

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 2014**

**NEWSLETTER**

# Adrian Dominguez, State Deputy

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Brother Knights,

Thank you for working so hard the first quarter of the year. Your service to our Lord Jesus Christ, His church through the order has been fruitful with the amount of new Catholic men joining our order in serving Him and His church. We finished the quarter in first place order wide with 33.16% of our yearly goal of bringing men to serve. Well done Worthy Knights!

As we start the second quarter, with Fall Season upon us, and the time change this month, we must continue to serve our priests and our church in everything we do. Please continue to wear the K of C log on shirts, jackets and caps during church events; no caps in church please. When other's see Knights in action, they are seeing the good we do for the church. Continue to have corporate communion and ensure every Knight is wearing a K of C shirt at the mass. When we serve His church, more men will want to join our great organization who is God centered.

Please ensure you are taking active rolls in our monthly activities. Those who have the yearly planner can see what we need to do this month, and what is coming in the months ahead. For those who do not have a yearly planner, please ask your Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight or your Financial Secretary to show you one. They are very useful in planning your events for serving your parishes.

To help our families grow in their faith and love, the Knights of Columbus launched a new initiative entitled: "Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive." Your Grand Knight received a hard copy of this, although you may review the program on our Supreme web page: [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Please be the leaders of your parishes and start the program in your own homes. Prayer is such a powerful tool toward all the bad in this world. Praying as a family unites us more with each other and with our Lord Jesus Christ. The activities in the program are family centered. Knowing several of us are empty nesters, we must continue to pray with our spouses and invite our children to utilize this program with their own families and friends. Growing our faith with our youth is the future of our church and order.

Brother Knights, we as Catholic families in the Arkansas Jurisdiction must always support our Bishop and priests, defend our church and faith, by living our lives as Catholic men. Please pray for all our priests, for more young men to hear the calling of priests, and for all families to grow in our Catholic faith. With the new family program of "Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive," we must walk the talk of our faith in everything we do. We must lead by example to our youth and show them how wonderful our Catholic faith is.

Thank you Worthy Brother Knights for serving our Lord Jesus Christ, His church in all you do in our Knights of Columbus order.

May God bless you and your families, always!

Adrian Dominguez

State Deputy



# Philip Savage, State Secretary

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Brother Knights,

All of the State Directories are in your possession or are on the way to you. There is a sheet of paper in each directory with corrections that were discovered after they went to print. Please check out your directory and if you find any other corrections which need to be made, please let me know.

Worthy Past State Deputies, Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies, I have included in your packets a posters to help councils facilitate the Knights of Columbus Nonpartisan National Get Out The Vote Program! Please share these posters with all your councils. You can find out more information about the Knights of Columbus Nonpartisan National Get Out The Vote Program at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Thank you and God bless each of you.

Fraternally,

Philip Savage, Arkansas State Secretary



# Ed Viera, Membership Director

Brother Knights,

It is a great honor to have the opportunity to write this report to the Arkansas Jurisdiction of the Knight of Columbus as your acting State Membership Director.

Most of you will agree that Michael Jordan is arguably one of the greatest basketball players of all time, but how many of you are aware that he was cut from his high school basketball team as a sophomore? How easy could it have been for him to give up on the sport? The easiest thing in the world to do is to quit and do nothing. Usually people quit because of fear of failure or rejection, please do not let those human emotions stop you from asking fellow Catholics men to consider joining our Order. Remember every Catholic man should have the opportunity to join; all we need to do is ask. That one decision that Michael Jordan made to work hard and come back out for the basketball team made all the difference in the world to him and to the sport of basketball. You never know what can come from a simple question. "Have you ever considered joining the Knights of Columbus?"

The following are the numbers as of today, Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Districts that are at 30% and councils that are at 50% or higher of the membership quota for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year:

District #1 65%	Council 6942 Arkadelphia 50%
District #2 30%	Council 12875 Charleston 50%
District #3 33%	Council 10208 Hot Springs Village 68%
District #6 71%	Council 1713 Paragould 75%
District #9 36%	Council 1153 Pine Bluff 83%
District #10 63%	Council 10167 Little Rock 91%
District #16 30%	Council 6934 Rogers 91%
	Council 14609 Rogers 160%
	Council 15453 Fort Smith 175%

These again are great numbers, actually our growth rate in the entire jurisdiction is the highest within our Order, not just in the United States, but world-wide. Keep up the great work! Remember do not be satisfied and continue to ask Catholic men to consider joining.

