



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



## ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL

### September 2014 Newsletter



# Adrian Dominguez, State Deputy

Brother Knights:

With the end of the summer season upon us, when the days become shorter, schools are back in session, and vacations are coming to an end, I pray our councils are gaining momentum in serving our parishes and priests more. Thank you for all you are doing throughout the Arkansas Jurisdiction in serving our church through the order.

Please pray as often as you can for all the evil doings in our world, especially those within our own country and jurisdiction. Events such as those in neighboring jurisdictions who mock our church and beliefs; that the Holy Eucharist always be used in the most revered, sacred and holy manner which is intended to be. Pray for those establishments being used to end life; that the Holy Spirit is with each and every soul being taken and for those heavy hearts who are committing such violent acts. Pray for peace between all brothers in Christ; as we are ALL made in God's image.

Our Supreme Convention was such a blessing, with so many Cardinals, Archbishops, bishops and priests celebrating the Holy Eucharist daily and with the relics of Saint John Paul II present. Our Supreme Knight officially opened the year of "You Will All Be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity." As you think about this charge for our order, each word has a very impactful significance:

YOU, means each and every one of us Knights of Columbus, not only a few who wish to, but ALL of us

WILL, as a directive, not as a choice to do it

ALL, meaning every brother in Christ who was made in God's image, not only those who you want to be or who look like you, but everyone all inclusive

BE, to become, to exist, to coexist with

BROTHERS, brothers in Christ, brother Knights, family, bonded with all

OUR, means each one of us as Knights, not only our Supreme Knight, but each Knight, Brother's in Christ

VOCATION, our calling to become, through our Lord Jesus Christ

TO, toward our calling to become, calling from Jesus Christ

FRATERNITY, our third charge of our order, to become brotherly to ALL brother's in Christ who were made in God's image.

The Holy Spirit truly was with our Supreme Knight when he chose these words for this year's charge. We must ensure we live to these words each and every day of our being. Not only because our Supreme Knight asked us to, whom we promised obedience to as our superior; but because God commanded us to throughout the Holy Bible, starting with: Love your neighbor as you love yourself. This does not say some neighbor's.

As the months come and go us as Knights of Columbus, the right hand of the church must continue to work with our bishop and priests in our parishes. We are called to serve everyone as equals and need not to turn away from those who need us. We must pray, support and sponsor all seminarians who have heard the calling to serve us as priest, so we may continue to have our Holy Eucharist in years to come.

Brother Knights and families, I truly thank you for your hard work you are accomplishing in all the parishes in the Diocese of Little Rock, our Arkansas Jurisdiction. Without your labor and dedication in serving our Lord Jesus Christ, His church through our order, many projects would be incomplete.

I pray for all our Knights and your families. May we live our daily lives as we have been charged with: You Will All Be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity.

Fraternally,

Adrian Dominguez, Arkansas State Deputy



# Mike Kieffer, Round Table Chairman/New Council Development

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Driving back from the Supreme Convention in Orlando I noticed a bumper sticker promoting World War II Veterans Association. I wondered at what a large organization that probably once was and how small it must be today? How much longer will they exist? Could we be setting ourselves up to be in the same position? Are we satisfied with the membership we have now? Are we not seeking out new and younger members? Are excluding men who are eighteen or over and practicing Catholics because they are different from us or speak another language. If so this organization will not exist after we are gone. Grab a hand full of form 100s, and let us make sure the order lives long.

One Member per Council Per Month!

One First Degree per District per Month!

If your council supports more than one Parish or more than one ethnic group your council needs to appoint a Roundtable Coordinator and send Supreme a form 2629, annually.

Vivat Jesu!

Mike Kieffer, IPSD

Round Table / New Council Development



# Ed Viera, Membership Director

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Brother Knights,

It is a great honor to have the opportunity to write this report to the Arkansas Jurisdiction of the Knight of Columbus as your acting State Membership Director.

One of Saint Pope John Paul II's greatest statements was, "Be not afraid", and I understand in a part of the world where we are outnumbered it is easy to be hesitant, I say to you, be not afraid. I will mention this on a monthly basis, because I believe that every Catholic man should have the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus.

The following are the numbers as of today, Sunday, August 24, 2014

Districts and Councils that are at 20% or higher of the membership quota for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year:

District #1 45%	Council 1153 Pine Bluff 83%
District #3 33%	Council 2443 Pocahontas 64%
District #5 21%	Council 6419 Hot Springs 29%
District #6 38%	Council 6834 Rogers 36%
District #10 41%	Council 7353 Mountain Home 23%
District #15 32%	Council 10167 Little Rock 64%
	Council 10208 Hot Springs Village 37%
	Council 12875 Charleston 50%
	Council 13829 Siloam Springs 25%
	Council 14609 Mexican Martyrs (Rogers) 120%

These are outstanding number, but let us not be satisfied and continue the movement to promote, promote, and promote some more.

Gentlemen, be not afraid.

Faithfully submitted,

Godwal "Ed" Viera

Vivat Jesu



# Calvin Webb, Community Activities Director

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Each one of us has a voice in shaping the world around us; as members of the Knights of Columbus we must make our voices heard. We need to do more than give up in despair over what is wrong, instead; we need to make a difference, One Person, One council at a time. Our communities offer limitless opportunity for action that can be seen, felt and judged for its true worth. Look for something that's needed and workable in your community and get involved.

