



Knights of Columbus

Arkansas State Council

September 2012



STATE DEPUTY REPORT

MICHAEL KIEFFER

The Arkansas delegation represented the State Council well at the Supreme Convention in Anaheim, California, the first week of August. State Chaplain, Fr. William Elser; State Deputy, Michael Kieffer (Louise); Immediate Past State Deputy, Charles Ketter (Dian); Delegate, Roy Anderle (Cathy); Delegate, Mark Hoelzeman (Annie); Delegate and Al Smith (Margie) attended the Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival and the 130th Supreme Convention. We were seated as close to the front as anyone could remember. Also joining us was Mena's Grand Knight Ron Anderle and his wife Mina. Ron won the all expenses paid trip to the Guadalupe Festival and Supreme Convention by being one of four Grand Knights winning a drawing at Supreme. How was he eligible for such a drawing? [PAY ATTENTION GRAND KNIGHTS] He sent all his reports and made Star Council! You could do that!

Arkansas picked up 36 new Knights in July. GOOD JOB!

Supreme announced the Council Awards. We got nine State Councils, and one Double Star Council. Sixteen other councils achieved one or more of the following -- the Columbian, the Fr. McGivney or the Founders Award. GREAT JOB! I would like to see the other thirty-three councils involved as well.

The "Just Ask" Charity Drive kicks off shortly. This Charity Drive supplies the State Council with most of its charity funds. Look for a letter in the mail box.

In October the Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Campaign takes place. Please be prompt in turning in your funds and paperwork.

We are working on a date for a 2nd & 3rd Degree and should have something out soon.

As you read this the website should be up and running, arkofc.org is the place to be!

We now have three ultrasound machines up and running in the state, and one more paid for and being shipped. We have a request for one more in Morrilton but our Baby Bottle Fund is depleted. We have a thousand (?) baby bottles and need to run some fund raising campaigns. Who wants to start?

Get your Semi Annual Audit to Supreme. If you don't have one on file with them, Supreme will not cover your Financial Secretary and Treasurer with a bond.

The Formation House will be dedicated on September 20th at 6:00 PM.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson delivered a heartfelt address at the end of the membership meeting at the Supreme Convention which underlined the importance of membership growth. "It's more than just about numbers and quotas," he said. "Membership is about the changed lives of the men we recruit and the

financial protection we can provide for their families. Membership is what these men will do for their communities and their parishes. Membership is about renewing the Church through support of our priests and bishops. Membership is about transforming society through everyone being able to say, I am my brother's keeper."

One Member Per Council Per Month

Vivat Jesu

Michael Kieffer
State Deputy

STATE CHAPLAIN

FR. BILL ELSER

I've been back from the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus for a week, and I'm still overwhelmed by what I experienced while in Anaheim California. My memories start with the beautiful Masses that I was privileged to con-celebrate with around 70 priests, 70 bishops and 12 cardinals from our country and other jurisdictions in which the Knights of Columbus has councils and assemblies. In this and other settings I felt the Unity of the Order and of our Catholic faith.

At the awards ceremony I was strengthened by hearing of just a few of the charitable endeavors of just a few of our councils and assemblies. The number of donated hours and money throughout the Order was staggering.

I experienced fraternity in general with all the brother knights and their wives who were there and in particular with the knights and their wives from Arkansas at convention activities and in the meals we shared together. At the States' Dinner I saw patriotism and respect for all the countries (and the military of our country) who welcome the Knights within their borders.

I am truly excited about spreading the good news about the Knights of Columbus in my parish, to my own Council 10208 and to every current and potential Knight that I meet when traveling around our state.

While I missed going to the Catholic Charismatic Conference in Arkansas which happened during my travels to the Supreme Convention of the Knights, I truly felt the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in a special way at the Knight's Convention.

I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and prosperity of the Knights of Columbus throughout this fraternal year.

Vivat Jesu

Father Bill Elser
State Chaplain

VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

PETER McNULTY

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, District Deputies, and Brothers all!

We in Arkansas can be so very grateful for the blessings received in the past two months: The Ordination of four fine young men to serve ALL Catholics in the Diocese, and the addition of seven new seminarians.

