to the trophy, each player received a Mizuno golf bag. A Hot Springs team consisting of Joe Dierks, Hans Purkott, Steve Libby, and Greg Speas tied for second with the aforementioned event coordinators with a 64 score. The Hot Springs team took second with a scorecard playoff. Fourth place was captured by Morrilton knights Allen Andrews, Gary Koch, David and Matt Zimmerman with a 66 score.

Although the turnout was much smaller than expected, there was a net profit of \$1,800 to support the education of seminarians in the Little Rock Diocese.

Council 10208 in Hot Springs Village sets another record in its Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities

In 2014, the Daniel P. Sullivan Council raised \$23,359 with a net of \$22,155 which was 30% of the Arkansas Knights of Columbus total. In this year's campaign, the Council raised \$27,693, an increase of \$4,354. This year's donors included: Area Businesses - \$11,793, Knights and Knight Widows - \$8,135, and Tootsie Roll Donations - \$7,765.



The winning team photo includes l-r: Tom Conrad, Rick Meyers, Tim Burke, and Larry Stein. The other photo has tournament director Scott Krantz (standing) and Gerald Krawczynski.



Milestone highlights K of C's financial protection of Catholic families

The Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force this week, marking an important milestone in the Catholic fraternal benefit society's mission to protect the future of Catholic families.

This milestone was achieved despite continuing adverse conditions affecting the insurance industry.

Established in 1882 by a young Catholic priest, the organization — which offers its line of top-rated products exclusively to its members and their eligible family members — manages \$21 billion in assets and ranks 939 on the 2015 Fortune 1000 list, placing it among the largest life insurers in North America.

“The \$100 billion milestone is not simply a number,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “It highlights the fact that each year we are protecting the future of more Catholic families, continuing the mission of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.”

The Knights of Columbus offers insurance to its members and their families through a network of more than 1,500 dedicated, professional agents in the United States and Canada — all of whom are members of the Knights of Columbus.

“With each dollar of top-rated insurance in force that our professional agency force adds, additional, meaningful security is provided to the families whose livelihoods we protect,” the Supreme Knight said. To read a full interview with Supreme Knight Anderson on this milestone:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/news/detail/supreme-knight-carl-anderson-reflects.html>

The \$100 billion milestone caps a year in which the Knights of Columbus set a new record for insurance sales with \$8 billion sold, earned the top rating of A++ Superior from AM Best for the 40th consecutive year, and was named a “World's Most Ethical Company” for the second consecutive year by the Ethisphere Institute®.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 1.9 million members worldwide. It is also one of the most active charitable organizations in the United States. The Knights set a new record for charitable giving in 2014 with donations of more than \$173.5 million and 71.5 million hours of service to charitable causes.

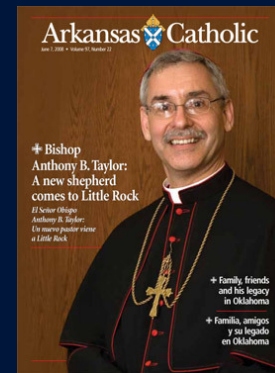
To learn more, contact your Knights of Columbus field agent. To find him:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/faa.html>



Arkansas Knights of Columbus

Membership Report As of 31 October, 2015



State Deputy: Adrian Dominguez
State Membership Director: Godwal "Ed" Viera



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The Mexican Martyrs

Total State Membership: 7555 / +71



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District 1

District Deputy - John W. Lett

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
812 Little Rock* (1904)	12	12	0	12	100
6615 Little Rock (1974)	6	0	0	0	
10167 Little Rock* (1989)	11	4	0	4	36

District 1	20	16	0	16	80
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**CONGRATULATIONS
STAR COUNCIL - 812**

Membership	YTD Growth Change
459	13

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District 2

District Deputy – Aaron Baltz

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
1702 Jonesboro (1913)	13	6	0	6	46
1713 Paragould (1913)	4	3	2	1	25
2443 Pocahontas (1923)	14	2	0	2	14
2857 Blytheville (1942)	4	0	0	0	
7783 ASU (NA) (1981)	4	0	0	0	

District 2	27	11	2	9	33
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
574	8

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District 3

District Deputy – Greg Mattics

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
1153 Pine Bluff (1906)	6	16	0	16	267
2780 Stuttgart (1937)	4	0	0	0	
3383 Lake Village (1951)	4	0	0	0	
3998 Slovak (1955)	8	2	0	2	25
District 3	15	18	0	18	120

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STAR DISTRICT
DOUBLE STAR COUNCIL - 1153**

Membership	YTD Growth Change
349	22

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District 4

District Deputy – Roy Anderle

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
2650 Texarkana (1927)	6	0	0	0	
5099 El Dorado (1961)	5	1	0	1	20
12473 Camden (1999)	5	0	0	0	
16222 Nashville (2015)	4	3	0	3	75

District 4	11	4	0	4	29
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
259	-1

