

Brother Knights, Wives, Family, and Friends:

I pray to find you all doing well in this last month of our Fraternal year. How fast time has gone by and we have been so blessed throughout these past twelve months. With the dedication of each one of you, the Kingdom of God continues to grow in the Arkansas Jurisdiction. Thank you for do so!

As we wrap up this fraternal year, we have many items to check off in each council, district and state. Please ensure you turn in all your paperwork into supreme. Remember the work is not done until the paperwork is done. Please ensure you have scheduled your installation of officers with your District Deputy. We want to ensure we kick off the new fraternal year on the right foot. Have the last first degree in your council so that you may reach Star, Double Star or Triple Star Council this fraternal year. What a way to finish this fraternal year.

The raffle of the truck will take place on June 30th at the Formation House at 3:30 PM. Bishop Taylor will be drawing the winning ticket at that time. We will also be doing the presentation of the money collected by the sale of the tickets. Several councils have sent in directly to me their tickets, which should be going through your District Deputy. We are in the process of reconciling the tickets sold, money submitted and the tickets not sold. The state audit will require us to have this finalized prior to the drawing. Thus, please ensure you are accounting for all tickets. If you have money that was donated through non-purchase of raffle tickets, please explain it in your submission. My wife Socorro and I are going a bit crazy ensuring all tickets and money are accounted for. I believe Socorro will be dreaming tickets for a long time. Thank God I have her helping me.

It has been truly a blessing to have served you as State Deputy of this fine jurisdiction of Arkansas. I have been able to travel to parishes and get to know several of you, been blessed to participate in the Holy Eucharist with you, and get to know our priests throughout our diocese. The order is a blessing to our Mother Church, as we do so much for our Brother's in Christ, our parishes, priests, and seminarians. You are the Right Hand of the Church, as so many of our Pope's have stated. Continue the work you do for our Lord Jesus Christ, His church, our Bishop, priests and seminarians. Remember when we have God first, God centered and God in all we do, we can and will continue to do His work in our jurisdiction.

Socorro, Kristina, Gabriela and I, thank you for all your prayers and support this past two years. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Vivat Jesu,

Adrian Dominguez
State Deputy

Well here we are almost at the end of our fraternal year. 30 days left. What is left undone? I am so impressed with what everyone has accomplished this year. What do you have in store for next year? Even bigger and better things I hope. I encourage each council, each man, to reach even higher in the upcoming year.

Pope Francis asks us to be Fathers, not only to our own children, but also to our parish. With our new initiative, Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish, we have the opportunity to fulfill what Pope Francis is asking us to do.

Recently, Cindy and I were at the 'Taste of Faith" event in Springdale to help raise money for the seminarians. Guests at our table were some old friends and some new friends, among them were PSD Charles and Dian Ketter and Paul David and Rita Gramlich. These two couples have been an inspiration to us. Also with us were Alex and Sunny Martinez and Edward Moki Ngundue and his fiancé Cassandra. Seeing young love so lively in these two couples makes my heart happy!

Our table was also blessed with the presence of our Seminarian, Stephen Elser; that is, when he wasn't on stage jamming with the band. Stephen is a very talented young man, and a very humble man. Stephen is the nephew of Fr. Bill Elser, our State Chaplain.

It was a great night visiting with our future priests. All these young men will make wonderful priests. Pray for all our future priests. Defend our faith by making sure we have priests. Our faith is rooted in the Eucharist, so we must have priests to be Catholic.

Vivat Jesus

Philip A. Savage

State Secretary

KC Newsletter June, 2016 Fr. Jerome Kodell

The Joy of Love

Most of the media attention to Pope Francis' new Apostolic Exhortation, <u>Amoris Laetitia</u> (The Joy of Love) has been focused on what it says about ministry to couples in "fragile, complex or irregular situations," particularly those remarried after divorce. This is understandable, but a focus on that important issue should not obscure the reality that the document's scope is much wider, a meditation on family life as indicated by its subtitle: "On Love in the Family."

Until the document becomes available in popular editions as a handy booklet for leisurely reading, it might be helpful to present an overall outline of what the Pope is presenting.

"On Love in the Family" has an Introduction and nine Chapters. Only Chapter Eight has been commented on in the secular media. Chapter One, entitled "In the Light of the Word," is a reflection on marriage and family life as presented in the Bible, especially through a meditation on Psalm 128 on "A Blessed Home," which is used in many Catholic weddings.

Chapter Two, "The Experience and Challenges of Families," considers the current situation of marriage in the world, affected by challenges such as the effects of migration, biotechnology, anti-birth mentalities, pornography, violence against women and children, and confusion about the definition of marriage.

