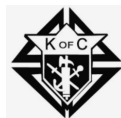


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## Moving forward in 2022

### Brothers

With the Supreme Court's Dobbs Decision to reverse Roe vs Wade, we need to be more involved in showing our support both for the unborn and the born and their mothers. Supreme has announced a new program: Aid and Support After Pregnancy. When your council provides aid to pregnancy centers and homes for women, Supreme will also support them by sending them a check. All the details can be found on the Supreme website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).



**Dennis Kunnanz**

Our Ultrasound Program is still very important as more women are requesting ultrasounds. Currently, we have three applications for new ultrasound machines and we do not yet have the funds. Does your council do a fundraiser or take up a collection at church to support the Ultrasound Program? If you have questions, please contact our State Ultrasound Chairman John Major at [okm8jr@yahoo.com](mailto:okm8jr@yahoo.com). So far, we have placed 27 ultrasound units in Oklahoma and many of them are beginning to need replacing. You may be asking "Why?" Consider this: How many of you are using a computer that is ten years old? Ultrasound machines also wear out. Please send your donations to Chris Victor SS, 4129 S. Tamarack Ave, Broken Arrow, OK, 74011. If you have a large donation and need a tax receipt, please contact me.

My first term as State Deputy concluded with another successful year for Oklahoma

### From the State Deputy

in making its membership goal through a lot of hard work from council members that each recruited at least one new member and our field agents having another fantastic year. Thank you for helping us reach Circle of Honor for the ninth consecutive year.

The new year has started and we have a goal of getting 465 men to join us as members of the Knights of Columbus. I've set a goal of 43 new members per month. The month of June was not as successful as I would have liked to see and it looks like we will have 26 men joining in July, so that leaves us 17 men short for this month as well. So, the new target to hit for August is 60. How do we achieve this number? We ask two men to join us as Knights. Are they both going to say yes? Probably not, but if you don't ask, they won't join us.

We will be having political elections this November in Oklahoma. Please take the time to review all candidates running for office to check where they stand on Catholic issues such as life from conception until natural death. Along with many other items that effect the health and will being of every person.

Have you visited the Supreme website lately? I would suggest visiting it weekly, as they continually add new items, such as Living Our Faith, Faith Formation, and Young Fathers, just to mention a few. Our state website has information about the Oklahoma Knights of Columbus at [www.okkofc.org](http://www.okkofc.org).

In closing, remember to welcome people to mass each week as they enter your

church. Show the hospitality of your parish. Let's fill our churches.

Be safe in gatherings and take health precautions where needed.

**Vivat Jesus**  
**Dennis Kunnanz**  
**Oklahoma State Deputy**

### UPCOMING DATES

**Sept 10** – National Mass for the Unborn at St Gregory's Abby

**Oct 1** – West K of C Retreat, Facebook, [www.okkofc@gmail.com](mailto:www.okkofc@gmail.com) or email Michael-the-j@att.net or call 405-314-4120

**Oct 8** – Exemplification of the 4th Degree – St Mary's in Tulsa  
Oct 22 – State Officers Convention Planning

**Nov 5** – Dedication of Tepeyac Hill at Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine

**Dec 3** – Mid-Year Meeting, District Deputies, State Officers, and Programs

**Jan 7** – East Workshop watch for details on Facebook and [www.okkofc@gmail.com](mailto:www.okkofc@gmail.com)

**Jan 14** – West Workshop at CFL watch for details on Facebook and [www.okkofc@gmail.com](mailto:www.okkofc@gmail.com)

**Jan 27-29** – State Bowling Tournament in Enid- [www.okkofc@gmail.com](mailto:www.okkofc@gmail.com)

**April 29-30** – State Convention in Norman

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## Editor's Note

### Brother Knights & families

I find myself one of the people moving.

I will let Supreme know of my new address 2717 Samuel Cr., Yukon 73099.

If you're like me, and moving, please write KOC address change, KOC One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, Ct. 06510.

Thanks and have a great fall.