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District 5

District Deputy – Timothy R. Malloy

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6969 Cherokee Village (1977)	4	0	0	0	
7353 Mountain Home (7353)	13	4	5	-1	
8410 Harrison (1983)	5	2	0	2	40
10493 Horseshoe Bend (1990)	4	0	0	0	

District 5	18	6	5	1	6
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
350	-4

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District 6

District Deputy – Michael Dietering

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6454 Eureka Springs (1973)	4	0	0	0	
6834 Rogers (1976)	13	0	0	0	
9514 Bella Vista (1987)	14	0	0	0	
12458 Bentonville (1999)	13	3	0	3	23
13829 Siloam Springs (2002)	4	0	0	0	
14609 Rogers (2008)	6	3	0	3	50
District 6	38	6	0	6	16

Membership	YTD Membership Change
734	-4

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District 7

District Deputy – Ron Wildman

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6140 Batesville (1969)	5	4	0	4	80
8815 Fairfield Bay (1984)	4	0	0	0	
11294 Searcy (1994)	5	3	0	3	60
12778 Heber Springs (1999)	4	0	1	-1	

District 7	13	7	1	6	46
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
235	2

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District 8

District Deputy – Wayne Eastman

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
4143 Conway (1955)	35	12	0	12	34
5209 Morrilton (1961)	17	9	0	9	53
6398 Russellville (1972)	15	2	0	2	13
6680 Bigelow (1975)	6	0	3	-3	
10908 St. Vincent (1992)	8	0	0	0	
District 8	57	23	3	20	35

Membership	YTD Growth Change
1257	12

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District 9

District Deputy – Robert Collins

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
996 Fort Smith (1905)	25	4	11	-7	
9777 Van Buren (1988)	8	1	0	1	13
14774 Ft. Smith (2009)	4	2	0	2	50
15453 Fort Smith* (2012)	4	0	0	0	

District 9	29	7	11	-4	--
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
588	-3

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District 10

District Deputy – Jimmie Rogers

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6419 Hot Springs (1972)	15	6	1	5	33
9396 Benton (1987)	5	0	0	0	
10208 Hot Springs Village (1990)	20	3	0	3	15

District 10	28	9	1	8	29
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
589	2

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District 11

District Deputy – Conrad De La Paz

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
1770 Helena (1914)	4	0	0	0	
4147 Wynne (1955)	8	0	0	0	
5804 West Memphis (1966)	6	0	0	0	
6814 Brinkley (1976)	4	1	0	1	25

District 11	15	1	0	1	7
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
281	-1

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District 12

District Deputy – Joseph Beffa

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
4538 Tontitown (1958)	8	0	0	0	
6609 Fayetteville (1974)	13	2	0	2	15
7787 UofA-Fayetteville (1981)	7	1	0	1	14
12082 Springdale (1997)	8	10	0	10	125

District 12	25	13	0	13	52
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**CONGRATULATIONS
STAR COUNCIL - 12082**

Membership	YTD Growth Change
547	9

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District 13

District Deputy – William H. Bill McClullough

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6253 North Little Rock (1971)	16	0	0	0	
11097 Marche (1993)	6	1	-10	-9	
11604 Jacksonville* (1995)	14	5	1	4	29

District 13	25	6	11	-5	
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
525	-7

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District 14

District Deputy – David Thompson

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
5725 Clarksville (1965)	7	1	0	1	14
14010 Altus* (2006)	5	5	0	5	100
14619 Scanton (2008)	7	3	0	3	43

District 14	13	9	0	9	69
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**CONGRATULATIONS
STAR COUNCIL: 14010**

Membership	YTD Growth Change
283	8

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District 15

District Deputy – David Wewers

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
3787 Paris (1953)	11	5	0	5	45
12875 Charleston* (2001)	11	2	0	2	18
15867 Booneville (2013)	4	3	0	3	75
District 15	18	10	0	10	56

Membership	YTD Growth Change
376	11

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District 16

District Deputy – Philip Ference

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6942 Arkadelphia (1977)	4	1	0	1	25
7258 Mena (1979)	5	0	0	0	
11908 DeQueen (1996)	4	0	0	0	
District 16	9	1	0	1	11

Membership	YTD Growth Change
149	3

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Supreme Knight



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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Deputies

FROM: Louis W. Barbour 
Vice President Membership Growth

DATE: October 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Church Recruitment Drive Reminder

As a reminder we are asking every council to hold a church recruitment drive in each of the parishes they serve. This is a very important membership program, so please encourage your councils to hold a church drive in the month of October and report the results to you.

To help make this drive successful we need your help.

- Contact each council in your district and assure that they have scheduled their Recruitment Drive.
- Keep a list of the church recruitment drives and the parishes where the drive will be held.
- Report the information of each councils drive to your state deputy.
- Once the church recruitment drive has been completed, make sure you work with each council to ensure that a First Degree is held within one week of the Church Drive.

I want to thank you in advance for your support of the Order's October Church Drive in honor of our founder the Venerable Michael J. McGivney.

LB/kd