Faithfully submitted,

Godwal "Ed" Viera  
Vivat Jesu



# Conrado De La Paz, Program Director

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Brother Knights,

I hope this letter finds every Brother and their families in good spirits and fine health. Summer's gone and as we enter the fall season, it's time to roll up our sleeves and accelerate our efforts. With the cool weather approaching there is no better time to exercise Fr McGivney's vision and continue giving and serving our community through charity. By giving our time to our youth, it gives them opportunities to grow in the Faith and in a Christian moral character through the activities held and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Our activities provide outreach to our youth and allow us to demonstrate and teach them to compete in moral and Catholic fashion – unlike what's on TV today.

This month we have two programs underway and others that we should begin planning or executing. While executing or planning, we must always keep in mind that all of our activities should be conducted in a manner that demonstrates our Faith and Catholic values to our community. The two programs underway are the Catholic Citizen Essay Contest and the Soccer Challenge -

The Catholic Citizen Essay Contest, whose theme this year is "The Importance of Religious Freedom," is a creative way to encourage Catholic students in public, private or parochial schools to become citizens who are firmly grounded in our Faith. If your council hasn't ordered the Essay Contest Kit, you can still order online at [www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/EA-KITOnline.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/EA-KITOnline.pdf) . Although the website states all essays should be submitted to the councils by October 15, judges at the Council level have until 30 November to submit their Council winners to their Districts. Therefore, hurry there's still plenty of time for your council to participate. Additional information on the contest's timetable, judging and awards can be found via the Action Steps link in the Essay Contest Box: blue box, left side of webpage. Participating councils are reminded to submit their Essay Contest Council participation form (#4216) to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services by 30 Jan 2015.

The Soccer Challenge is the other program which should be on your council's scope this month. In this contest players demonstrate the most basic soccer skill - the penalty kick; each player is allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line - 12 yards from the goal. This contest is open to all boys and girls, ages 9-14 and the winners go on to compete at the district, regional, state and international levels. If your council hasn't held this contest and would like to do so, coordinate with your District Deputy quickly because the second stage of this contest ends in October with the District Championship, so there still may be some time. More information can be found via the Action Steps link in Soccer Challenge Box: blue box, left side of webpage.

Other youth programs that we should begin planning for are the Christmas Poster Contest and the Free Throw Championship.

The Christmas Poster Contest, open to children ages 5 through 14, engages the creative talents and imaginations of our youth and helps them understand the true and spiritual meaning of Christmas. Posters are due to the councils on 15 December, therefore I'd recommend ordering the program kit (#CPC-Kit) NLT 15 October.

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# Conrado De La Paz, Program Director

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The Free Throw Championship contest begins in January. This is a great event to reach out to the community and highlight the Knights of Columbus and your council because all the youth in your community, ages 9 to 14, can participate. To maximize participation, recommend you must deliberately plan and advertise, advertise, and advertise prior to the event; you may want to mention that the winning participants may be recognized at the local, state and international levels. Recommend ordering a Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT) for your council NLT 15 October.

Other activities that we should begin planning for or initiating in our Parishes are the Food for Families program, which is especially important around the expensive holiday season, and the Coat for Kids program – winter is around the corner and we must make every effort to ensure no child, in America or any other country where the Knights of Columbus are present, goes without a warm and good fitting coat.

Lastly, I hope you find this newsletter helpful and informative. It is my goal to assist all councils in Arkansas to accomplish their goals and to attain Star Council. If there is any way that I can be of assistance to your council, please let me know; I'll do my best.

Conrad De La Paz  
Arkansas State Council Program Director



# John R. Hertzog, State Fund Raising Director

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## 21th Annual "Just Ask" Fund Raising Campaign

The Knights of Columbus membership in Arkansas gave generously to the 2013-2014 "Just Ask" Fund. Last year \$35,237.00 was donated and distributed 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 were: the Director of the Cory House at Subiaco, Hispanic Community Encounter, and the Seminarian Fund.

