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Honorable Asa Hutchinson
State Capitol Room 250
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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

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Godwal "Ed" Viera
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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplains, Worthy Supreme Representative,
Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Faithful District Master,
Worthy Insurance Agents, Worthy District Deputies, Brother Knights.

It has been my honor to humbly serve as your State Secretary the last two years. I have been a witness to all your labors, I have seen all the money raised and charitable works your councils have accomplished and I am very impressed.

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Worthy State Chaplains, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Faithful Master, General Agent, and Brother Knights.

It has been a blessing to serve you as your Arkansas State Deputy. 22 months ago we started off with a retreat at the Subiaco Coury House, where we all made a promise to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, His church, our Bishop, priests and seminarians. Before the Holy Eucharist, we prayed and accepted our duties to serve Him through the coming months with our actions in the order. My Brother Knights, your accomplishments have been fruitful in many ways:

Through the will of God, we were able to break away from the Oklahoma General Agency and establish our own, having Anthony Phelps leading the way throughout our jurisdiction. Bringing on new agents and new agents again, as the recruiting continues endlessly. Thank you brothers for making your Arkansas Insurance Agency a reality.

Through the will of God, we were able to establish a new council in Nashville and yet another in Monticello, in an area where we were told had no growth potential. And yet, still growing with a possible third new council in this region. Thank you Brother Greg Mattics for showing us what faith and a little dedication can do. Still two more new councils in another region are on the verge of establishing in Danville and Dardanelle. Thank you brothers for making these new councils a reality.

Through the will of God, we reactivated a 15-year inactive council that became triple star council and is headed to star council again. We are working on the last inactive council to become active within its own parish or with another. Thus, not having any inactive councils in our jurisdiction. Thank you brothers for not giving up on those Brother Knights.

Through the will of God, we have had more councils reach star council throughout our jurisdiction and continue to reach star status as the months go by. Granted, Supremes initiative to star councils to waive the per capita for reaching star council has helped. Thank you brothers for bringing all Catholic eligible souls into the order.

Through the will of God, we exceed our Just Ask Campaign last year and are reaching new heights. Thank you John Hertzog for the job well done in leading this charge, and thank you brothers for giving of your treasurer to our great order to make this happen.

Through the will of God, we have exceeded our CPID twice these two years. Reaching new levels of outreach to our People with Intellectual Disabilities, allowing them to reach their full potential. Thank you Paul Leonard for the job well done in leading this charge, and brothers for working so hard for the marginalized.

Through the will of God, we reached Circle of Honor and were one soul away from Pinnacle Award, and are headed that direction again this year. The hard work and dedication was recognized by supreme for our jurisdiction. Thank you brothers for all you do in our Arkansas Jurisdiction.

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Through the will of God, we are raising money for our future priests, our seminarians, through the state wide raffle for the donated pick-up truck. God willing and with your hard work, reaching \$1M will become a reality. Thank you brothers for supporting our future priests.

You see Brother Knights, when we have God first, God Second and God Third, anything is possible. Our jurisdiction 22 months ago started on a journey to Build the Kingdom of God in Arkansas. Being God centered, you have accomplished things that were told not possible. Being God centered, you have increased your parish life and have opened your hearts and minds to more souls than ever. Being God centered, YOU are the Kingdom of God in Arkansas.

Thank you Brother Knights for allowing me to be part of your life these two years. My true appreciation to all of you for your hard work and serving our Lord Jesus Christ, His church, our Bishop, Priest and Seminarians through our works in the order.

Vivat Jesu

Adrian Dominguez
AR State Deputy

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All,

New Council Development/Round Table Report

Worthy Chaplains, Supreme Representative, State Deputy, State Officers, District Deputies,
Program Director and Chairmen and Brother Knights;

While trying to establish a round table in Monticello, we formed a new council. Council #16342 was established on October 18, 2015. Big thanks go out to DD Greg Mattics, Fr. Mark Abban, Jimmy Bell and the State First Degree Team (State Officers). So we have our new council for the year. We have paperwork in for two others Danville and Dardanelle.

We have three new Round Tables aimed at future Councils: Hamburg/Crosset, Star City and Sheridan/St. Peter's in Pine Bluff.

