



Knights of Columbus Arkansas State Council



September 2011

I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

STATE CHAPLAIN REPORT

ABBOT JEROME KODELL, OSB

MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG

After they had safely crossed the Red Sea, Moses and the Israelites sang a song of praise to God: "I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has been my savior" (Ex 15:1-2).



"The Lord is my strength and my song": This phrase resonated in the minds of the people and was repeated in Isaiah 12:2 and Psalm 118:14. It is a beautiful statement but also a prayer for what each of us wants our life to be: I want God to be my strength and my song. I want the Lord to be the song that my life sings, the song that people hear when they get to know me.

On the way to his martyrdom in Rome in the earliest days of the Church, St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote to the Christians in Ephesus: "When you are united in harmony of mind and heart, the song you sing is Jesus Christ."

There is a message here for us who have answered the call to be Knights of Columbus in the service of God, church, and country. If each of us Knights stays close to the Lord in our prayer and our life, the song we sing together will be Jesus Christ, a song that gives hope to all who are waiting for a ray of light to come into their lives.

STATE DEPUTY COMMENTS

CHARLES KETTER

Brother Knights

From the newsletters I get you men are quite active. Keep up the good work. This has been a very active first two months with several first degrees held and more to go. Recruitment is up



because you the leaders of the church are sharing your faith and commitment with other Catholic men. Our late Pope Blessed John Paul II said "A new state of affairs today both in Church and in social, economic, political and cultural life, calls with particular urgency for the action of LAY FAITHFUL (that is you). If lack of commitment is always unacceptable, the present time renders it even more so. It is not permissible for anyone to remain idle".

We need committed Catholics today in all areas of culture and society to be passionate witnesses for Christ. You my brothers are these witnesses who by the way you live preach the gospel of love. I challenge you to recruit more men like yourselves who will PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP and say I AM MY BROTHERS KEEPER. These men are there in your parish or you may work with them or they may be very close to you FATHER, BROTHER, UNCLE, NEPHEW or I hope you didn't forget to ask your PRIEST.

I want to publicly thank all the District Deputies and Program Chairman who give of their time and talent to lead you by their hard work and example. I urge all of you to at the very least to have a rosary after mass on Sept 11 to remember not only those who gave their lives in the world trade center bombing, those who lost their lives in the crash in Pennsylvania and the Pentagon but the people who helped in the recovery and healing of those who were left on earth to make this a better world.

Vivat Jesu

Charles Ketter

ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL
MICHAEL L. KIEFFER, STATE SECRETARY

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:

Well, I have to apologize for last month's newsletter item. What you had was a convention report. I have to blame technology (my computer) for at least half the problem and operator error (ME) for the rest. What you missed was about August being family month. Part of my point was that we should tailor our programs though out the year to include the whole family. So much for last month.

We had several councils not represented at the convention last April. We really need every council to be represented. When I asked why? The most common answer was -"Times are tough". I don't want to sound flip or uncaring but when are times not tough!



The State Council pays the delegates registration. Maybe the council can have a fund raiser to help with the cost of gas, lodging, and the spouse's registration. The proceeds from a breakfast, dinner, BINGO or some other fund raiser could be enough to defray these costs. Our convention this year will be in Rogers and I hope to see all the Councils represented.

Mike Kieffer
State Secretary

SEPTEMBER 2011 RETREAT
ROY ANDERLE

Just a reminder for all Knights,

There are still rooms available for the September 9th through 11th retreat at Subiaco Coury House.

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AIDING A BROTHER KNIGHT
ROBERT COLLINS
GRAND KNIGHT - COUNCIL 00996

Our Council had a Brother that was in need of an access ramp at his house. I asked the Council to help and had a great turn out on a Saturday with 100 degree heat. Members of PiusXII



Council 996 Fort Smith AR, Back row left to right. Jason Morland, Daniel Moore, State Advocate Mike Heathcott, Gary Barker, Gilbert Koch, front row, Mark Giuliani, Robert Collins, Chris Brown, Roger Donald. Not pictured Patrick Giuliani who is taking the picture and is still too young to become a member but gave up his Saturday morning to help.

Thanks to all
Robert Collins

FIREWORKS FOR ST. RAPHAEL PARISH

Fr. John Connell looks over a check for \$4,623.95, which he received from Lewis Germany, Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council 12082. The council set up fireworks tent across the street from the parish church, and donated half the profits to St. Raphael's parish. The parish office helped with bulletin and pulpit announcements, and many parishioners purchased fireworks.



K OF C OPERATION ST. MARY JOPLIN BACK-TO-SCHOOL!

