

# Knights of Columbus® Texas State Council





# Education, Training & Commuication





# Education-Show Them What To Do!





# Training-Show Them How To Do It!





## Communication-Show Them When To Do It!





# Educate

# New For February









## FEBRUARY AUDIT NO LONGER REQUIRED

Based on the changes noted below, councils are now required to submit only one annual audit due August 15.

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Resolution 402 was passed by the delegates of the 2025 Supreme Council Meeting in Washington DC, which changed Section 142 of the Charter Constitution and Laws, to require the Board of Trustees to "audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer and report thereon annually to their Council, according to rules set by the Board of Directors."

Subsequently, the Board of Directors voted that these audits are to be based on the period from July 1 to June 30, with the Annual Audit Report due to the Supreme Council on August 15. This change takes affect with the audit for the 2025 – 2026 Fraternal Year.

Additional information on the new online Annual Audit Report will be communicated via normal fraternal channels.







#### Annual Council Audit Worksheet

Use the worksheet to prepare the information to complete and submit the Annual Council Audit Report in Officers Online or www.korc.org/forms \* Do not send this worksheet to the Supreme Council \* Council # For Period Ending June 30, \_ Do you have a Council Account with the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund? ☐ Yes ☐ No IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN) Every US Council should have their own unique EIN # (Email Tax.EIN@KofC.org with questions) Did your council submit the IRS Form 990 tax filing this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No Every US council must file a Form 990 annually Council Balance Sheet **Current Assets** Liabilities Undeposited Money Unpaid Bills Savings Account Uncashed Checks Checking Account Unpaid Credit Card Balance Money Market Accounts Loans/Debt Repayment Electronic Payments Undeposited \$\_ Other Square, Paypal, Venme, etc. Other Credit Card Balance Other Other Other Total Total Please clarify "Other" Current Assets, if used. Please clarify "Other" Liabilities, if used. Other Assets Investments Property (>\$5K) Mutual Funds Real Estate CDs & Bonds Vehicles (inc. Trailers) Other Large Equipment Other Other Total Other Other Please clarify "Other" Investments, if used. Total Please clarify "Other" Property, if used.





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# forms@tkofc.org





Two Most Important Forms For The New Fraternal Year



Form 365

## Form 185









Fraternal Planner





This book offers a suggested schedule for popular program events. It also includes some key guidelines for activities.



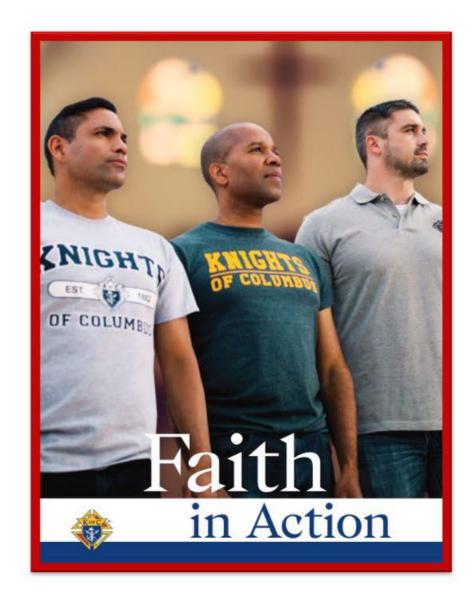


#### Use this Fraternal Planner to:

- Set clear goals for membership growth and engagement through programs and fraternal activities
- Clearly communicate these goals to motivate your council
- Measure your progress and determine the changes needed to chart a more successful course
- Seek opportunities to integrate membership, programs, and charitable activities
- Plan your full program calendar and integrate it with your parish calendar
- Keep track of each month's activities











This Faith in Action manual provides information for your council to not only implement Supreme recommended programs, but also to create unique programs that help men to live out their commitment to the Catholic faith and their desire to serve family, parish, and community.







#### Fraternal Excellence Guide

**Practical Information for Council and District Officers** 

Effective July 1, 2024

## Fraternal Excellence Guide

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#### SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICE CONTACT DIRECTORY

Customer Service	E03-132-4000	
Customer Service	1-800-380-9995	
KnightsGear	1-855-432-7562	knightsgear@kofc.org
Supplies Online	1-833-591-7770	customersupport@slwmco.co
Fraternal Mission		fraternalmission@kofc.org
Affiliate Membership		affiliate@kofc.org
Catholic Information Service		cis@kofc.org
Ceremonials		ceremonials@kofc.org
Chaplains Programs and Develop	oment	chaplains@kofc.org
Columbia Magazine	/ !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	columbia@kofc.org
Council Accounts.		council.accounts@kofc.org
Financial Secretary Appointment	\$	financial secretary@kofc.org
Membership Growth		couricilgrowth@kofc.org
Membership Records		membership@kofc.org
Member Management/Member E	lilling	expertfs@kofc.org
Scholarships		scholarships@kofc.org
For general inquiries, email		info@kofc.org