Chapter Three, "Looking to Jesus: the Vocation of the Family," reviews Church teaching based on Scripture and Tradition; Chapter Four, "Love in Marriage," uses St. Paul's hymn to love (1 Cor 13:4-7) as a guide to examine all aspects of marriage lived in contemporary society, including the impact of longer life spans and extended health care at the end.

Chapter Five, "Love made Fruitful," treats openness to new life but also the expansion of family love to the larger circle of relatives and friends; Chapter Six, "Some Pastoral Perspectives," gathers important insights from the teaching of Pope John Paul II and of Pope Francis himself; Chapter Seven examines "Towards a Better Education of Children."

Chapter Eight, "Guiding, Discerning and Integrating Weakness," is considered the heart of the document, developing the new pastoral approaches emerging from the discussions at the two Synods on the Family in 2014 and 2015. Here the Pope makes a sensitive and inspired presentation of what he terms "the logic of pastoral mercy" in applying the teaching of the Church to the complex issues of modern marriages.

The document concludes with Chapter Nine, "The Spirituality of Marriage and the Family."

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2015-16 State Membership Report

Brother Knights,

It is an honor, to have the opportunity to speak at this, the 108th Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Convention, hosted by District 10, and it's DD Jimmie Rogers. Welcome to our worthy State Chaplains, State Officers, District Deputies, Program Directors, Council Delegates, and all members of the Order. A special welcome to Arkansas, to our Worthy Supreme Representative Ken Stockwell.

The first thing I must do is to apologize for my narrow-minded comments at last year's convention in Little Rock. If you recall, my report included a discussion on how our Supreme Council's quota system was unattainable to the counties in eastern Arkansas that are suffering through a period of negative population growth. I mentioned that it was virtually impossible to reach those goals with dwindling Catholic population. Well, I am here today to tell you that I was dead wrong. It is all about the effort that we want to put in that is the issue. Ask yourselves this question, am I really giving my best effort? Set goals higher than those allocated by Supreme, and then, JUST DO IT!

District 3, will probably end up the fraternal year with a Triple Star District and our Pine Bluff Council #1153 may end up reaching 400% of their membership goal. This in an area of the state that has suffered greatly economically and has a negative population growth. Also, our newest council was chartered a few months ago in Monticello with the Council #16342. All of this because, our DD Greg Mattics has decided to give his best effort and spread the ideals of our Order throughout southeast Arkansas. He should not only be congratulated, but also emulated for his accomplishments this year. He is an example that we should all want to follow, if we truly believe the ideals of Father McGivney. Because of his efforts, along with his team our Intake this fraternal year is higher than it was at this same time last year. I challenge each of you to invite a fellow parishioner to visit www.kofc.org.

This is the seventh time that I have had the honor of addressing this assembly, and each time I have discussed the great opportunity that we have in Arkansas to become the best jurisdiction, not just in Region 4, but in the entire Order. We are making headway in opening our council chambers to our Catholic brothers that are recent arrivals to the United States and Arkansas. On the other hand we still have too many councils that are refusing to allow fellow Catholics into our Order, because of FEAR. I must remind everyone assembled here of the two qualifications to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. Those are 18 years old and a practical Catholic, that is it, no others are asked. Do not let the political climate convince you to turn your backs on this marginalized segment of our population. We have councils which are in parishes that the immigrant population is now the majority, and those same councils are refusing to open their doors to a very large and faithful Catholic population. As his holiness Saint Pope John Paul II said on countless occasions, "Be not afraid".

Put yourself in their shoes for a moment. They attend the same church, say the same prayers, and help the parish as much as they can. Just like you, but they may have a different complexion or speak a different language. Have we become the innkeeper, "sorry no room in the inn" for you / them. (Insert personal story here)

The next portion of my report is the presentation of the membership growth from all 16 districts in the Arkansas Jurisdiction. It congratulates all the districts and councils that have attained their membership goals, as prescribed by Supreme Council. Our jurisdiction goal of 350 new members is very attainable, as we are 44 short. We have two months away from the end of the fraternal year, so there is still time to reach our jurisdiction goal and make Circle of Honor again

In closing we have about two months before this fraternal year ends. How many lives can you help change? As many as you want! Open your council doors to as many Catholic families as possible. Let's live Father McGivney's legacy now, while we still have the opportunity.

Vivat Jesu.