**Vivat Jesus**

**Steve Gust Okla. Knight editor**

## Reminder from the SS

### Per Capita Notes

Brothers, the 2022 Per Capita invoices have been sent. If your council has not received yours yet, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

My contact info is to the right of this article. There have been some communication issues this time around where I'm sure the e-mail address on file is correct but the recipient did not receive anything. If you haven't seen a state per capita bill before, beware because the sender is Quicken Online which we use for our accounting system. Check your spam folder first before contacting me.

Although we make every effort to ensure we're sending the invoice to your council's current Financial Secretary, sometimes we don't get notifications of FS changes, address changes, etc. or mistakes creep in due to human folly. Once you receive your invoice, please make every effort to get paid as soon as possible.

Your payments fund state council operations. Also remember, failure to pay your invoice in time can result in your council's state convention delegate's credentials being held up. Many thanks to the councils who pay promptly. As always, we're happy to help in whatever way we can.

**Chris Victor**  
**State Secretary**

## Please help fund Tepeyac Hill

Oklahoma is going to have its own version of Tepeyac Hill located at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in OKC. Tepeyac Hill will feature two statues on it, one twelve foot high of Our Lady of Guadalupe and eight-foot-high statue of St Juan Diego on his knees facing Our Lady. Tepeyac Hill will bring many visitors to the Blessed Stanley Shrine to learn about Blessed Stanley.

Archbishop Coakley the idea of the two statues on top of the hill and asked if this is something the Knights of Columbus would embrace and work together to fund this project. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the foundress of the Americas.

How can you help? The web page of the Archdiocese of OKC has a donation page for the project under the Shrine section.. No donation is too small or large. Our Goal is to help with raising \$500,000

These statues will be on display by late Oct 2022 as the Dedication for Tepeyac Hill is on Nov 5th. All are invited to attend this outdoor dedication.

For those in the Archdiocese this project is not part of the funds raised for the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. Thank you to all who donated to the Shrine. See more about the project on Page 6.

# News briefs

## Ultrasound: program

During this last year we were able to fund two more ultrasound machines.

Currently we have three applications awaiting funding. The cost of each machine to the state is about \$17,500 and Supreme matching \$17,500. This year we expect the demand for ultrasound machines to increase due to the age of machines we placed in the first two years of the program. How can you help? Ask your council to have a fundraiser and check with your pastor about having collection pails in the Narthex as people leave to donate to support ultrasound machines. Have any questions? Please contact John Major at okm8jr@yahoo.com

Make checks out to Oklahoma State Council and mail to Chris Victor 4129 S. Tamarack Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74011

If you have a donation and wish to receive a tax receipt please contact SD Kunnanz at dennisokkofo@gmail.com

## Bowling:

The State Bowling Tournament has been scheduled for Jan 27-29, 2023, in Enid

Check state website [www.okkofo.org](http://www.okkofo.org) for details

## Council: Incentives

Councils that sign up an emember starting July 1, 2022, through Sept 30, 2022, and have then transferred into their council by Oct 1st , 2022.

This means they must be on the council roster when I print it on Oct 2nd , 2022. The council will receive \$7.00 per emember and will receive a \$10.00 credit on per capita bill issued in July of 2023.

All councils that reach their membership goal for the year 2022-2023 by April 27 th , 2023, will be in the drawing for a pellet smoker to be held at the State Convention.

## Help wanted

The state is currently looking for a State Program Director as Ryan King has moved onto being State Warden. You would oversee all Program Directors. Ryan has agreed to assist the person who fulfills this position.

If your interested contact State Warden Ryan King [rking00@cox.net](mailto:rking00@cox.net) or State Deputy Dennis Kunnanz [dennisokkofo@gmail.com](mailto:dennisokkofo@gmail.com).

## Remembering the children

PLEASE JOIN US on September 10, 2022, to participate in a Memorial Mass to honor the memory of more than 62 million unborn children who have been the victims of abortion.

The Most Reverend David A. Konderla, Bishop of the Diocese of Tulsa, will be the Celebrant at the Mass. The Mass will begin at 9:00am at the beautiful St. Gregory's Abbey, located at 1900 W. MacArthur Street, Shawnee, OK.

# KOC retreat Oct. 1

Knights of Columbus Retreat will be October 1st, 2022 at the Catholic Pastoral Center 7501 NW Expressway OKC.