Some of these new candidates will be going directly into a seminary and some will start their studies at the "Formation House" at St John's Center until the new "Formation House" is built. At the present time, I am not advised as to who will go where. The final assignments, as yet, have not been made

I was privileged to attend the Fund raising dinner for the Seminarian Education Fund on August 11, 2012 and was again impressed by the dedication of the seminarians present. I had the opportunity to speak with most of them and we were all very impressed with the young man who joined us at our table for dinner. Juan Guido spoke about his desire to serve God. I have known Juan since he entered the Seminary and have followed his journey. He has shown that the calling he received was well answered; he will be ordained a Deacon next May and is scheduled for Ordination to the Priesthood in 2014.

My longest conversation was with Rick Hobbs. He was so very thankful for the K of C support, especially from his home council. He did not point to the RSVP awards as the most important; however, his main remarks were about the communications he received from his brother knights in his home council and also of the letters, cards, and e mails he receives and the prayers that are offered by knights and their families for his gift of God's Calling. Rick is studying at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Wisconsin.

The other attendees of the dinner were as impressed as I in the diversity of all these young men. They provided musical entertainment for the evening and some had produced some very nice artwork which was given out as door prizes.

Our – The Knights of Columbus and the very dedicated group, The Serra International Club, whose purpose is to promote Vocations, can be very grateful for the support shown by the large attendance. Hopefully and prayerfully, there was a large contribution to the Seminarian Education Trust Fund.

I will have more data in forthcoming newsletters as the assignments are finalized.

God bless you and pray daily for all the seminarians.

Vivat Jesu

Peter McNulty
Vocations Director

FALL RETREAT
ROY ANDERLE
STATE CHURCH DIRECTOR

The upcoming Fall Retreat at Subiaco is scheduled for September 7th thru 9th. The Retreat director is Fr. Bill Elser. For more information on the retreat or to sign up, contact Roy Anderle.

God Bless

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT
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M/C/M

M/C/M is the new recruiting slogan of the Knights of Columbus: **ONE MEMBER per COUNCIL per MONTH.**

By now you have worked out all the jitters of the New Year and have solid plans for a successful recruiting year. I am pleased to report that Arkansas is currently number 3 in accomplishing our Recruiting Goal. There are 72 Jurisdictions in the Knights of Columbus. Keep up the good work!

District Deputies and Council Officers should be leading by example and have recruited/our recruiting one new member. Let everyone in church know that you are a Knight by wearing your Knight's shirt your name tag to church. Visibility increases interest.

When talking to fellow prospects let them know what the Knights are doing. Spread the good word about our charitable works.

As a kid we wanted to belong in a group. As we get older that want is still there. Everyone needs a place to belong and the Knights of Columbus fills that need. We work hard, we enjoy helping others, and we have FUN doing it all. Let other Catholic gentleman have the opportunity to be part of our organization.

When you recruit a new member it is important that you take ownership of him. Be a mentor; take him to the 2nd and 3rd Degree's. Get him involved in activities. Everyone can't do everything but we can do some. Involvement of members keeps the Council growing.

I heard that a number of Councils celebrated Fr. McGivney's on August 12 and had a great time, which lead to several new leads for membership.

Here are some ideas for the coming months that might help your recruiting:

- Continuous: Officers Challenge - Recruit one new member
- September: First Degree Ceremonial in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Birthday 8th and 9th. Prepare for the Order Church Drive in October. Order your recruiting publications early. Get your recruiting teams pumped up and spread the good news about the Knights of Columbus.
- October: 20th Conduct your Church Drive at all Masses in honor of your Chaplin. Fraternal Benefits Night is an insurance promotion presentation, invite prospects and families to attend and learn about the variety of benefits offered.
- November: Charity Challenge – Invite potential members to help with your charitable activities. Christ the King Corporate Communion 24th and 25th November is an event that bring together council and/or parish families to celebrate the Eucharist and share time and a meal together.

Correction to August News Letter:

I made an error in reporting that MSGR Kordsmeier Council 05209 had recruited the 3 new members of the New Year, disregard those numbers. I read the report wrong and I apologize for the error.

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SILVER ROSE PROGRAM
FRANCISCO OLGUIN
STATE ADVOCATE

Brothers,

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program is off and running in the United States and Arkansas is yet to provide Supreme with a schedule of stops.