As for the Round Tables we need to have 25, we have 16. Just a nine to go. Councils 812, Little Rock; 996, Fort Smith; 1153, Pine Bluff; 6398, Russellville; 6419, Hot Springs; 7258, Mena; 7353, Mountain Home; 8410, Harrison; 11604, Jacksonville; 12458, Bentonville; and 16342, Monticello; all have turned in new form 2629 or 2630 since July. If you have a round table you have to identify the Round Table Chairman every year. It would help you to have a Round Table Chairman as a point of contact for each parish you serve or ethic group you represent. Let's make it happen.

Michael L. Kieffer

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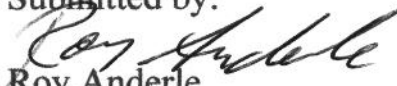
Worthy State Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers and Brother Knights:

The Audit committee has reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements of the State Council's finances and bookkeeping for the fiscal year 2014-2015 and have agreed and concurred with the Audit. In the Auditor's opinion, our financial statements represent fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and net assets of the Arkansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus as of June 30, 2015.

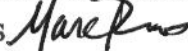


With Charity as the basic principle of our Order, I am proud to associate myself with such a great group of Brother Knights, who most certainly practice this great virtue. Thank you for your efforts in making the last fiscal year a very successful one for the State of Arkansas.

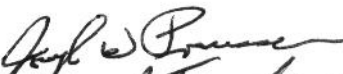

Thank you for the privilege of being your State Treasurer the last two years. God Bless you all!

Submitted by:


Roy Anderle
State Treasurer
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Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy District Deputies, and Worthy Brother Knights.

Worthy Brother Knights as I come to the end of my two years as Advocate I would like to thank you for your support in a most challenging time for my term. It's been a time of adjustment for us all, with the regulations handed down by Supreme on Home Corporations and now the converting to the mission to build the Domestic Church and strengthen Parish Life. The mission also brings Brother Knights to a new level of service as the strong right arm of our parish churches.

We are still in the process of educating all Youth Directors or anyone who works with our children in the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment program. The program is required by Supreme. The Praesidium - Armatus online training modules will teach our Youth Directors the understanding of child abuse and neglect.

As always changes are hard to implement because most of us are secure with what we have and maybe a little uneasy with the uncertainty in the back of our minds, but with these programs and God's grace leading us every step of the way, we as Knights of Columbus will succeed.

Please remember that the State Advocate is entrusted with all legal decisions that are made by the State Council or if a local council has an internal problem it is the Advocate responsibility to rule on the matter, and all state resolutions or changes to by-laws have to be presented to the Advocate to be presented to the Resolution Committee for approval.

In closing thanks for letting me have the opportunity to serve you as Advocate, may God Bless you all.

Respectfully submitted:

Alan Halman-State Advocate

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It has been an honor to serve you again this year as your State Warden.

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I would like to thank District 10 led by District Deputy Jimmie Rogers, Hot Springs Council #6419 led by Grand Knight William Anderson, Hot Springs Village Council #10208 led by Grand Knight Gary L. Wolfer, Benton Council #9396 led by Lloyd J. Cambee and all the Brother Knights who have devoted their time and efforts to make this year's convention a success.

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I would be remiss if I did not thank our Worthy State Deputy Adrian Dominguez for his outstanding leadership for the past two years. His love of God and leadership will be missed.

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This year the "Silver Rose" will be in the Arkansas Jurisdiction from September 25, 2016 through October 16, 2016. This annual pilgrimage has been known to bring people of Arkansas parishes closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ. We hope that all Grand Knights will sign up for their parishes.

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The "Holy Family Icon Pilgrimage" is now in progress and about half completed. Since this year the family was stressed by Pope Francis, there are sure to be many blessings for participation in this event.

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This coming year we can do great things by feeding the hungry, clothing the poor and supporting our Bishop and Parish Priests by working together as Brothers with many valuable contributions of time and efforts.

Vivat Jesus,

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Worthy State Chaplains, Worthy Supreme Representative, Faithful Vice Supreme Officer, 4th Degree State Master, State Chaplain, State Deputy, State Officers and Brother Knights,

During the past year, I have had the honor of visiting many councils in our state and I am proud to report that most councils are actively serving the needs of their parishes, communities and Brother Knights. My prayer is that all of our councils open their hearts and welcome all Catholic men into their councils so that they may serve all of God's children. Even those Catholics who are sometimes marginalized bring many talents and treasures that can help every council build the Kingdom of God in their parishes and communities.