All Arkansas Knights,

We have been blessed with a great opportunity in the lives of those whose lives have been turned upside down by a tornado. St Mary in Joplin had their church and school destroyed by the tornado that went through Joplin earlier this year. Something like one in four of the Knights in the St Mary council lost their homes. We raised \$3,000 dollars to help them but now they need our muscle!

St Mary School will be opening the first week of September. There is a warehouse that is being converted into classroom to be used as the school. The work on the conversion will be completed just in time for the start of the school year. In the meantime, what could be salvaged from the school that was destroyed and all the donations they have received are being stored in another warehouse. On Saturday, September 3rd they need to get everything from storage to the new school and the classrooms set up to be ready for the children to start school that Tuesday. That's we're we come in!

I won't guarantee I got every fact right but pretty close. The one fact that is indisputable is that they need our help to get this done.

Right out of the shoot let me tell you that Saturday, September 3rd is the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend. It is also the day of the University of Arkansas' first home game. I don't mention that because I want to give you an out but rather because I don't want to be counting on people who later realize these things and so back out and leave us short of help. We are opening this up to our council first. If we have enough help, we will leave it to our council. If we need more help, we will open it up to the district.

We are also going to feed all the workers and any of the local knights and their families who wanted to stop by that day. We will bring doughnuts, coffee and juice for breakfast and will cook for lunch. We hope to give the families a chance to take a moment to just sit and visit with their friends. A luxury they really haven't had since the tornado struck.

So here are the details:

We will meet on Saturday, September 3rd between 7:00 and 7:15 AM at St Stephens to pack supplies and head up to Joplin.

Our return time will depend on how quickly the work goes. If you need to be back by a certain time you can drive separately and return as you need.

We Need:

- You **and your wife** if she wants to help the teachers set up their classrooms.
- Truck and closed trailers for hauling between the storage and the school.
- Two wheel dollies or other equipment to help in moving furniture (desks, shelves, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies to clean up the classrooms.
- Coolers to keep pop and water cold so workers stay hydrated.
- Lawn chairs for people to sit and relax we they need to or when they are eating.
- Anything I am forgetting that you know we will need.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW ONLY IF YOU CAN MAKE IT. NO NEED TO SAY YOU CAN'T.

- IN YOUR RESPONSE PLEASE LET ME KNOW:
- WILL BE JUST YOU OR YOU AND YOUR WIFE.
- WILL YOU BE BRINGING A TRUCK AND/OR CLOSED TRAILER
- ANYTHING ELSE YOU WILL BE BRINGING THAT WE WOULD NEED.

Fraternally,

Sir Knight Michael Deitering
Grand Knight
St Stephen Council 12458

CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

JOHN BODENSTEINER

October 7th through 23rd is the time for all councils to conduct their campaigns, especially if they will be soliciting funds from the public and giving tootsie rolls for donations. Also, since there is typically a three-week period needed to deliver tootsie rolls or aprons from the vendors, the orders for either item should be placed now. In order to save shipping costs and to meet the minimum order requirements for tootsie rolls, it is suggested that councils combine their orders or for one order to be placed by a council for the whole district.

The forms needed to submit tootsie roll or apron orders have been emailed to all district deputies, grand knights, financial secretaries, and program directors that have email addresses in the 2011-2012 State Council Directory.

The goal of the campaign this year is to have all 56 active councils participate and to raise \$90,000, an increase of 50% over 2010. In last month's newsletter, I published the financial history of the state's campaigns. This month I want to suggest alternatives to the tootsie roll option, if that type of campaign is not feasible.

Campaign Fundraising Suggestions:

1. Send letters and make personal visits to local businesses to solicit their financial support;
2. Solicit donations before/after weekend masses after having announcements in the church bulletins;
3. Golf tournaments;
4. Breakfasts or dinners;
5. Activities related to October Fest or other fall community events;
6. BBQ picnics;
7. Rummage sales;

8. Bingo/card games;
9. Music concerts;
10. Passing the hat at council/assembly meetings; and,
11. Sending letters to council members asking for donations - this is a way of getting all knights involved, especially those not participating in other CPID activities.

Councils may do several of the fundraising options listed. At the very minimum, every council can ask its members to get involved in this signature Knights of Columbus charity by giving a personal donation.

