

KC Newsletter
Fr. Jerome Kodell

In 1978, ten years after his ordination, Father Miroslav Vlk, a Czechoslovakian priest, was picked up by the Communist authorities and prohibited from exercising any priestly ministry. He was forced to withdraw from all association with church activity and became a window-washer in downtown Prague. During this time he was haunted by questions about his vocation and wondered whether he had any priestly identity at all. He could not lead, worship with, console or instruct his people. He was troubled by discouragement and by doubts about whether in his present status his priesthood meant anything.

Then he had an illumination in which he realized, as he wrote later, “Jesus arrived at the climax of his priesthood when, nailed to the cross, he could not walk, perform miracles, nor preach, but – abandoned—suffered in silence.” Jesus did the most he could for the people, achieving salvation and redemption, when he yielded completely to the Father’s will, giving up every bit of personal control and power. This helpless prayer and self-offering was his highest ministry.

This realization gave Fr. Vlk a new sense of his vocation, and it gave him great peace as he washed window in humility and patience, waiting to be ready for the next step to which God might call him. He was able to return to regular ministry with the fall of the iron curtain in 1989 and then, with a peaceful heart, he was able to help his people in what would be called the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia.

All of us can relate to this in various ways. We all share the priesthood of Christ by our baptism. We feel helpless in the face of sin, terrorism, and all the many faces of evil in the world. We know how weak we are. Above all, the confined, the handicapped, those bound to their beds in nursing homes feel this frustration every day. But the passion of Christ gives us hope. His helpless suffering was not an accident, not something that got in the way of Jesus’ ministry. It was his ministry and the way to the resurrection.



Brother Knights, wives, families and friends:

I pray to find you all well and having a Blessed Easter Season. Our Lord Jesus Christ has risen and continues to bless us each day in all we do for His church. With this year of Mercy, may our Lord Jesus Christ continue to have mercy on all of us when we have not been as close to him as we should.

We have begun our last quarter of this fraternal year. With this, all councils must have completed the due diligence requirements by the Supreme and the State Councils. We still have several councils not submitting all forms into Supreme. We will be sending notices to each council to ensure follow through. Several councils have not submitted their requirements to our Worthy State Secretary. He will be following up with those councils as well. Remember, our job as volunteers is not complete until the paperwork is complete. Please get them in.

For those councils who have been waiting to start bringing in souls to your councils, now is the time to start. April is the month to ensure you have church drives and schedule first degrees. Please schedule them and they will come. Look at those around you in the pews at mass, have you asked all 18-year-old males to become part of our great organization? Attend other mass times and you will find individuals you may not have seen before. Catholics in Arkansas are increasing while in the rest of the nation is decreasing. Look at our delta area of Arkansas, where little hope was given for growth. God works in mysterious ways, we have a new council where it was said it was impossible. All it took was one person to make the difference. You can make that difference.

Our convention is around the corner and we have a very exiting program lined up. Our host district and councils have been working hard in ensuring we have a blessed and enjoyable time. Please send in your registration forms for you, your wives and families. There are great activities lined up for everyone. Remember, you may attend the convention and activities even if you are not a voting delegate, although must register. I know you will enjoy the convention.

We have three more months until our Most Reverend Bishop Anthony Taylor picks the winning ticket to our \$1,000,000 raffle for the donated Chevy Truck. We have not reached the half way point yet and need everyone to sell those tickets! All money and tickets must be turned into your councils and districts no later than the first weekend of June. It will take several days to reconcile the state wide raffle and must have every ticket accounted for. This raffle is for the future of our Catholic faith in Arkansas, our seminarians. Those councils whom have squirreled money away for that "rainy day", that rainy day is here now. We are blessed to have our seminarian program with fine men whom have heard the call from our Lord Jesus Christ and touched their hearts to serve Him as our future priests. Are we truly catholic, meaning universal, in allowing all to join Him as priests? Are we truly God centered practical Catholic men, allowing our hearts to be opened, ensuring we reach our goal we made to our Bishop and future priests? Or are we self-centered, home corporation centered, egotistical men's club, wanting to only look out for our own council's or home corporations? Or are we being more worried about ensuring this fails because of being arrogant and prejudice towards those who brought this forward? I pray, that in this year of mercy, we open our hearts to this very important calling He has made to us, here in our Jurisdiction of Arkansas. I pray for those hearts of



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stone towards our Bishop, priests and seminarians, turn into open hearts of Charity to our church, Unity to our Bishop and priests, Fraternity to the Holy Eucharist, which only Priests can convert bread and wine into the Blood and Body of our Lord Jesus Christ. To be truly call Brother Knights, we must ensure we make this happen.