Last year our jurisdiction surpassed its goal for Star Councils and this year, I am confident that we will exceed our goal, again. Why? In my travels, many Brother Knights have commented positively on the training sessions held this past August, as well as the training conducted at the mid-year State Council meeting. These changes have allowed us to impart programs-specific information, explain the nuances of our programs, and most importantly allowed our Brothers to ask questions. I strongly recommend that we make these changes permanent and continue to explore ways of making better use of the limited time we have with our Brother Knights at all State Council meetings and convention. Both training and dialogue are critical to the continued education and growth of our council officers and the success of our councils.

This year our jurisdiction participated in all youth programs sponsored by the Supreme Council; we submitted the winners of each program from our state to compete in the international competition. However, there were two 'hiccups' in this effort. One was that some councils did not forward their winners' names to their District Deputy. And, secondly, some District Deputies did not plan/schedule follow-on competitions for the councils' winners in their districts. This coming year, we must ensure all council officers and District Deputies are made aware of the Supreme Council's youth program processes: from planning, to execution, to reporting. This can be easily done by incorporating the youth programs information into future training.

As my tenure as the State Program Director comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone who helped me over the past two years, as well as all of my Brother Knights for their patience and support. God bless you, my Brothers.

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Fraternally Yours,
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State Program Director

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STATE CHURCH DIRECTOR REPORT KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION APRIL 29-MAY1, 2016

The Knights of Columbus Fall Retreat was held at Subiaco Coury House on Sept. 11-13, 2015. The retreat director was Father Robert Cigainero. Thirty-three Knights and their Ladies attended this Retreat. Father Robert was a spiritual inspiration to all in attendance.

The Winter Retreat was held on February 5-7, 2016. There were sixty-five Knights and their Ladies in attendance. Father Jerome Kodell, O.S.B. was the retreat director. Everyone enjoyed the Spiritual and Social atmosphere.

September 9-11, 2016 will be the date for the Fall Retreat at Subiaco Coury House. February 3-5, 2017 will be the date for the Winter Retreat. If you are interested in attending one of these retreats, please make your reservations through the State Church Director.

Thank you for all that you are doing for you Church, Council and Community. God Bless You.


Respectfully submitted,

Roy Anderle
State Church Director

Worthy State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Deputy, Past State Deputies, State Officers, Brother Knights All:

The past (6) months, in fact , the whole Fraternal year has been a success in relation to the support of our seminarians. We started the year with **(44)** and throughout the year(6) left the formation process. At the present time we have **(38)**. That will change very shortly, **(5) will be Ordained May 28, 2016**. However Msgr. Friend and his team will lift the curtain and show us more candidates for future studies and support.

Our **RSVP** participation has increased but I am sure, that it can be improved. I, personally am disappointed with myself because we are not over **50%** of Councils and Assemblies participating. Because some Councils and Assemblies are very generous the numbe of **RSVP** awards are excellent. Again during the year,(44) but there were **(74) RSVP** awards. Almost all seminarians have **(2)** or more **RSVP's**. A couple councils provide RSVP's to seminarians from Subiaco Monastery.

We have in the past (2) years found that Assemblies are supporting The RSVP overcoming the feeling that the RSVP was a Third degree function.

We all know now of the trail that Msgr. Scott Friend has had with his health Problems. The team he has working with him is a fine team and we will see a continuous flow of candidates, seminarians to give of themselves to serve us. Ther may be some who find it is not their true calling but our Diocese has a very favorable Ordination percentage of those who start.

The RSVP is a program, when used wisely, That has proven to support these seminarians with some material support, but more importantly the spiritual support through our prayers and the communications both personally through letters, birthday cards, Christmas cards, etc. provide the boost in morale that shows these young men we CARE that they are preparing to help us in our spiritual needs.

As this will be my last public report, I am grateful to ALL the State Deputies , Starting with **David Witt** who permitted me the privilege of serving as the Vocation Chairman. The joy of seeing these new Priests as they are Ordained becoming the conduit of grace to help our spiritual journey has provided me with the desire to fullfil this assignment these many years.

Thank you all for your help and guidance and cooperation throughout many assignments I have had throughout the past 30 years,

God bless you all, it has been my good fortune to meet and love you all as Brothers.