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 be contributing to the Diocesan Ministry CASA and the "Taste of Faith" events, however, your modest donation for the "Just Ask" campaign as a Knight of Columbus will reinforce the Knights of Columbus in Arkansas are very active and physically supporting the Bishop.

Soon letters will be mailed to the 7000+ members in the State Council, requesting a modest donation for this year's campaign. Your donation is the single source of income for the Special Fund.

I am also asking that each Council and Assembly in the State contribute a minimum of \$50 to offset the costs of postage and printing for the mail out. Only 12 Councils and 1 Assembly contributed last year. Only 906 individual Knights did as well. We can do better-Spread the word.

This is a HEADS UP!! Look for your "Just Ask" letter the first part of September 2014.

John R. Hertzog

State Fund Raising Director



# Calvin Webb, Community Activities Director

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Each one of us has a voice in shaping the world around us; as members of the Knights of Columbus we must make our voices heard. We need to do more than give up in despair over what is wrong, instead; we need to make a difference, One Person, One council at a time. Our communities offer limitless opportunity for action that can be seen, felt and judged for its true worth. Look for something that's needed and workable in your community and get involved. With the winter season fast approaching there will be lots of opportunities to help in the community such as conducting a canned food drive to restock a local food pantry, Coats for Homeless or Coats for Kids and you could always help out at a local shelter.

Activities in October: "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" more commonly referred to as "Tootsie Roll Drive"; this is considered one of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus. Please show your support and assist your fellow Knights if possible.

God Bless,

Calvin Webb

Community Activities Director

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# Peter McNulty, STATE VOCATIONS / RSVP CHAIRMAN

My Brother Knights All

School is back in session and all our seminarians are back at their respective locations. We have, as of the last report on 29 Aug. 44 seminarians located at: Sacred Heart School of Theology, 6; Rome ,2; Holy Trinity Seminary,6; Seminario de Monterrey, Mexico, 1; House of Formation,12; St Meinrad Seminary, IN. 17. As you can see when our Bishop Taylor or Vocation Director Msgr. Friend visit our seminarians, they travel a good many miles.

At the present time there are 22 Councils and 10 Assemblies committed to RSVP support. There is a total of 60 RSVP awards AND WE STILL HAVE 4 SEMINARIANS WHO ARE NOT SUPPORTED! Several Councils that had Ordinations of our 3 new priests this year, have not selected a new sponsorship. However, even when they make a new selection, we will still have less than 50% of Councils participating. My Brother Knights, we can do BETTER! There are councils sponsoring 6 seminarians and several that sponsor 3. As for our Assemblies, we have 10 participating at present. There are 30 assemblies, and I can report that each year for the past 3, we had an increase in participation.

We know, at the State level, that not all councils or assemblies can , because of size are fiscally unable to support an RSVP award, BUT there are more councils and assemblies that could very well be a part of our effort to support ALL our seminarians to a higher degree if we put our minds to it. So I ask PLEASE review your programs and budgets -- can we in good conscience avoid at least looking to the possibility of supporting a seminarian.

The year 2014 will be a good year for all of us across the State, we have already witnessed the joy of 3 Ordinations and a 4th will be Ordained on December 20th. Dc. Jack Sidler will receive a blessed gift, as will his family: God's blessings will shower great joy for his family and our whole Diocese. There will be NO

Ordinations in 2015. However, in 2016, our Diocese will again receive many blessings when we will see 5 new priests to serve us .

Some update is in order about the "House of Formation". There are changes being made to increase the number of seminarians that can be housed there during the period of discernment and early years of study for some. Our Bishop Taylor has decided to move Msgr. Friend and Msgr. Oswald out of the "House" and provide Apartments (small) in the remodeled school on the campus of Our Lady of Good Council parish. The Bishop, himself will also be located at this location with his own apartment. All of this is to provide a much closer relationship to our seminarians while they make their journey towards the fulfillment of their calling to God's Service.

Our State Deputy has assigned a co-chair to the RSVP – Mike Heathcott, our former State Treasurer. Mike will be available to answer Questions about the program. His Phone # 479-494-3034; C ph. 479-353-7774

I have a new phone No. 479-567-2186; home # 479-331-2341 Email : pmcnulty@centurytel.net

Please contact either myself, Pete or Mike for data on who needs support.

