

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL

June 2015 Newsletter

Father Bill Elser, State Chaplin

Until we get to heaven, I think it's safe to say that it is hard to find or be a part of a gathering of people in which everyone is happy. If it's a competitive situation, then usually the team or person who loses is usually not happy. I was blessed to share in a gathering recently, in which everyone seemed to be happy. It was the state Special Olympics in Searcy Arkansas, and the happy people were not only the athletes who were participating in the games that were offered by the Knights of Columbus, but also the Knights and some wives of Knights (mostly from Sacred Heart Parish in Hot Springs Village) who enjoyed watching the athletes play some fun games and win little prizes for their efforts.

The Lord is truly working his love in all those who participate in the Special Olympics in this venue and in smaller gatherings of these athletes and volunteers in various parts of the state. I am so very proud of the Knights of Columbus who support Special Olympics not only here in Arkansas, but throughout the country. It is one more way that the Knights stand as a living witness of Jesus for others to see (and hopefully strive to imitate). I do want to personally thank Dub and Geri Green for their hard, faithful and lengthy leadership of the Olympic Town games that are sponsored by the state Knights of Columbus each year on Memorial Day weekend.

God's blessings upon them and Fred and Joan Jungers of Sacred Heart parish who will take over and begin preparing for this HAPPY gathering of athletes and volunteers next year!

Father Bill Elser
State Chaplin



Adrian Dominguez, State Deputy

Brother Knights and families:

I pray everyone throughout the Arkansas Jurisdiction is doing well and that the Holy Spirit is with each and every Knight and family throughout the summer months.

With the month of June upon us, I cannot believe another fraternal year has gone by; we must wrap up all those loose ends we have in our councils. You should have had elections by now and reported your re-elected or elected council officers to both Supreme (Form 185) and to our State Secretary Philip Savage. Please make sure you submit your SP7 Columbian Award Application and ensure it is complete. There are several other reports online that are due on 6-30. Please get those in.

We have been working hard to get the raffle going and on time for July. We have been blessed to have a truck donated by a Brother Knight Frank Hug at Hug Chevrolet in Charleston. Supreme has been contacted and we are awaiting their approval, which should not be a problem. We have partnered with the Arkansas State Department of Finance and Administration and working through all the paperwork needed to have a state wide raffle. We should have all this and the printed tickets ready by the third week of June, God willing. Stay tuned as your District Deputies will be handing out the tickets for your councils.

As we finish this fraternal year, I wanted to thank each and every Knight and their families for all you have been doing throughout our Jurisdiction to make Arkansas become an important spoke in the Supremes wheelhouse. We have accomplished a lot through these 11 months; our own General Agent for Arkansas, surpassed Just Ask Campaign, surpassed CPID donations, surpassed Special Olympics and had an awesome Special Olympics games, established a new council in Nashville, AR, have more Star Councils and Star Districts, continue to Build the Kingdom of God with more seminarians being sponsored in our RSVP program, and many more that you should be proud of. Thank you for making the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas an outstanding organization. You are what make it outstanding!

May you have a safe and blessed Summer. Please remember that the order is not put on hold in your parishes during these months. We must continue to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, His church, priest and Brothers in Christ every day throughout the year, through what we do in our order.

Blessings,

Adrian Dominguez
State Deputy



Phillip Savage, State Secretary

I am looking forward to another year of working with all my brother Knights!

Worthy District Deputies I have attached 2015-2016 Arkansas State Directory form. Please take to your councils. Have them fill out the contact information for the new leadership of that council, please take the time to help them if necessary.

Make sure they see this form. The information the state wants is different than supreme, so make sure we fill out this form.

Please bring completed forms with you to the organizational meeting and give them to me.

You can use this link to make your reservations online: <http://bit.ly/1B0gb6g> You can also call the hotel direct at: 479-273-3333.

If you need anything please call or text 479-965-3561 or email philipasavage@gmail.com. If you would rather talk to my lovely wife Cindy, home phone is 479-965-7808.

Thank you and God bless,

Philip A. Savage
State Secretary



Ed Viera, Membership/Council Reactivation Director

Brother Knights,

It is a great honor to have the opportunity to write the last monthly report of the Arkansas Jurisdiction of 2014-15 fraternal year. With that said, I would like to let each of you know that you will continue to hear; we should give every eligible Catholic man the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus, as stated by our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

One of Saint Pope John Paul II's greatest statements was, "Be not afraid", this coming from a man that spent time in Nazi Labor Camp during WWII. Who saw his nation struggle through the elimination of organized religion and continued to battle the enemies of Christ. Never giving up and never making excuses for not giving his best effort to make the world a better place.

During this last month of this fraternal year, look around at the beginning and at the end of the Mass that you attend and look for potential members, especially those with young children. Those are the families that need the Knights of Columbus more than anyone. Do not be afraid to speak to the wives, because we are a family based fraternal organization, which was created by Father McGivney to help entire families. It is important to include wives in our membership drives. Do not be afraid to ask your wives to help recruit. Have them ask the other ladies, "Why is your husband not a member of the Knights of Columbus?" The more informed we are the better service we can provide and the better our local recruitment will be. Get our wives more involved, I am sure that they would love to help in our efforts to have every eligible man in our parishes to be members of our Order.