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The Knights of Columbus membership in Arkansas gave generously to the 2015-2016 "Just Ask" Fund. This year 853 Brother Knights, donated **\$33,828.50**, 83 giving \$100 or more for an average gift of \$39.66. Additionally, 13 Councils and 2 Assemblies gave \$750 to help with the administrative costs. This was about \$5,000 less than last year and about 75 fewer Knights participated as well. The Fund is set up to pay for the donations voted upon from resolutions submitted each year at the State Convention for CHARITABLE giving. The Arkansas State Council distributes this money to the following Diocesan Ministries: Catholic Charities, The Arkansas Catholic, Council of Women Religious, the Vocations Ministry, and the Respect Life Office. Other beneficiaries of your generosity are: the Director of the Cory House at Subiaco, Hispanic Community Encounter, and the Seminarian Fund ("A Taste of Faith").

The Bishop of Little Rock, the Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor is very appreciative of this financial support from the Arkansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus, especially our support for financing the Chapel in the Discernment House on the site of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Little Rock. Our financial help is needed by the Bishop, the Diocesan Staff, Priests, Seminarians, Deacons, and Lay Ministers who serve the people of God and the many needs of our Catholic Community. The Knights of Columbus HAVE and DO make a difference to the Church in Arkansas.

As a Catholic layman you may contribute to the Diocesan Ministry CASA and the "Taste of Faith" events for Seminarians, but, your donation for the "Just Ask" campaign as a Knight of Columbus reinforces the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas as very active and physical supporters of the Bishop's many Charitable programs. YOU make a huge difference! THANKS and God Bless.

John R. Hertzog
State Fund Raising Director

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2015 Arkansas State Campaign For
Persons With Intellectual Disabilities
Paul M. Leonard, Chairman
Year End Report for Calendar Year 2015
Filed: April 30, 2016

Fellow Brother Knights,

The final results of the 2015 Campaign For Persons With Intellectual Disabilities (formerly known as The Tootsie Roll Drive) are in. Once again, our state councils were able to raise more money for charitable purposes than we did the year. We exceeded 2014's total amount by over \$5,000. This undoubtedly was the result of all the hard work and effort expended by those 20 councils which participated in this year's campaign. This was the third year in a row in which the Arkansas State Council was able to raise over \$70,000 for charitable purposes across our state.

For the 2015 calendar year, the grand total raised was \$78,737.42. Of this amount, almost \$67,000 went to the local charities of each council's choice. In March 2016, the former state grand deputy, Mike Kieffer, and myself presented a check in the amount of \$11,810.61 to this year's State Council charity of choice, The ARC of Central Arkansas. The recipients expressed much gratitude and excitedly informed that the check we had presented them with the largest they had ever received from a charitable organization.

Of that achievement alone, my fellow brothers, we should all be proud. The check which we presented to The ARC of Central Arkansas will be used to help fund their 2016 summer camp which is a vocational camp as well as a one-week opportunity for persons with intellectual disabilities to be able to enjoy nature and the outdoors.

I was particularly pleased that quite a few councils which had participated in both the 2014 and 2015 campaign showed an increased amount from what they had been able to raise in 2014. Some of these increases were substantial in nature. I would like to take the time to single out two councils: Hot Springs Village, Council# 10208; and Bella Vista, Council# 9514, both of whom showed large increases from what had been raised in 2014. St. Bernard Council, Bella Vista, ended up raising over \$13,000 while the Daniel Patrick Sullivan Council, Hot Springs Village, raised an astounding amount of \$26,471.

However, by no means should we overlook The Monsignor Adam A. Micek Council, Council# 8410, Harrison, one of our state's smaller councils, which was able to generate over \$6,334 from their fund raiser. Put into perspective, that was almost \$80 raised per each council member.

When the campaign began, I tried to stress to every council in my e-mails that it was not much how much money each could raise but that an effort be made by all to participate. Most importantly, the annual Campaign For Persons With Intellectual Disabilities fund raiser would be an opportunity for those councils which participated to practice the Knights of Columbus' virtues of charity, unity and fraternity. We have a great group of councils here in Arkansas. Brothers, continue to keep up all that good work!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul M. Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Paul M. Leonard
Chairman
Campaign For Persons With
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Worthy state Chaplain, State Deputy, State Officers Brother Knights all:

As you know ceremonials are a very important part of our order and necessary to get our members fully knighted and keep the interest up in our councils. This being said, we have to have councils and districts willing to host the ceremonies and work to have a good number of candidates to be present at the dates scheduled.