Faithfully submitted on this 30th day of April, 2016

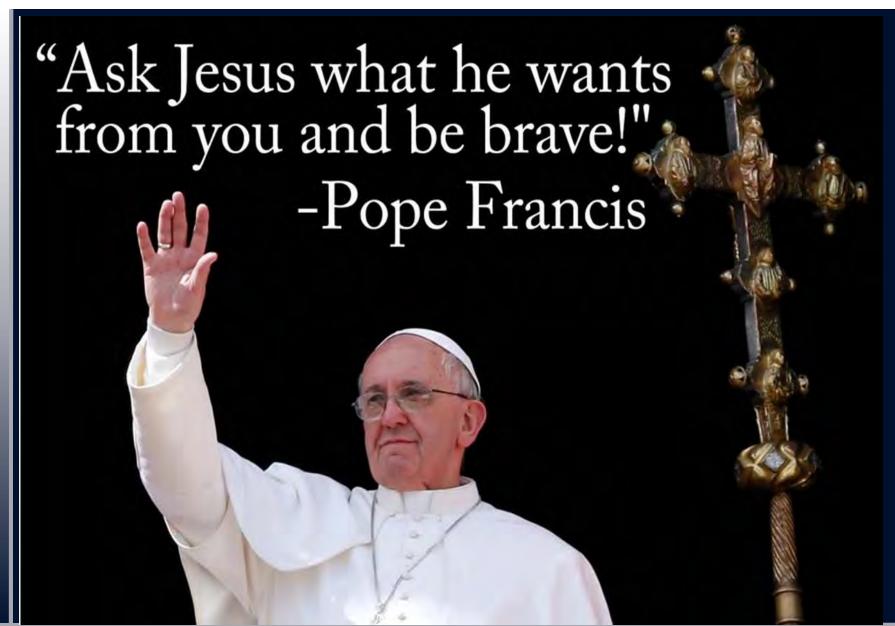
Godwal "Ed" Viera

Arkansas State Membership Director

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Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight





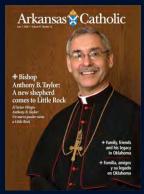


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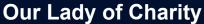


Membership Report As of 31st of May, 2016

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











Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Total State Membership: 7536 / +52



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	5	0	5	45

	District 1	20	19	0	19	95
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CONGRATULATIONS
STAR COUNCIL
812

Membership	YTD Growth Change
454	8



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 Arkansas State (1981)	4	0	0	0	
District 2	27	20	2	18	67

Membership	YTD Growth Change
576	10



District Deputy – Greg Mattics

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
1153 Pine Bluff (1906)	6	21	2	19	317
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	41	2	39	260

CONGRATULATIONS
DOUBLE STAR DISTRICT
TRIPLE STAR COUNCIL 1153

Membership	YTD Growth Change
352	25



District Deputy – Roy Anderle

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
2650 Texarkana (1927)	6	6	0	0	
5099 El Dorado (1961)	5	5	0	5	100
12473 Camden (1999)	5	1	17	-16	
16222 Nashville (2015)	4	4	0	4	100

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CONGRATULATIONS STAR COUNCILS 5099 & 16222

Membership	YTD Growth Change
245	-14



District Deputy – Timothy R. Malloy

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6969 Cherokee Village (1977)	4	3	0	3	75
7353 Mountain Home (7353)	13	8	6	2	15
8410 Harrison (1983)	5	4	1	3	60
10493 Horseshoe Bend (1990)	4	1	1	0	

District 5	18	16	8	8	44

Membership	YTD Growth Change
348	-5



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	10	0	10	77
13829 Siloam Springs (2002)	4	3	0	3	75
14609 Rogers (2008)	6	8	0	8	133
District 6	38	25	0	25	66

CONGRATULATIONS STAR COUNCIL 14609

Membership	YTD Membership Change
752	14



District Deputy – Ron Wildman

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6140 Batesville (1969)	5	4	11	-7	
8815 Fairfield Bay (1984)	4	2	0	2	50
11294 Searcy (1994)	5	3	0	3	60
12778 Heber Springs (1999)	4	0	1	-1	
District 7	13	9	12	-3	

Membership	YTD Growth Change
222	-11



District Deputy – Wayne Eastman

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
4143 Conway (1955)	35	12	0	12	34
5209 Morrilton (1961)	17	11	0	11	65
6398 Russellville (1972)	15	15	0	15	100
6680 New Dixie (1975)	6	2	3	-1	
10908 St. Vincent (1992)	8	0	0	0	
District 8	57	40	3	27	65

CONGRATULATIONS
STAR COUNCIL
6398

Membership	YTD Growth Change
1264	19



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	1	1	0	
District 9	29	11	11	0	

Membership	YTD Growth Change
580	-11



District Deputy – Jimmie Rogers

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6419 Hot Springs (1972)	15	13	2	11	73
9396 Benton (1987)	5	7	0	7	140
10208 Hot Springs Village (1990)	20	14	0	14	70

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CONGRATULATIONS
STAR DISTRICT
STAR COUNCIL
9396

Membership	YTD Growth Change
608	21



District Deputy – Conrad De La Paz

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
1770 Helena (1914)	4	1	0	1	25
4147 Wynne (1955)	8	2	0	2	25
5804 West Memphis (1966)	6	0	0	0	
6814 Brinkley (1976)	4	1	0	1	25