As I complete this report, I would like congratulate you, our membership, on an excellent year. Even though we have had over 120 suspensions and close to 120 deaths, we are sitting at a plus ration of 113 more members this year than last. That is a testament to the outstanding job that all of you have done. We have chartered a new council and reactivated another, this 2014-15 fraternal year has been an great example of your work ethic.

As a high school coach, I have always told my football players and especially the wrestlers, FINISH STRONG!

Faithfully submitted today, 3 day of June, 2014

Godwal "Ed" Viera
Vivat Jesu



Peter McNulty, Vocations/RSVP Chairman

Worthy State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Deputy, State Officers ,My Brothers All

My report on the states RSVP activities is as follows:

At the mid- year meeting I reported our (state) Diocese had 40 seminarians and all but one was sponsored by at least one RSVP award. Two weeks later every seminarian was supported. That continued for 2 months when we had an additional seminarian added to those under study. He is now sponsored by 2 councils

Sadly however we have had 2 men leave the program. Let us continue to pray for them. Steve Kelly Chandler Donaldson.

Along with the 39 for our Diocese, there are 5 additional seminarians supported by several councils that are for other Diocese and for Order Priest's. We have NO Ordinations for our Diocese in 2015 however there will be one at Subiaco Abbey in June 2015. He is a Fourth Degree in another district, he is Deacon Patrick Boland.

Our state—councils and assemblies—have in total provided 69 RSVP awards, that is \$34,500.00 and indicates a very strong support for all the seminarians. Also the Ordination rate is very high. I am happy to report all our seminarians appreciate the Knights effort in the encouragement they receive through the prayers and the material support not only from the knights but also from the families that send cards, notes, emails, yes and sometimes COOKIES.

At the present time we have 28 councils and 12 ASM's that provide the above mentioned \$34,500.00 those numbers represent 43 percent of all councils And ASM's combined. The point here is –has each council/ ASM carefully reviewed-CAN WE SPONSOR A SEMINARIAN????I can happily report there are several councils sponsoring 3,4,5,6, seminarians, thank you for your extra special effort. The ASM's are naturally smaller in membership therefore are more limited. However we have a few that sponsor 2 and 3 seminarians.

From Supreme reports, not all councils or ASMs are reporting their support or getting their refunds. By not reporting we deprive our Diocese and our State their proper recognition of the full support for the RSVP that is due them.

Our Diocese has a very dedicated Vocations recruitment team headed by our Bishop Anthony Taylor, Msgr. Scott Friend, Msgr. Richard Oswald Rev. Erik Pohlmeier, Rev. Tony Robbins, and Rev. Ruben Quinteros. Their efforts are the reason our Diocese has the number and the quality of candidates for seminarian studies . Their personal actions living next door at the "House of Formation" where they recently had more rooms added to facilitate the need of housing more seminarians .God bless the team and may they continue to find more servants of the LORD to provide for bring to each of us The EUCHARIST.

Thanks to all who helped me as I tried to assist them.

Vivat Jesu



Peter McNulty, Vocations/RSVP Chairman

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful I Navigators, State Officers and District Deputy's

This message is foremost for GK's and FN's !!!

June is a very important month in many ways and especially for Co.'s and ASM's supporting seminarians thru the RSVP.

Reports to Supreme are due by JUNE 30th for the refund and the Plaques and annual tags.

The form 2683 for councils and 2683A for ASM or on line or in the Forms Booklet.

Remember as I stated in the APRIL newsletter a copy of the form should also be sent to the State Vocations Chairman. (Address in the directory, both email and snail mail)

You will also find my annual report in this newsletter---somehow got miss in the MAY edition.

To keep you up to date---Since the convention we have had another council and ASM join the ranks of supporters to sponsor a seminarian. That's very good news and we are looking forward to additional councils and ASM's coming on board during the 2015 and 2016 Fraternal year.

Of course if you read the Arkansas Catholic you know that we have new candidate answering God's call. We pray that the Holy Spirit rest's on his shoulder during the long journey to Ordination. Please keep all of our seminarians in your daily prayers.

Please send your forms to Supreme!! When council or ASM's do not the real picture of what we are doing in Arkansas becomes skewed. All the reports of support should be turned in so a TRUE picture of the effort and sacrifice is from across the state to the support of and for our seminarians.

Thanks for all for your concern and support of all our seminarians. The results will be in the future. AND in the not too distant future as we will see 5 Ordinations in 2016

God bless you all.

Peter



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Charter City _____ **Charter Date** _____ **District** _____

Date & Time of Meeting _____

Location of Meeting _____ **Location** _____
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GRAND KNIGHT _____ **Wife's First Name** _____

Address _____ **City, State, Zip** _____

Phone: Home _____ **Work** _____ **Cell** _____

Email: _____

FINANCIAL SEC _____ **Wife's First Name** _____

Address _____ **City, State, Zip** _____

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CHAPLAIN _____ **If Applicable Wife's First Name** _____

Address _____ **City, State, Zip** _____

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COUNCIL PROGRAM DIRECTOR _____ **Wife's First Name** _____

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COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR _____ **Wife's First Name** _____

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