Scheduling has to be coordinated with not only the host council but also with the degree team and state deputy. Since July 1, we have had 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies at Charleston on Sept. 20 with 33 candidates, Conway on Oct 4 with 31 candidates, at El Dorado on Nov 8 with 21 candidates, Feb 28th at Jacksonville with 18 candidates, March 13 at Pocahontas with 13 candidates and one priest, April 10 at Tontitown with 12 candidates and a special ceremony at Monticello for a priest. We have the next date scheduled for Bentonville on June 12. A final date is being planned for degrees at Hot Springs, Monticello, Mt. Home, Ft. Smith and in district 8 possibly at Russellville.

Councils in the areas of these places should be working to get as many of their admission degree members to attend one of these dates to get fully knighted and be eligible to serve as council officers and hopefully move on to take the patriotic degree.

I especially want to thank Ben Frazzell as C O and the Conway team for the great job they do in applying these ceremonies. We have in the works getting a new team and another C O at Hot Springs and Ft Smith. This will be a big help in having more ceremonies.

I wish all the very best as we near the end of this fraternal year 2016 and look forward to a good 2016-2017 fraternal year.

Respectfully Submitted

Max W. Nutt, Ceremonial Director

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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers and Program Directors, Worthy State Chaplain,
Worthy Supreme Representative, and Worthy Brothers all,

My wife and I would like to thank the worthy state deputy for allowing us to serve in the
capacity of Pro Life Couple. It was certainly an honor and a privilege.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that we must celebrate the gift of human life and witness to the
Good News of Jesus Christ! As knights, and Catholics, we do this through prayer, education,
and advocacy. Our society has increasingly allowed and tolerated the violation and
devaluation of human life. Recently, in the state of California, legislation was passed that
legally allows doctors to prescribe life ending drugs to terminally- ill patients. St. John Paul II
famously noted that if human life itself is not respected, then respect for all other rights—for
example, the right to health, to marriage, to culture, to religion—is “false and illusory.”
Human rights of every kind are “incomprehensible” without the right to life.

As knights, we stand with the Church in the defense of the “Dignity of Life”. Again through
prayer, education, and advocacy, we can achieve this defense and beat back the enemy. Let us
never become complacent in this defense. God bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Faithfully submitted,

Marc and Tracy Rios
Arkansas State Council Pro Life Couple

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Worthy State Chaplain, State Deputy, Past State Deputies, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

The major activity sponsored by the State Council this year was the annual free throw competition. 211 people gathered at Sacred Heart Gym for the State Free Throw Contest. 64 contestants from across the state competed for the right to be called a state champion. Morrilton Council 5209 acted as host and the Sacred Heart Booster Club operated a concession stand. State Secretary Philip Savage, State Warden Craig Vrabel, Past State Deputy Mike Kieffer, Past State Deputy Max Nutt, State Program Director Conrad DeLaPaz, and State Columbian Squires Chairman Michael Bowman were all present for the event. State Secretary, Philip Savage and Program Director, Conrad DeLaPaz presented medals to the thirty-six finalists. The finalists represented fourteen different councils from around the state.

Thanks to everyone that participated in youth activities this year. A variety of other youth activities were handled by the State Program Director. It has been an honor to serve as State Youth Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Tyler
State Youth Director

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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representatives, and Brother Knights:

The condition of the Columbian Squires program in Arkansas is stable. We currently have 42 Squires participating in 3 active circles in Fayetteville, Subiaco, and Hot Springs. This includes 12 Squires who will 18 years old as of June 30th. We also have 2 current inquiries active for potential Circles in Pleasant Plains and Bentonville.

Although the number of Circles and Squires remain low, their numbers do not reflect a weak program compared to surrounding states.