God Bless

Peter McNulty



# Francisco Olguin, Hispanic Coordinator

Presentation to SK Gaylord "Ken" Jackson for all the volunteer work that he has unselfishly given to the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Church community.

Presenting award are left to right Trustee CW Harshbarger, DGK Francisco Olguin, GK Eric Robinson, Recorder Ivan Surcouf, from Divine Mercy Council #13829 Siloam Springs.

Ken has been in hospice for the past few months. He has been Grand Knight for the council several times and is a founding member. He is at home with his wife, Ardus.

Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am a sinner.

Francisco Olguin  
Knights of Columbus  
Hispanic Coordinator  
(479) 228-3149 Cell



# Larry Lisko, State Council Activities Director

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## NEWSLETTER

The response to the simple question of why we should have newsletters is based on research from late 1800's. The research showed that repetition of important information in small bits, over time, is the most effective way for human beings to remember and use that information effectively. And/or to show up on time.

### Knight of the Month

When councils put out their newsletter electronically I trust they send a printed copy to the members who do not have the means of getting it off the email. Not every knight has computer knowledge to get emails.

When council nominates their knight of the month and puts in the newsletter, it would be a courteous jester to print it out and give it to the knight elect.



# Father Bill Elser, State Chaplin

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As we celebrate "Respect Life" Sunday (October 4-5), I am grateful to be in a parish that speaks in many ways for human life as a precious gift of God from the moment of conception until natural death. In Hot Springs Village, we are involved in a joint effort (with two other churches) to display a total of 4,000 crosses on our properties which signify the terrible reality that on average 4,000 babies die each day in the United States from abortion.

We leave the crosses up for a month, in the hopes that it might touch some people to change their minds and hearts against the taking of innocent lives from the mother's womb. We are also participating in October in the "Baby Bottle Campaign" where we give baby bottles out to parishioners after the weekend Masses and ask them to fill them with money and return them to church within a month's time.

This is a Knight's of Columbus project that last year raised almost \$6,000 to help support women during their pregnancies and/or after they give birth to their children. Finally, our parish is taking hours over at the abortion clinic in Little Rock to pray on the sidewalk for women to change their minds before having an abortion.

I encourage my brother Knights and all Catholic parishes to get involved in ongoing efforts to protect innocent children and help, especially through prayer to change minds and hearts so that we might live more and more in a culture of life and NOT a culture of death.

Vivat Jesus



# 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification

## Honoring: Fr. George Sanders

Saturday, October 4, 2014

**Host: Hot Springs Centennial Assembly #1892**  
**St. Mary of the Springs Parish Hall – Hot Springs, AR**

Registration & Light Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Ladies Included)

### Candidates

Lineup & Preparation: 12:30 p.m.

Exemplification: 1:00 p.m. ~ Group Photo: 3:00 p.m.

### Ladies Activity

1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.

**Mass:** 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church – 100 Central Avenue – Hot Springs, AR

**Social Hour:** 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Springs Parish Hall – 101 Whittington Place – Hot Springs, AR

### Banquet with Presentation of Certificates after dinner:

6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Springs Parish Hall

### CANDIDATE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDING DEACONS:

\$70.00 – Fee includes suspender type Social Baldric (Sash), a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree pin and one banquet ticket.

### ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKETS:

\$20.00 each – Adults only (18 and older) at all activities

### UNIFORM:

Candidates (including Deacons) Complete Black Tuxedo with lay-down collar (no wing-tip collar allowed); White, front pleated shirt; Black bow tie; black cummerbund; black socks, and black shoes. **White gloves are not required.**

Military – Dress Uniform (Optional)

Clergy – Regular Clerical Dress

Current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Members - Complete Black Tuxedo with lay-down collar (no wing-tip collar allowed) during ceremony (required). Dark suit with Tie is acceptable for banquet.

Honor Guard - Regalia for ceremony, Complete Black Tuxedo with lay-down collar (no wing-tip collar allowed) and white gloves.

**NOTE: ANYONE NOT IN PROPER DRESS, AS INDICATED ABOVE, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE CEREMONY CHAMBERS.**

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