I also pray upon you Brother Knight's; who God has blessed with abundance in your treasurers. Please prayerfully consider donating to our seminarian endowment fund so we may reach the \$1,000,000. Your donation will be tax deductible through our Charities, Inc. 501c3. I always remember what a Monsignor told me once, "God brought you into this world with nothing, God will take you from this world with nothing. You cannot take it with you. What you do in this life on earth will be what you will be judged in heaven when our Lord calls you." God blessed you and your families while you prayerfully consider your donation to our future priests.

As we continue to grow our faith and become closer to God, during this Easter Season in the Year of Mercy, we must ensure our values as practical Catholic families continues to be in the forefront of what we do daily. As the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer states, "Holy God, Holy Might One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." "Jesus, I Trust in YOU!"

Vivat Jesu,

Adrian Dominguez
AR State Deputy

Peace be with you brothers,

May the peace of Christ be with you this Lenten and Easter season and every day after.

Our 108th State Convention is coming up April 29, 30 and May 1st at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs Arkansas. It will be a great time, however there are things that need to be taken care of beforehand.

Here are two loose ends that need to be tied up.

1. Per Capita tax
2. Credentials for Voting Delegates

Please take care of this ASAP. Councils must be in good standing in order for delegates to have a voice at your State meeting.

Brother Knights as of this date March 26, 2016 these are the councils that have not paid per capita tax.

1153 1702 1770 3787 3998 4143 4538 5804 6454 6814 7783 9514 11908 12082
14609 15453

Please ensure that your council's delegates have credentials listing them as voting delegates for the State Convention.

Listed here are Councils we have not received credentials for delegates at the State Convention.

1153 1713 1770 2650 2780 2857 3383 3787 3998 4143 4538 5099 5725 5804 6253
6454 6609 6814 6834 6942 7353 7783 7787 8410 9514 9777 11908 12082 12473
13829 14010 14609 14774 15453 15867 16342

I am very excited about seeing each of you at the convention.

God bless,

Philip A. Savage

State Secretary

AR Knights of Columbus

On March 7, 2016, the Knights of Columbus, State of Arkansas, presented a check in the amount of \$11,810.61 to The Arc of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR. This check was the largest in recent memory and represents all the hard work and effort by the councils across this state during the 2015 CPID Drive (formerly known as The Tootsie Roll Drive).

Who will win this year's awards for most productive large council and most productive small council? Those award winners will be receiving those honors at this year's State Convention in Hot Springs. Hope to see you there.

Paul M. Leonard

State Program Director

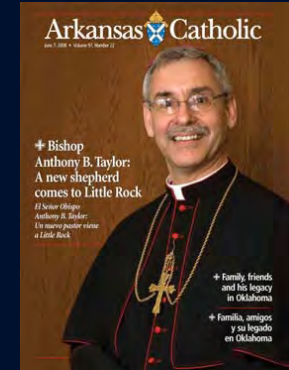
Campaign For Persons With Intellectual Disabilities (CPID)



Mike Kieffer, Past State Deputy (L) and Paul Leonard, CPID State Director (R), presenting check to Arc of Arkansas clients Maraina Jennerman and Valerie Shaddock

Arkansas Knights of Columbus

Membership Report As of 31 of March, 2016



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



Our Lady of Charity



The Mexican Martyrs

Total State Membership: 7515 / +31



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District 1

District Deputy - John W. Lett

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
812 Little Rock* (1904)	12	13	0	13	108
6615 Little Rock (1974)	6	1	0	1	17
10167 Little Rock* (1989)	11	4	0	4	36

District 1	20	18	0	18	90
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**CONGRATULATIONS
STAR COUNCIL - 812**

Membership	YTD Growth Change
454	8

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District 2

District Deputy – Aaron Baltz

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
1702 Jonesboro (1913)	13	9	0	9	69
1713 Paragould (1913)	4	5	2	3	75
2443 Pocahontas (1923)	14	5	0	5	36
2857 Blytheville (1942)	4	1	0	1	25
7783 ASU (NA) (1981)	4	0	0	0	