STATE # Circles

As of 7/15 # Squires

As of 7/15 GAIN LOSS NET GAIN # Squires

YTD % GAIN

ARKANSAS	6	42	0	0	0	42	0.00%
ALABAMA	7	43	15	0	15	58	34.88%
MISSISSIPPI	2	16	0	2	-2	14	-12.50%
MISSOURI	8	74	9	0	9	83	12.16%
OKLAHOMA	2	21	0	0	0	21	0.00%
TENNESSEE	7	62	30	2	28	90	45.16%
TEXAS	116	1466	216	48	168	1634	11.46%

As of 1 April 2016, 13 U.S. jurisdictions have over 200 Squires. 6 jurisdictions have 100-199 Squires. Order wide, the strongest growth of the Squires program continues to be in the Philippines.

This fraternal year, Supreme has announced changes to youth programs sponsored by local Knights Councils. Immediate changes affected council sponsored Boy Scout troops and required the movement of sponsorship from councils to parishes. The Squires program has not been affected in such an immediate way, but the changes reflect a movement from support of local Squires Circles to support of parish based youth groups such as CYM. Currently, Supreme is not supporting the formation of new Circles, but are continuing to work with those Councils who have begun the formation process.

Councils should continue support for all currently active Circles and continue to develop young men who will one day be Knights and parish leaders. Circles should continue to recruit new members and play an active

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part in their communities. As Supreme is endeavoring to refocus the efforts of all Councils back to our parishes, we must also work with our priests and youth leaders to actively support our parish youth activities.

Faithfully submitted,

Michael W. Bowman
State Squires Director

To: Worthy State Secretary

April 29, 2016

From: State Council Membership and Council Retention Chairman

Subject: Annual Report of Suspended Councils

Councils Suspended at Beginning of Year

Number	Location	Suspension Date	Amount Owed
07783	State University	4/10/11	\$934.58

Councils Pending Suspension As Of April 10, 2016

5804	West Memphis	04/10/2016	\$196.00
04538	Tontitown	04/10/2016	\$ 295.50

Total Councils	63		
Councils Suspended	1		
Councils Pending	2		
Net		60	

Suspended Councils and Councils Pending Suspension are not in good standing and cannot vote at the State Convention

Respectively Submitted Wally Sheldon April 29, 2016

I am serving as Treasurer for Eureka Springs Council # 6454
This Council is inactive
Check Book Balance \$985.71

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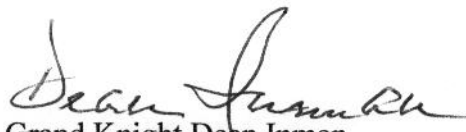
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Your Excellency Bishop Anthony B. Taylor,

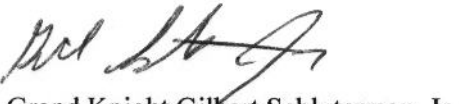
On behalf of the Arkansas Knights of Columbus State Council and all of our Brother Knights we would like to welcome you to our 108th Annual Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas. As the Shepherd of our Diocese and staunch advocate of our order, we would like to convey our sincerest appreciation and thanks for your continued support and spiritual guidance. Your prayers are heart-felt and needed to ensure the spiritual growth and success of our members and fraternal organization. Your unwavering support inspires us to continue in our works of charity and to do the will of God in our communities and throughout our state.

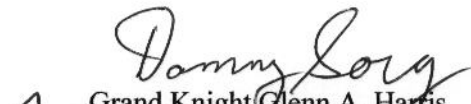
The Arkansas Knights of Columbus are here to serve you and our Holy Church at all times; we stand ready to support you, our priests, religious, and your holy intentions.

Fraternally yours,


Grand Knight Dean Inman
St Mary's Council 1713
Paragould


Grand Knight Bradley J. Schultz
Little Flower Council 6615
Little Rock


Grand Knight Gilbert Schluterman, Jr.
Logan County Council 3787
Paris


for Grand Knight Glenn A. Harris
St. John Neumann Council 6969
Cherokee Village


Program Director Conrado De La Paz
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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplains, Worthy Supreme Representative, State Officers and Brother Knights.

The Credentials Committee has met and reviewed their responsibility to ensure that during roll call there is an accurate count of how many voting delegates we have in the chamber during business meetings on Saturday April 30th and Sunday May 1st.

Credential Committee:

Gus Copenhaver 

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Faithfully submitted,

Philip A. Savage
Chairman Credentials Committee

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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

**"We have the moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus".
Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight**



VOCATIONS / RSVP CHAIRMAN

PETER MC NULTY

My Brother Knights

A short letter this month----

Two important reminders:

(1) The most enjoyable happenings—The Ordination of five (5) Priests for the Diocese of Little Rock. This blessed event will take place on May 28, 2016 in Christ The King Church in Little Rock at 10:00 am Mass.