Upcoming activity in October: "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" more commonly referred to as "Tootsie Roll Drive"; this is considered one of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus. Please show your support and assist your fellow Knights if possible.

God Bless,

Calvin Webb

Community Activities Director

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# Don Chaffin, Grand Knight Council 9777

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For family week Van Buren Knights organized s blood drive. We had 23 Knights and Parishioners showed up to donate blood. Out of those 23, we gave 18 units of blood. The Knights provided pizza for everyone. The Knights in Van Buren also provided \$158.00 for Altar flowers for Family week.

We will have another blood drive in December.

Don Chaffin  
Grand Knight, Council 9777



# John Bodensteiner, Council Communications Director

Hot Springs Village Knights of Columbus Council 10208 has raised over \$50,000 for the House of Formation



Pictured (l-r) following the presentation of a check: Father Bill Elser, Monsignor Scott Friend, and Bishop Anthony Taylor.

On July 17, the Daniel P Sullivan Council 10208 in Hot Springs Village hosted its third annual fundraiser for the Little Rock Diocese's House of Formation. The event was held at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. Grand Knight Bob Honzik chaired the planning for the fundraiser and served as emcee for the program.

The dinner was a sellout with 286 people in attendance. Over \$15,600 was raised from ticket sales and donations from the diners as well as from other parishioners and knights. Along with the \$35,000 from the previous two fundraisers, the Council has now raised more than \$50,000 for the House of Formation.

Special guests included: Bishop Anthony Taylor; Monsignor Scott Friend; Father Tony Robbins, Pastor of congregations in Camden and Magnolia; Father Bill Elser, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Council Chaplain; and, seminarians Alex Booth, Guillermo Caballero, Omar Galvan, Ben Riley, Nelson Rubio, and Emmanuel Torres, representing the 43 seminarians currently in the program.

Under the supervision of knight chef Danny Celestin, the sit down meal was prepared and served with assistance from a crew of knights. With crab cakes as an appetizer, the menu included catfish, shrimp, clam strips, and stuffed crab with Cole slaw, baked potatoes, and hush puppies. The dessert was Father Bill's famous homemade ice cream.

After thanking the attendees for their continued support, Monsignor Friend outlined the rationale for expansion of the House of Formation into adjacent facilities on the campus of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish. At the close of the program, a Spiritual Bouquet of prayers was given to Monsignor Friend by the knights in which they "asked God to give him the strength to continue the successful recruitment, placement, and educational funding of diocesan seminarians."



# Father Bill Elser, State Chaplin

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It always takes me awhile to come down from the "high" I feel after returning from a Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention. Being with brother Knights which include bishops, priests and deacons as well as the bulk of our membership, our lay people helps me appreciate that I (and all of us) are part of a bigger picture that includes people throughout this country and in other countries (including recently South Korea) where the Order is growing.

We all should be encouraged by the great work of the Knights in this past year, which includes much charitable giving and spiritual and educational opportunities that when done have helped us grow in our relationship with the Lord and his Church. To that end, I am really excited about the "family centered" initiative of the Knights of Columbus that begins in October and goes for a year entitled, "Building the Domestic Church". Not only Knights, but also their immediate family are given the opportunity for growth in prayer, catechesis, scripture, charitable giving and social projects at home and when gathered at times with other Knight's families.

As we Knights and the Church in the United States prepares for the visit of the Holy Father, Pope Francis to Philadelphia in September, 2015 for the World Meeting of Families, we and our families have a great way to get ready to show the Holy Father that our families are striving to focus more and more of our lives on the Lord and on following his way of love, mercy and charity in our lives individually and in our families' lives. I urge you to join wholeheartedly in this initiative and encourage all families in your parish to participate.

It will no doubt lead to countless blessings for the domestic family, the parish family and the family of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus.





*Knights of Columbus*  
***Fun Fall Charity Fund Golf Tournament***  
*2-Person Scramble . . . . .*



*8:00 AM Shotgun Start*  
*Saturday, September 20, 2014*  
*Burns Park Golf Course.*

*\$55.00 per Player (Includes Green Fee, Cart, Lunch and 2 Mulligans)*

*Prize Holes...; Longest Drive...; Closest to the Hole*

*Registration Contacts:*

*Larry Lisko 501-952-1197*  
*Patrick Schultz 501-944-9093*  
*Lynn Peters 501-758-7348*

*Players, Please, Call to register no later than Thursday, September 18, 2014*

*Players are Responsible for the Safe Operation of Golf Carts*

*Lunch provided and*

*Prizes to be awarded after the Tournament*

*At the Burns Park Golf Course Championship, phone 501-758-5800.*

*Tournament Funds Support the N. L. R. Knights of Columbus assembly #2054.  
Disabled Veterans Charity Fund.*

North Little Rock Knights of Columbus

*Fun Fall*

GOLF TOURNAMENT

ENTRY FORM

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Players:

1) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

We need at least one phone number to reach you in case of unforeseeable circumstances.

**Please *R S V P* by *September 18 , 2014***, so we can get your names on the Golf Carts.

**(And mail to: Knights of Columbus, Atten: Larry Lisko, 22 Buttermilk Rd, Little Rock, AR 72227)**

or send email to **llisko@att.net**.

# Newsletter Submissions

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Please submit newsletter articles by the 15th of the month to:

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