This is a retreat for Knights, their spouses, family members, and other interested adults

It features Sister Diane Koorie, RSM

Pope Francis, in his first book, proclaims the name of God is Mercy. Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy tells us "Mercy, the principal path marked out by Jesus Christ for those who desire to follow Him." We will gather following two and a half years living through a global pandemic, through times of intense racial and political divides here in the US, war and crushing poverty in so many countries in our world, experiencing much grief and loss. Yet we know ourselves as people of deep faith, trust, and hope in the Mercy of God.

How are we as disciples called to live Mercy in our world? Together in prayer, reflection, and faith-sharing we will mine the richness of Scripture and Tradition, in light of the signs of our times, to grow in our discipleship and better live the Mercy our world so needs.



Sister Diane

9 AM	Gathering/Welcome (refreshments)
9:20 AM	Introductions/Overview/Morning Prayer
9:45 AM	Reflection 1 The Signs of our Times: Grace and Challenge
10:30 AM	Break
11 Am (continued)	Reflection 1 The Signs of our Times: Grace and Challenge
Noon	Lunch
12:45 PM	Reflection 2 Mercy in the Scriptures and Tradition
1:45 PM	Reflection 3 Living Mercy in our World
2:30 PM	Concluding ritual and prayer

Each of our reflection sessions will include some input, quiet reflection time, and faith sharing. Bring your own Bible and note-taking materials (either paper/pen or electronic device).

Cost \$30 per person - Includes coffee, juice, breakfast roles, snacks and lunch and afternoon cookies

Call Michael Zink 405-314-4120 or email [Michael-the-j@att.net](mailto:Michael-the-j@att.net) for questions.

All checks are to be mailed to, Chris Victor 4129 S Tamarack Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74011. Checks should be made out to Oklahoma State Council A Free will offering will be accepted for Sister

# Father Caldwell once again Chaplain

**Dear members  
of the Knights of Columbus,  
your family members,  
and people of God,**

It is a great honor to be your State Chaplain for the Knights! I am excited for what the future will bring, and hopeful that each day will be a tremendous opportunity to grow more in love with God through our prayer, thoughts, words, and deeds!

I want to reflect on two things: enthusiasm and service. First, I want to share a short story:

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

I shared this at the Organizational meeting and Installation of Officers in July. It is an important story to remind all of us that each one of us as a member of the Knights of Columbus



**Fr. Jim  
Caldwell**

here in Oklahoma can be one of the characters above. No one wants to be a Nobody, or an Anybody. We want to be Somebody and Everybody. What does this mean, especially in today's world? It means each of us contribute to the wellness and greatness of what the Knights of Columbus are: Men, and families, who love and serve the Lord first and foremost. In the eyes of the Lord, we are everybody and somebody whom the Lord loves unconditionally. It is the Lord we serve because we love him and see him in everybody.

This model of service is best observed when we avail our hearts to listen to the Holy Spirit as He asks us to serve others every day. The challenge lies in our willingness to serve without cost: fame, fortune, recognition, and even awareness. The world says we deserve our fifteen minutes of fame. The Lord says we must serve with humility and love, the grace and gifts God gives us each day as we serve our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This means that all of us must lean on the Holy Spirit and respond with a "yes" when we are asked to assist others in revealing the presence of God while serving others: The Knights of Columbus, our families, friends, and neighbors. This does not mean we do everything on our own. Rather, we do what we can do to the best of our ability to contribute to the well-being of the Knights, our parishes, families, and other organizations.

How do we serve? We serve with a large dose of enthusiasm. When we respond with our "yes" to serve others, it should bring us joy, along with hope. Joy that allows us to lead by example, to be excited to show God's presence to others. Hope because people see in us great character, formed by our relationship with God. Hope also because what we do is not for our sake, but for the sake of the glory of God. Enthusiasm carries a deep grace of humility and is the spark that inspires others to assist with time, talent, and treasure which are all gifts from God.

What is the challenge for us in our world? Be enthusiastic about being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Be enthusiastic about being Catholic. Be enthusiastic about our faith. Be enthusiastic about knowing, loving, and serving God who knows everybody and wants somebody like you to serve Him in hope, humility, enthusiasm, and grace. Serving God without counting the cost is the best way to love Him with our heart, mind, body, and soul!