Several days prior to this blessing there will be five of our seminarians Ordained to Transitional Deacons. And in June two more will be Ordained Transitional. These seminarians, God willing, are scheduled for Ordination to the Priesthood in 2017. And the good news goes on as we will have six (6) more Ordained in 2018.

(2) Now is the time to get your RSVP refund forms sent to SUPREME office. Please remember to send a copy to the Vocation Chairman (me). Remember----“ No job or assignment is done until the PAPER WORK IS DONE’

God Bless you all

Peter

As I write this column, I am preparing to attend the annual state convention of the Knight's of Columbus in Hot Springs this weekend, and I'm reflecting also on the Church's liturgical calendar. This Sunday is the first day of May, which is traditionally the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, but because it falls on a Sunday, it is being celebrated as the 6th Sunday of Easter. May is also the month of Mary, when we give special attention to Mary through May Crowning and other devotions. The Knights of Columbus are promoting a "Building The Domestic Church" which focuses on the family and what we can do to strengthen the family in all areas, including, and maybe especially the spiritual life. In the future, I pray that many parishes will give special attention to the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph) and have a weekend in which everyone at Mass prays a "Prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family." which comes from the Knights of Columbus. While the month of May would seem to be ideal to do this, it may actually take place sometime in the months ahead. Let's keep Mary and Joseph in our minds and hearts not only in May, but throughout the year and throughout our lives as we seek to follow the example of their holy lives and ask for their intercession for many needs, including the protection and promotion of family life in a world that needs, stable, holy families. It wasn't that long ago that Pope Francis was in Philadelphia promoting the family and it is wonderful and fruitful whenever we do the same.

“Ask Jesus what he wants
from you and be brave!”

-Pope Francis



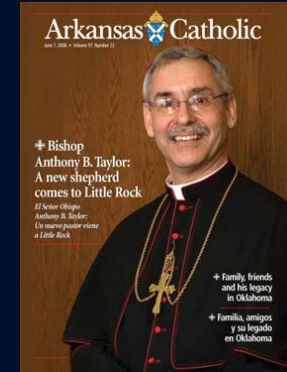
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Membership Report
As of 30th of April, 2016



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



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Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Total State Membership: 7531 / +47



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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
453	7

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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	21	0	21	350
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	0	41	273

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Membership	YTD Growth Change
354	27

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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	5	0	5	100
12473 Camden (1999)	5	1	17	-16	
16222 Nashville (2015)	4	4	0	4	100

District 4	14	10	-17	-7	
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
245	-14

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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	8	6	2	15
8410 Harrison (1983)	5	4	1	3	60
10493 Horseshoe Bend (1990)	4	1	0	1	25

District 5	18	16	7	9	50
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
351	-3

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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	7	0	7	117
District 6	38	23	0	23	61

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STAR COUNCIL
14609**

Membership	YTD Membership Change
742	4

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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	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	
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
222	-11

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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	11	0	11	65
6398 Russellville (1972)	15	12	0	12	80
6680 New Dixie (1975)	6	2	3	-1	
10908 St. Vincent (1992)	8	0	0	0	
District 8	57	37	3	34	60

Membership	YTD Growth Change
1259	14

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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	1	1	0	
District 9	29	11	11	0	--

Membership	YTD Growth Change
583	-8

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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	14	0	14	108
7787 UofA-Fayetteville (1981)	7	7	0	7	100
12082 Springdale (1997)	8	10	49	-39	

District 12	25	31	49	-18	
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
526	-12

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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	8	1	7	50

District 13	25	16	11	5	20
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Membership	YTD Growth Change
526	-6

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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	6	0	6	120
14619 Scanton (2008)	7	5	0	5	71

District 14	13	12	0	12	92
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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
367	2