I accept full responsibility for this as the former State Warden in charge of this wondrous project. This is what the route looks like at this time. Receive Silver Rose on Sunday, October 14th, 2012 at West Memphis going to:

Council	Church Name	City	Contact Name	Phone Number
01702		Jonesboro	Al Brodell	870-268-8745
06615	Little Flower Church	Little Rock	Kenny Petty	501-455-6192
09396	Our Lady of Fatima	Benton	Bert Steck	501-303-4685
10208	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Hot Springs Village	Ron Boudreaux	501-915-9847
10908	St. Mary's	St. Vincent	Scott Willis	479-880-6283
05209	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Morrilton	Mark Tyler	501-652-6864
06398		Russellville/Dardanelle/Atkins	Craig Vrabel	479-964-0063
15453		Ft. Smith	Margarito Zamudio	479-739-1046
00996	Immaculate Conception	Ft. Smith		
06609	St. Joseph	Fayetteville	Mickey Huber	479-387-4751

13829	St. Mary's Church.....	Siloam Springs	Joe Sommerville.....	918-640-0414
09514	St. Bernard of Clairvaux.....	Bella Vista.....	Kenneth DeBauche	
06834	St. Vincent de Paul.....	Rogers.....	Mario Echeverria	214-683-0314
14609	Rogers (Mexican Martyrs).....	Mario Echeverria	214-683-0314
12458	St. Stephen's.....	Bentonville	Rusty Adams	214-679-0577
07353	St. Peter the Fisherman.....	Mountain Home.....	Bob Murphy	870-491-7575

Transfer to Texas at Texarkana on Sunday November 4th, 2012

We can tweak the schedule as we see fit, notice the dates are NOT posted. Your input will be greatly appreciated!

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ARKANSAS SPECIAL OLYMPICS REPORT
DUB GREEN
STATE CHAIRMAN

Although the monies spent for this year's State Special Olympics competition was more than normal, the response we received, not only from the Executive Director-Special Olympics Arkansas, but from athletes, coaches, families, etc. was worth the expense. Most of our equipment was in dire need of repair after the storms and extremely heavy rains about 5 years ago. This had not been previously taken care of. So, combining the efforts of the Hot Springs Village Knights and the Hot Springs Village Woodworkers, 4 new games were built: 2 beanbag toss and a bowling pin game and a game not previously offered, new boxes built & painted (one 6-ft and one 7-ft) to hold approximately 12,000 wooden beads (hand-painted by Geri Green, wife of State Chairman Dub Green, and Ramona Fuller) and plastic beads for necklace & bracelet making, a single-net basketball game repaired, and a 2-net basketball game purchased. The games were brightly painted in Knights of Columbus colors with the Knights of Columbus logo prominently displayed on several games. Needless to say, Olympic Village was quite a festive area and was referred to as "the happenin' place". Of the 2,500 athletes, plus sponsors, families and coaches at the Special Olympic Games, approximately 1,000-1,200 participated in the Olympic Village events offered by the Knights of Columbus during the 1-1/2 day event.. Unless something drastic happens, I anticipate our expenses to be much lower for the 2013 competition.

The volunteers at the Games consisted of 16 Knights, 9 spouses, and 15 others for a total of 40, logging a total of 1,258 hours. Of that number: Knight Carl Frein plus 3 family members represented the Brinkley Council; Grand Knight Dennis Bosch represented the Hot Springs Council; and the remaining 35 volunteers were from Hot Springs Village.

An additional 644 hours were logged by the Honor Guard, hours incurred for meetings, travel and on-site inspections by Dub Green, Knights of Columbus State Chairman - Arkansas Special Olympics, Knight Tony Shields and wife Mary in building and painting 3 games and sewing bean bags, and the Hot Springs Village Woodworkers to build, paint and line the bead boxes and create and paint the box and pins for the new bowling pin game.

All said and done, Olympic Village was a tremendous success and could not have been accomplished without the unselfish efforts of our volunteers, who thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working with these Special Athletes. Volunteers from all Arkansas Councils are invited to assist us in the 2013 Special Olympics.

Respectfully submitted,
Dub Green
Knights of Columbus State Chairman
Arkansas Special Olympics

STATE COUNCIL FUND RAISING DIRECTOR REPORT

JOHN HERTZOG

19TH ANNUAL "JUST ASK" FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus members in Arkansas gave generously to the 2011 "Just Ask" Fund Raising Campaign. Last year \$28,419.62 was distributed to the following Diocesan Ministries: Catholic Charities, The Arkansas Catholic, Council of Women Religious, Vocations Ministry, Respect Life Office. Other beneficiaries of your generosity were: Subiaco's Coury House Director, Hispanic Community Encounter, Seminarian Contingency Fund.