District 2	27	20	2	18	67
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
577	11

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District 3

District Deputy – Greg Mattics

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
1153 Pine Bluff (1906)	6	20	0	20	333
2780 Stuttgart (1937)	4	0	0	0	
3383 Lake Village (1951)	4	0	0	0	
3998 Slovak (1955)	8	2	0	2	25
16342 Monticello (2015)	0	18	0	18	
District 3	15	40	0	40	267

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DOUBLE STAR DISTRICT
TRIPLE STAR COUNCIL - 1153**

Membership	YTD Growth Change
352	25

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District 4

District Deputy – Roy Anderle

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
2650 Texarkana (1927)	6	6	0	0	
5099 El Dorado (1961)	5	2	0	2	40
12473 Camden (1999)	5	0	17	-17	
16222 Nashville (2015)	4	4	0	4	100

District 4	14	6	-17	-11	
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STAR COUNCIL - 16222

Membership	YTD Growth Change
241	-18

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District 5

District Deputy – Timothy R. Malloy

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6969 Cherokee Village (1977)	4	3	0	3	75
7353 Mountain Home (7353)	13	5	6	-1	
8410 Harrison (1983)	5	4	0	4	80
10493 Horseshoe Bend (1990)	4	1	0	1	25
District 5	18	13	6	7	39

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	4	0	4	29
12458 Bentonville (1999)	13	9	0	9	69
13829 Siloam Springs (2002)	4	3	0	3	75
14609 Rogers (2008)	6	5	0	5	83
District 6	38	21	0	21	55

Membership	YTD Membership Change
743	5

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District 7

District Deputy – Ron Wildman

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6140 Batesville (1969)	5	4	11	-7	
8815 Fairfield Bay (1984)	4	1	0	1	25
11294 Searcy (1994)	5	3	0	3	60
12778 Heber Springs (1999)	4	0	1	-1	

District 7	13	8	12	-4	
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
221	-12

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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	7	0	7	47
6680 New Dixie (1975)	6	0	3	-3	
10908 St. Vincent (1992)	8	0	0	0	
District 8	57	30	3	27	47

Membership	YTD Growth Change
1255	10

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District 9

District Deputy – Robert Collins

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
996 Fort Smith (1905)	25	6	11	-5	
9777 Van Buren (1988)	8	2	0	2	25
14774 Ft. Smith (2009)	4	3	0	3	75
15453 Fort Smith (2012)	4	0	0	0	
District 9	29	11	11	0	--

Membership	YTD Growth Change
582	-9

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District 10

District Deputy – Jimmie Rogers

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6419 Hot Springs (1972)	15	13	2	11	73
9396 Benton (1987)	5	6	0	6	120
10208 Hot Springs Village (1990)	20	14	0	14	70
District 10	28	33	2	31	111

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STAR DISTRICT
STAR COUNCIL - 9396**

Membership	YTD Growth Change
607	20

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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	2	0	2	25
5804 West Memphis (1966)	6	0	1	1	
6814 Brinkley (1976)	4	1	0	1	25

District 11	15	4	1	3	20
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
278	-4

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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	10	0	10	77
7787 UofA-Fayetteville (1981)	7	7	0	7	100
12082 Springdale (1997)	8	10	49	-39	

District 12	25	27	49	-22	
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STAR COUNCIL - 7787

Membership	YTD Growth Change
522	-16

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District 13

District Deputy – William H. Bill McClullough

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6253 North Little Rock (1971)	16	4	0	4	25
11097 Marche (1993)	6	4	-10	-6	
11604 Jacksonville (1995)	14	7	1	6	43

District 13	25	15	11	4	16
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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	5	0	5	71

District 14	13	11	0	11	85
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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	9	0	9	82
12875 Charleston (2001)	11	4	0	4	36
15867 Booneville (2013)	4	3	0	3	75
District 15	18	16	0	16	89

Membership	YTD Growth Change
366	1

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District 16

District Deputy – Philip Ference

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6942 Arkadelphia (1977)	4	6	0	6	150
7258 Mena (1979)	5	0	0	0	
11908 DeQueen (1996)	4	3	0	3	75
District 16	9	9	0	9	100

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STAR COUNCIL - 6942

Membership	YTD Growth Change
159	13

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Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight



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