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District 16

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

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STAR COUNCIL
6942**

Membership	YTD Growth Change
157	11

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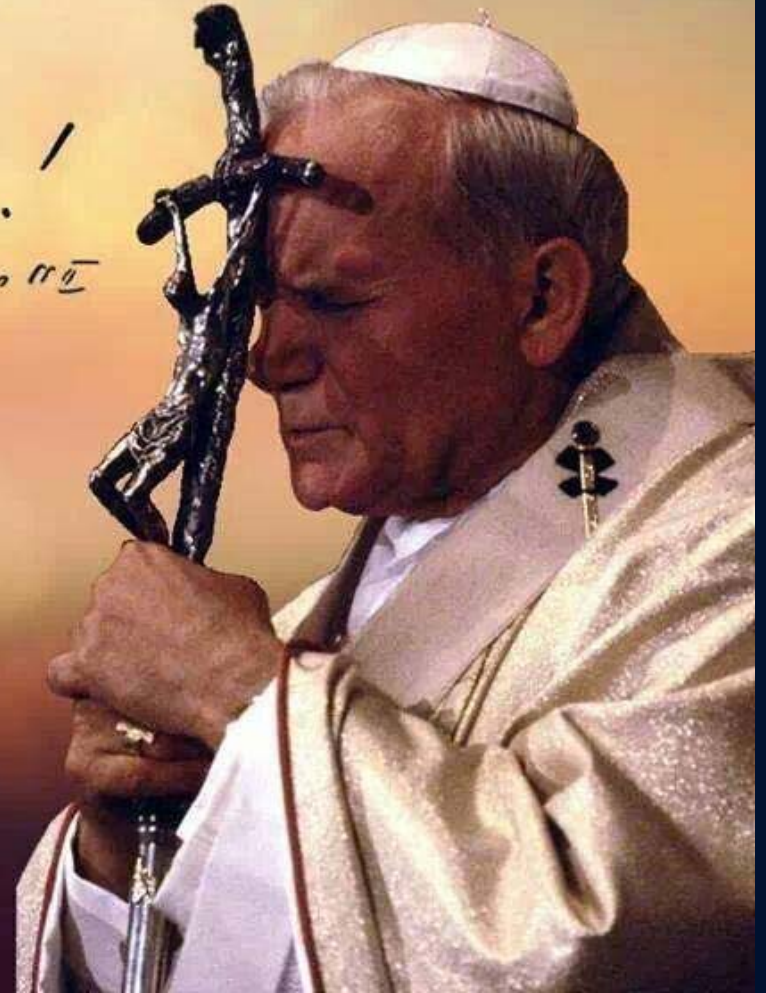


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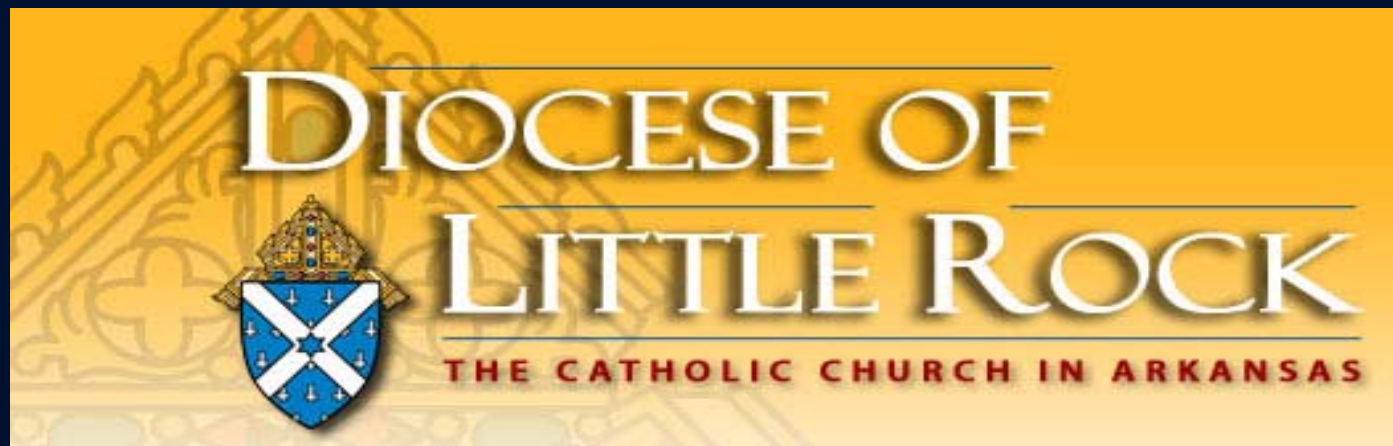
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