John Bodensteiner
State CPID Chair
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FRAMED IMAGE TOUR

ADRIAN DOMINGUEZ

Cardinal James Francis Stafford, Major Apostolic Penitentiary Emeritus, and archbishop of Denver emeritus, was the principal celebrant at Votive Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, August 3rd, at the Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado. Knights of Columbus state deputies stood before the altar at the end of the Mass holding their jurisdiction's framed image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as Msgr. Eduardo Chavez explained the new Marian Prayer Program in which the images would be hosted by local councils worldwide during prayer services. The Guadalupe images were blessed by Pope Benedict XVI and touched to the tilma of Juan Diego which bears the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In addition, the frames of the images were sealed with soil from Tepeyac hill in Mexico, where Our Lady's appearances took place. The new Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program will take place throughout the Order and lead into the second international Guadalupe Festival to be held at the Los Angeles Coliseum the weekend before the 2012 Supreme Convention. You may see pictures and receive more information on our Orders Web Page: www.kofc.org.

Supreme has blessed our state with two Our Lady of Guadalupe images and prayer books. Our jurisdiction has been separated by districts into two, East and West. The East District's (ED) consist of District's 03, 01, 13, 11, 07, 02 and 05. The West District (WD) consists of District's 10, 04, 08, 14, 09, 12 and 06. Our Lady of Guadalupe image will pilgrim through each district for at least one month starting with District 03 in the ED and District 10 in the WD. Each case containing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe has a LOG BOOK in the side cover of the casing. This log must be filled out each time you have a prayer service/rosary and/or any gathering honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please ensure the log book is kept with each image. We must return both set's at the end of the pilgrimage.

The District Deputy's will be responsible for ensuring the Our Lady of Guadalupe image pilgrims through their district. The DD coordinate with each Grand Knight the dates their council will have the image in their parish. Each Grand Knight will need to coordinate with their parish pastor's to ensure the image is displayed, at least one prayer service with the accompanied prayer books is made at each parish, one Rosary is said by the Knights and it is kept safe. Again, please ensure the log book is filled out for each event. The host council will then contact the next visiting council for date and time of delivery of Our Lady of Guadalupe image, prayer books, and log book. Please follow up with each Grand Knight receiving the Our Lady of Guadalupe image to ensure they are on schedule. Once the last council in your district is concluding their time with Our Lady of Guadalupe image, the DD will be responsible for contacting the next District Deputy to coordinate hand off.

The following is the schedule of the two pilgrimages:

Month.....	ED.....	WD
September	03.....	10
October.....	01.....	04
November.....	13.....	08
December**	11.....	14
January	07.....	09
February	02.....	12
March	05.....	06

**NOTE: The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th. Lucky District's 11 and 14!

I will be following up with each District Deputy at the beginning and end of each month to ensure we are on schedule. Our mission is to have both Our Lady of Guadalupe image's at our State Convention in April, at which a prayer service will be held on Sunday morning.

Please ensure all the prayer books are placed back into the traveling case with each Our Lady of Guadalupe image for the use of the following council. There are prayer cards which may be given to those who attend a prayer service, although limited. One of the follow up questions during my call will be the quantity of prayer cards left. I pray we can receive more from Supreme. We will see.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe keep you safe and watch over our pilgrimage of her image throughout our Arkansas Jurisdiction.

God Bless,
 Adrian Dominguez
 Knights of Columbus - AR
 Arkansas State Council Treasurer

Our Lady of Guadalupe Chairperson

Vivat Jesús

PRO-LIFE
JIM & PATRICIA GOODSON
PRO-LIFE COUPLE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life begins on September 28th and runs thru November 6th, Arkansas' Knights of Columbus have adopted October 10th (from 7am to 7pm) and the afternoon of November 2nd (12 noon to 7:00pm) to pray at the abortion clinic in Little Rock. We encourage each Council to be involved with this prayer effort. Please share this information with your Council Pro-Life Director, or if your Council is without a Pro-Life Director, we ask that you appoint someone to bring forth volunteers from your Council. We invite Knights, their family members, friends and other parish members to join this wonderful prayer effort for the lives of the unborn.

Please email, or call us with the names, phone numbers and email of those who will pray with us on those days, and the times that they will attend. It is urgent that we fill all times as we need at least 2, or more to be there at all times that are assigned to the Knights. Please encourage that they commit to at least one hour, i.e. 7-8am; 1-2pm, or whatever time is best for them.

Of course, we all know that the Pro-Life effort begins with prayer and it has become evident that sometimes it makes a difference where those prayers are being offered. Many lives have been saved at the entrance to the abortion clinics around the country, because there were sidewalk prayer warriors praying the Rosary, or Divine Chaplet, or general prayers when a pregnant mother arrived for an abortion. There were 2 lives saved in Little Rock, week before last, and there have been a number of others there also.

Other results around the country have seen clinics shut down in several states, And, as a result of thousands of Pro-Life supporters, writing and calling their state and federal government officials on behalf of the "not yet delivered" babies, new Pro-Life laws are being passed around the country. But, not enough, not yet! We need your help.