Pray for the canonization of Blessed Michal McGivney and Blessed Stanley Rother, two of many great Saints who were enthusiastic about loving and serving God.

**Vivat Jesus!  
Fr. Jim Caldwell**

## A historical Note



**This is a photo of a young David Caruso playing the role of James Connolly in the television mini-series in the 1980s called 'The First Olympics: Athens 1896.'**

**James Connolly was an American athlete at the Athens games and was the first Olympic champion of the modern era. He won in the triple jump.**

**To the left, he's shown appealing for funds to make the trip to Athens. His appeal was made before Knights of Columbus in Boston.**

# ASAP program helps maternity homes

In early June, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, a new Orderwide initiative to strengthen K of C assistance for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

Over the past two decades, such organizations have grown substantially in both number and in the services they provide, and Knights of Columbus councils are already strong allies with many of the more than 2,000 pregnancy resource centers in the United States. In addition to placing ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers through the Ultrasound Initiative — more than 1,550 since the flagship program launched in 2009 — Knights served more than 1.7 million volunteer hours and gave over \$18 million in funds and supplies to pregnancy centers and maternity homes from 2018 to 2021.

The new ASAP program, scheduled to launch July 1, will build on that support: For every \$500 that a council donates to a qualified pregnancy resource center or maternity home — up to \$2,000 in the 2022-23 fraternal year — the Supreme Council will add \$100, a 20% increase.

The announcement came as citizens and lawmakers awaited the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. If *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court

decision that legalized abortion throughout the country, were to be overturned by *Dobbs*, "pregnancy resource centers will take center stage in the struggle for life," Supreme Knight Kelly said June 10, addressing the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies.

"Repeal of *Roe* won't be the end of abortion in America," the supreme knight said. "But it might be the beginning of the end. ... In a post-*Roe* world, we need to be there for mothers and children. They will need our help more than ever — so let's make the ASAP program a top priority."

Here are just a handful of recent examples of how local councils have been working with pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes to serve women and their children before and after birth.

The need for diapers is a constant at Hands of Mercy Everywhere (H.O.M.E.), a residence for pregnant and parenting teens and their children in Belleview, Fla. So are the biannual diaper deliveries from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 13300 in nearby Wildwood, which has collected diapers and other baby supplies for H.O.M.E. since 2010.

Donations to the council drive have increased substantially in the last three years, said program

director Mike Grindel, partly because the Knights began collecting in person after Masses at St. Vincent de Paul Parish instead of using a drop box. In 2021-2022, the council brought in about \$23,000 in supplies, as well as \$9,000 in monetary donations.

Helping with the spring delivery April 28, Grand Knight Bill Wirtz said that he appreciates the chance to glimpse the impact of the council's work: to meet some of the mothers who live in the big, homey residence; to see the toddlers who will wear those diapers playing in the yard. At the same time, he is happy to do whatever is needed behind the scenes.

"A lot of our guys are veterans, and military guys always talk about the pointy end of the spear," Wirtz said. "That's where H.O.M.E. is. They're at the front line. Sometimes Knights are out there on the point, and sometimes we're way back in support. But you need the whole thing — so anything we can do, we do."

The young mothers giving birth and raising children in difficult circumstances are the ones who deserve recognition, he added: "The fact that these women have chosen life when they could have gone another direction speaks volumes. So our support of that effort really is where we're at."



**The Oklahoma State Council has partnered with our bishops to build a Tepeyac Hill on the Blessed Stanley Rother Shine property. For more information about this project, scan the QR code.**

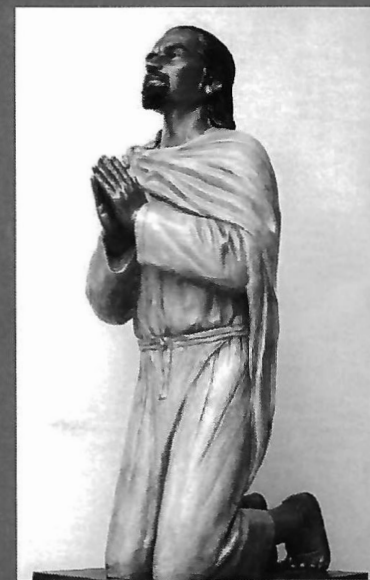


# TEPEYAC HILL

## at the BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER SHRINE

*The Knights of Columbus and the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine join in the efforts to spread the gospel and make disciples. This Tepayac Hill and the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and San Juan Diego will be a sacred place for all.*