District 11	15	4	0	4	27

Membership	YTD Growth Change
277	-5



District Deputy – Joseph Beffa

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
4538 Tontitown (1958)	8	0	0	0	
6609 Fayetteville (1974)	13	14	0	14	108
7787 UofA-Fayetteville (1981)	7	7	0	7	100
12082 Springdale (1997)	8	10	49	-39	

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CONGRATULATIONS STAR COUNCILS 6609 & 7787

Membership	YTD Growth Change
516	-22



District Deputy – William H. Bill McClullough

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6253 North Little Rock (1971)	16	5	0	5	31
11097 Marche (1993)	6	4	-10	-6	
11604 Jacksonville (1995)	14	13	1	12	86

District 13	25	22	11	11	44

Membership	YTD Growth Change
530	-2



District Deputy – David Thompson

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
5725 Clarksville (1965)	7	1	0	1	14
14010 Altus* (2006)	5	6	0	6	120
14619 Scanton (2008)	7	7	0	7	100

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CONGRATULATIONS
STAR DISTRICT
STAR COUNCILS
14010 & 14619

Membership	YTD Growth Change
285	10



District Deputy – David Wewers

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
3787 Paris (1953)	11	9	0	9	82
12875 Charleston (2001)	11	8	0	8	73
15867 Booneville (2013)	4	4	0	4	100
District 15	18	21	0	21	117

CONGRATULATIONS
STAR DISTRICT
STAR COUNCIL
15867

Membership	YTD Growth Change
369	4



District Deputy – Philip Ference

Council	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	%
6942 Arkadelphia (1977)	4	7	0	7	175
7258 Mena (1979)	5	0	0	0	
11908 DeQueen (1996)	4	3	0	3	75
District 16	9	10	0	10	111

CONGRATULATIONS
STAR DISTRICT
STAR COUNCIL
6942

Membership	YTD Growth Change
158	12



The worst prison would be a closed heart.
- Pope John Paul II

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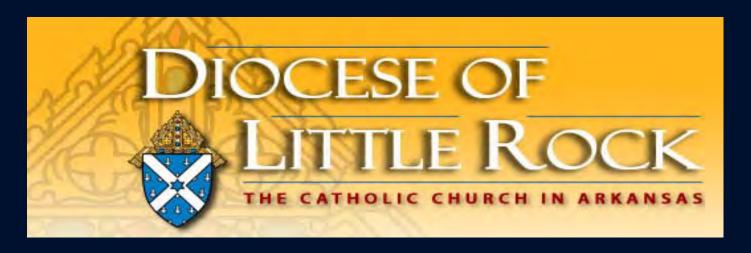
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Dear Governor Hutchinson,

The Delegates to the 108th Annual Convention of the Arkansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas send our greeting to you and your family.

We wish to express our appreciation for your untiring service to our State. The delegates at this convention would like to solicit your support in those areas combating the deteriorating regards of human life by supporting a ban on abortion, reinstating prayer in our public schools and keeping "One Nation under God" in the pledge of Allegiance to the flag. We are pleased with your continuous efforts to improve the educational, socio-economic and quality of life within our State.

Our prayers will always be with you as you carry out your most difficult tasks as Governor of Arkansas.

Fraternally yours, Committee Members

Godwal Viera

Godwal "Ed" Viera Chair – State Membership Director

- *Robert Jones, Grand Knight Jonesboro #1702
- *Joseph Mazzanti, Grand Knight Lake Village #3383
- *Ryan Pinalto, Grand Knight Tontitown #4538
- *Rodrigo Montemayor, Grand Knight Fayetteville #6609
- *David Evans, Grand Knight Arkadelphia #6942 Don Chaffin, Voting Delegate – Van Buren #9777 Ben Brewer, Grand Knight – Marche #11097

*Can Tran, Grand Knight - Barling #14774



^{*}Not in attendance.

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies. Past State Deputies, My Brother Knights ALL

This short note to encourage all Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators to be sure to get their **RSVP** reports to Supreme before June **30th** to get their **PLAQUES** (new or additional). The plaques play a role in keeping the program alive when displayed in the Council or Assembly halls or meeting places.

Secondly the refunds are always very helpful in the funding process for the seminarians you sponsor.

Our state has supported a great number of young (and some not so young men) who have already been Ordained for some time and very **NEWLY** Ordained.

God Bless all of them for the service they provide each of us as they bring us the Sacraments and the Eucharist for our salvation.

May God Bless all your efforts to continue to support the RSVP.

Vivat Jesu

Peter McNulty