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Final quarter of 2022-23 year

Brothers

As we begin the final quarter of 2022-23 year, it also means a new state deputy will be elected at the state convention and my term will come to an end. Some of the things that we were able to do as a state were the placing of three ultrasound machines and we have five more waiting for final approval and financing. We accomplished Circle of Honor for the ninth year in a row and together we can make it ten years in a row this year. Membership is just apart of COH and the other components are judged from reports turned in by the councils, completing Safe Environment Training and Fraternal Benefit Nights, just to list a few. People have asked why are you always recruiting men to join the Knights of Columbus. I explain to them how hard men have worked to do charitable works, host pancake breakfasts, serve our parishes, help our priests, Abbot, Bishop, and Archbishop, just to list a few of the things we do. Finding replacements to continue our good work is why we are recruiting. We lost about 175 Knights in Oklahoma this past year due to death. Without new members to continue our good work our councils will disappear.



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Younger Men are looking for a place to grow spiritually. We need to add these programs to our council programs. We need to help men and their families grow in faith. On the Supreme website, you

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will find a complete list of programs to utilize. The time is now to help men grow in faith.

The past two years we've taken part in the K of C Coats for Kids program and provided disaster relief in the Diocese of Tulsa and the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, working with both Catholic Charities. And Tepeyac Hill is part of an ongoing fund-raising campaign of The Oklahoma Knights of Columbus, which means every Knight in Oklahoma. We are raising funds to pay for the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St Juan Diego. I know brother Knights in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City have been making payments on their five-year pledge for the shrine. The five years are now up and I am asking you to continue your pledge for one additional year. For those of you in the Diocese of Tulsa, please email MMireless@archokc.org to make your pledges and for those who did not make a previous pledge for the shrine, please go to <http://rothershrinf.org/tepeyac>. This will not go away until we have paid for the statues. Please pray about it and make a pledge today.

Now let's discuss how you can serve your council. Become active in meetings and consider becoming an officer in your council. All councils need new people to serve and help grow the council. How long should you be a Grand Knight? Two Years. If you've served more than two years, ask yourself if the council is growing? Remember, councils only grow when we allow new people to become involved

and endorse the projects and programs they would like to see the council perform.

What can you do after your two-year term as Grand Knight? How about serving in State Programs, or the State Membership Team, or becoming a District Deputy or State Warden. There is a need in the state for you serve in some capacity. Contact a State Officer to begin serving today.

The fourth degree is back with live exemplification. The latest one was in Edmond on March 25 and the next one is being finalized. Be on the lookout for information on the date and location. It will be posted on Facebook and the State Website www.okkofc.org. I highly encourage each man to become part of the fourth degree.

We have one quarter left in this year to achieve the goals you've set for yourself, for your council, and for the state to succeed. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the state convention and thank you for all your support this year. It has been an honor serving Oklahoma as State Deputy.

Ladine and I thank you for all you have done in supporting us in my term as State Deputy from 2021- 2023.

Vivat Jesus

Dennis Kunnanz