The Bishop of Little Rock, Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor is very appreciative for this financial support from the Arkansas Knights of Columbus, especially our support for the Chapel at the Discernment House now under construction in Little Rock. Our financial support is needed by our Bishop and his diocesan staff of priests, deacons and lay ministers to serve the people of God which have many needs. The Knights of Columbus have and can make a difference.

As a Catholic layman you may be contributing to the Diocesan Ministry CASA and the "Taste of Faith" events however, your modest donation to the "Just Ask" campaign as a Knight of Columbus would reinforce the Knight of Columbus in Arkansas are actively and physically supporting the Bishop.

Soon letters will be mailed out to the 7,000+ members in the State Council, requesting a modest donation for this year's campaign. Your donation is the single source of income for this 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.

This is a **HEADS UP!!** Look for your "Just Ask" letter the first part of September 2012

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

CALVIN WEBB

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 (fighting poverty, sponsoring a blood drive, blood pressure screening, and support law enforcement) and get involved.

Upcoming activity 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 for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a Tootsie Roll.

God Bless

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FOURTH DEGREE

MAX W NUTT
DISTRICT MASTER

As of September 1st my term as 4th degree master ended. I was instructed by Supreme Council to have an exemplification scheduled for the new master to be held before the first of the year. That exemplification is scheduled for October 27th, the last Saturday of October, and will be at St. Stephens's parish in Bentonville. As soon as the new master is named a schedule will be sent out. (He will be formally installed at the Provincial meeting to be held in Louisiana in October.) It will follow the usual schedule of registration from 12:00 noon till 1:00 PM and degree starting at 1:30 PM. We need candidates for that date and encourage all third degree members to take advantage of this opportunity to join our patriotic degree. If you have any questions that I can help you with until the new master takes over let me know.

We have requests for members to be in the honor guard for several events; if you have members of the honor guard that would like to participate let me know. One is for September 7th at 6:00 PM at the Cathedral for the 40th anniversary as a bishop for Bishop McDonald. One is for September 8th at the church in Helena for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the church with Bishop Taylor having Mass at 10:00 AM. Another is for the dedication of the new House of Discernment that the Knights of Columbus paid for the chapel, at 1321 S. Van Buren St. in Little Rock on September 20th at 6:00 PM.

It has been an honor for me to serve as District Master of Arkansas for the past 4 years and I appreciate the hospitality shown to my wife and me as we were at the assemblies for exemplifications, installation of officers and other events. I also thank the assemblies that supported me by your contributions to the Masters Fund. As you know the master does not get any pay from Supreme Council, except for the Provincial meeting. Thus any contributions from the assemblies are a big help in mileage to events.

Wishing all the very best of Blessings,

Max W. Nutt
District Master (if you get this before September 1st, otherwise Former Master)



OCTOBER 2012 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please send your newsletter reports, articles, messages and photos to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by Saturday, September 15, 2012, for the October 2012 Newsletter. Please e-mail your report, article, message, and/or photos to johnh911@conwaycorp.net.

Reports Due

FORM	REPORT	DUE BY
185	REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Jul
365	SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT FOR THE TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Aug
1295-1	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Aug
SC-KIT	SOCCER CHALLENGE KIT ORDER FORM	15-Aug
2629	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR	1-Sep
SA-KIT	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	1-Sep
CR	OFFICIAL ORDER FORM FOR RECORDED COLUMBUS DAY PROGRAM	15-Sep
FT-KIT	FREE THROW COUNCIL COMPETITION KIT ORDER FORM	1-Nov
4567	SOCCER CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM	1-Dec
FT- 1	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION REPORT	31-Jan
4584	PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS	31-Jan
1728	INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT	31-Jan
4001	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST PARTICIPATION FORM	31-Jan
1295-2	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Feb
SP-7	COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION	30-Jun
2630	ANNUAL REPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUND TABLE	30-Jun
2863	RSVP REFUND/PLAQUE APPLICATION	30-Jun
1728A	SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET	AS NEEDED
1598	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP SCORE SHEET	AS NEEDED
1831	RELIEF FROM COUNCIL DUES AND PER CAPITA TAXES	AS NEEDED
1993A	FAMILY OF THE MONTH GENERIC REPORT FORM	AS NEEDED
2935	COLUMBIAN SQUIRES INQUIRY KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
4348	YOUTH LEADER	AS NEEDED
4371	FATHER PRIOR	AS NEEDED
532	REQUISITION FOR FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIALS	AS NEEDED
EA-Kit	ESSAY CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
STSP	STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM	AS NEEDED

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