Please go to the Knights of Columbus website and refer to the "culture of Life" page, for information on what you can do to help. In the meantime, please ask your Council members to step up and be counted in the Pro-Life movement. Ask them to commit to at least one hour

praying at the abortion clinic in Little Rock, on October 10th or on Nov 2nd (All Souls Day), during these 40 days for Life.

An "Inside Baby" or "Outside Baby" - is still a Baby!

Jim & Patricia Goodson
ProLife Couple
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JIMMY MCKINNON, PSD

Membership recruitment is one of the goals of the Knights of Columbus.

Membership growth in each **Council** is very important to the Arkansas State Council. Without **Membership** promotions by the Supreme Council and the State Council, growth could be achieved.

Our fraternal year started July 1, 2011. Our **goal** for **Arkansas** this fraternal year is **400 new knights**.



We have ten months to achieve our membership quota for this year. We have **started** this off in a **positive** way by having several first degrees around the State. However, each Knights of Columbus Council in the State needs to recruit new members in the KC's and hold first degrees. There are a lot of men that have not been asked and we need to keep the ones we have.

Membership recruitment is asking eligible men to join the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in Arkansas**.

Our theme this year - is one knight, per month, per council.

One knight, per council per month would be great and several councils are starting the year off well. It also is an achievable goal. If you look at conducting a first degree or going to another Council for a first degree, and if you bring one knight, per month then we will achieve our goals.

You can achieve the goals of - one knight per month, per council.

Good luck this year and with a positive attitude about our membership program we will succeed.

Please contact me and we will work on the development of the membership program for this year.

Jimmy McKinnon, PSD
Membership Director

VIRTUS TRAINING DISTRICT 06

Grand Knights:

Worthy Grand Knights:

A message from GK Mario Echevarria, Council 06834; **please communicate our local Virtus training schedule to your members at your earliest convenience.** Schedule is listed below.

For those of you, who have not taken a Virtus course, please consider attending one of the scheduled courses listed below. Certification in this course is mandatory according to our diocese if you are working with youth in our parish. As a member in the Knights of Columbus you will be around our youth at various functions, so being Virtus trained will be required.

This is a well-planned curriculum with excellent content relevant to today. I encourage all members of the council to become Virtus trained as quickly as possible.

Fraternally yours,

Mario Echevarria
Grand Knight, Council 06834
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VIRTUS TRAINING SCHEDULES

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS

Where:.....St. Raphael Church (Springdale)

When:..... Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Estimated length of session:3 hours
Spaces remaining:..... unlimited
Language: This session will be conducted in English
Wheelchair accessible:..... Yes

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS

Where:..... St. Vincent De Paul Church (Rogers)
When: Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 6:00 PM
Estimated length of session:3 hours
Spaces remaining:..... unlimited
Language: This session will be conducted in English
Notes:**Training Session will be conducted in English and Spanish**
Wheelchair accessible:..... Yes

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS

Where:..... St. Raphael Church (Springdale)
When: Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 9:00 AM
Estimated length of session:3 hours
Spaces remaining:..... unlimited
Language: This session will be conducted in English
Wheelchair accessible:..... Yes

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR ADULTS

Where:..... St. Vincent De Paul Church (Rogers)
When: Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 6:00 PM
Estimated length of session:3 hours
Spaces remaining:..... unlimited
Language: This session will be conducted in English
Notes:**Training Session will be conducted in English and Spanish**
Wheelchair accessible:..... Yes

Meg Higson
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REMINDER

October Newsletter Deadline

Please try to send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by Saturday, September 24, 2011, for the October 2011 Newsletter. Please e-mail your report, article, message, or photos to johnh911@conwaycorp.net.

Reports Due

FORM.....	REPORT	DUE BY
185.....	REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30.....	1-Jul
365.....	SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT FOR THE TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30.....	1-Aug
1295-1	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Aug
SC-KIT	SOCCER CHALLENGE KIT ORDER FORM.....	15-Aug
2629.....	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR	1-Sep
SA-KIT	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	1-Sep
CR	OFFICIAL ORDER FORM FOR RECORDED COLUMBUS DAY PROGRAM	15-Sep
FT-KIT	FREE THROW COUNCIL COMPETITION KIT ORDER FORM	1-Nov
4567.....	SOCCER CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM.....	1-Dec
FT- 1	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION REPORT	31-Jan
4584.....	PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS	31-Jan
1728.....	INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT	31-Jan
4001.....	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST PARTICIPATION FORM	31-Jan
1295-2	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Feb
SP-7	COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION	30-Jun
2630.....	ANNUAL REPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUND TABLE.....	30-Jun
2863.....	RSVP REFUND/PLAQUE APPLICATION.....	30-Jun
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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