*The shrine's Tepeyac Hill will feature statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and San Juan Diego. This hill will be a place for all to venerate Our Lady, San Juan Diego and Blessed Stanley Rother, and to ask for intercessions for deepened faith, conversion of heart, the unborn and the Americas.*



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*Just as St. Juan Diego found peace in the tender heart of Our Lady of Guadalupe, so too did the poor and marginalized encounter the love of God in the pastoral charity of Blessed Stanley Rother. The Tepeyac Hill project is a worthy endeavor, and it is fitting that Blessed Stanley Rother be memorialized at his Shrine alongside Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego.*

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Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Archbishop of Galveston-Houston





**Knights of  
Columbus®**

**Knights of Columbus  
St. John Nepomuk Council 6478  
Annual Golf Tournament  
September 10th, 2022  
Surrey Hills Golf Club**

**Registration online at  
YukonKofC.org  
or call 405-805-6262**

## Safe Haven Box noted

A safe haven box is where a mother can place an unwanted newborn baby and no questions asked and no prosecution. The Knights of Columbus is working with Catholic Charities to place the first box in Oklahoma.

We need to raise \$5,000 to fulfill our target of \$6,000. This box will be installed at a hospital where the staff is being trained how to handle a baby that is placed in the box.

The installation fee has already been taken care of along with the training fees. You can mail your donation to Catholic Charities Attn: Patrick Raglow 1232 N. Classen Blvd, OKC, OK 73106 and in the memo put KC Box

The extra funds received will be put in an account for future Safe Haven Boxes.

As Knights we help after pregnancies not just before.

### Join The Father McGivney Guild

**Please print in block letters**

If you and your family are not members of the Father McGivney Guild, please complete the coupon and mail to:

**The Father McGivney Guild  
Knights of Columbus  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, Ct. 06510-3328**

Register online at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

Guild members receive a bi-monthly newsletter on the status of the sainthood cause, a special prayer card and additional materials as they are developed. Members may also submit prayer and Mass intentions to the director of the Guild. KOC membership does not make one automatically a Guild member. **PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY EITHER** with this form or online.

# Opportunity to join the Fourth Degree

## Hotel Reservation:

### **Wingate Hotel**

2854 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Tulsa, OK 74105  
**901.770.4367**

Standard Room Rate: \$122 + tax  
 Code: Knights of Columbus

Cut Off Date: September 23, 2022



"On Feb. 22, 1900, the first Fourth Degree exemplification or degree ceremony was held in New York City. The Fourth Degree imparts a lesson on the virtue of patriotism. The primary purpose of this degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship. Today there are some 300,000 Fourth Degree Knights out of the total 1.8 million-members of the Knights of Columbus."

## Ladies

For the ladies, meet at the Church of St. Mary's by 1230 p.m. to carpool to lunch (Dutch Treat) at a special place and maybe a little shopping or a tour if time allows. Contact Laura Miller for more information or to notify that you will be attending:

Cell: 580.235.6708

Email: [lmiller4007@gmail.com](mailto:lmiller4007@gmail.com)

**Saturday, October 8**

## ***Patriotic Exemplification***

### Hosted By:

**Fr. William J. Swift/Assembly 3749**  
 Tulsa, OK

**Faithful Navigator**  
 SK Garry Mohs



### **Special Guests:**

**Vice Supreme Master**  
 SK Matt Maly PSD

**Immediate Former  
 Oklahoma District Master**  
 SK Rick Miller (after Sept 1, 2022)

**Oklahoma District Master**  
 New District Master will be named after  
 September 1, 2022

**Honoree**  
 SK Charles McKinnon

**Oklahoma District  
 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
 Exemplification  
 In-person and Virtual**



**Saturday,  
 October 8, 2022**

**Church of St. Mary Parish**  
 1347 East 49<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Tulsa, OK 74105

SK Garry Mohs FN

Rev. Stuart Crevcoure  
 Pastor