203-752-4000

#### Forms and Reports

Due Date	Form/Report
June 30	Report of Chosen Officers for the Term (#185) OR the Officers Screen on Member Management
	Service Program Personnel Report (#365)* OR the Service Personnel Screen on Member Manage
August 15	Semiannual Council Audit (#1295)
September 15	District Deputy Report (#944)

January 31 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)\*
February 15 Semiannual Council Audit (#1295)
June 30 Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)\*
Immediately Membership Document (#100)
If Required Notice of Intent to Retain (#1845)

As Required Entries for the State Council Service Program Awards Contest (#STSP) and Family of the Year Contest to your state council

Monthly Family of the Month (#1993)

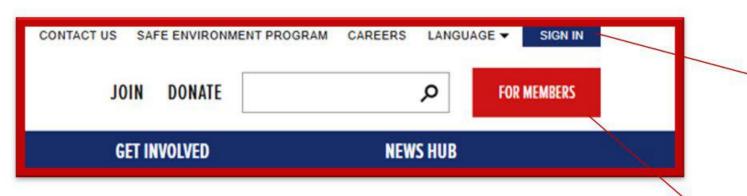
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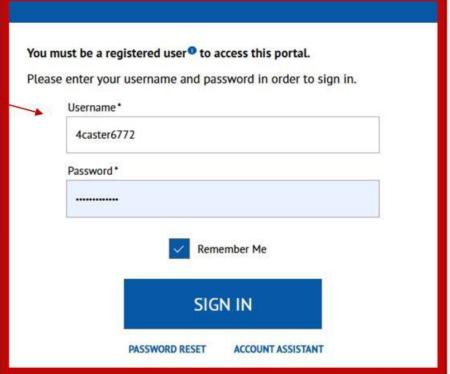
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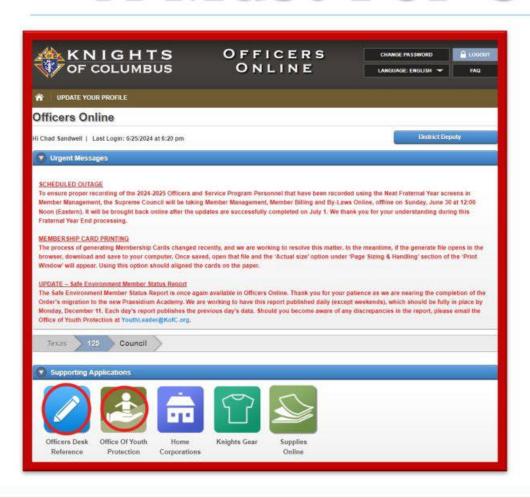








# Officers Online A Must For Council Leaders



- Access begins July 1st.
- Continuously review council status.
- Be familiar with Officer's Desk Reference.

If you need assistance call; 800-380-9995 option #2.

Have your member number and role available.

#### Council Level Access:

- Grand Knight
- > Financial Secretary
- > Advocate
- Deputy Grand Knight
- > Treasurer
- Membership Director





#### **Officers Online Access**

Members in a role permitted access to Officers Online will be emailed an invitation code once the Supreme Council receives the appropriate form from the state council, local council, or assembly indicating the election or appointment, and records this information. If you do not receive an invitation code within a reasonable time, click "Account Assistant" on the sign in page and follow the instructions.

If you previously held a role with access to Officers Online, you do not need a new invitation code. Your access will automatically be reactivated once the appropriate form is submitted.

If you do not remember your log on credentials, click "Account Assistant" or "Password Reset" on the sign in page and follow the instructions. If additional assistance is required contact our Customer Service Department at 800-380-9995, option 2 and provide your membership number and role.

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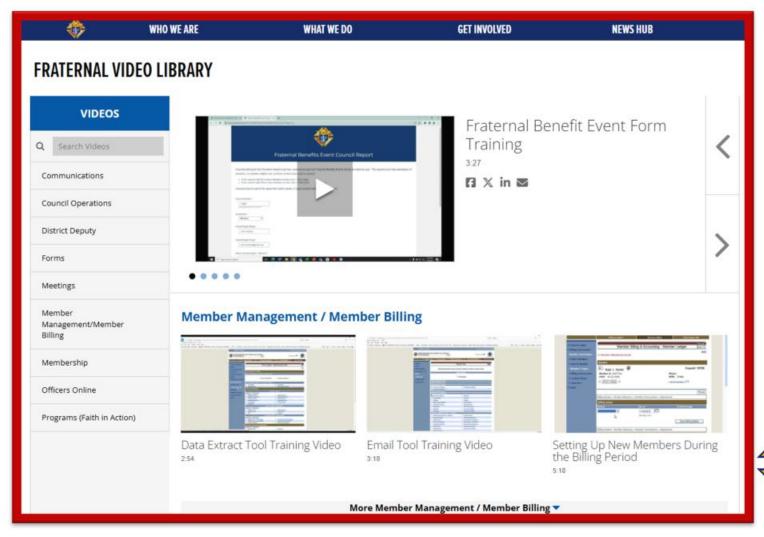


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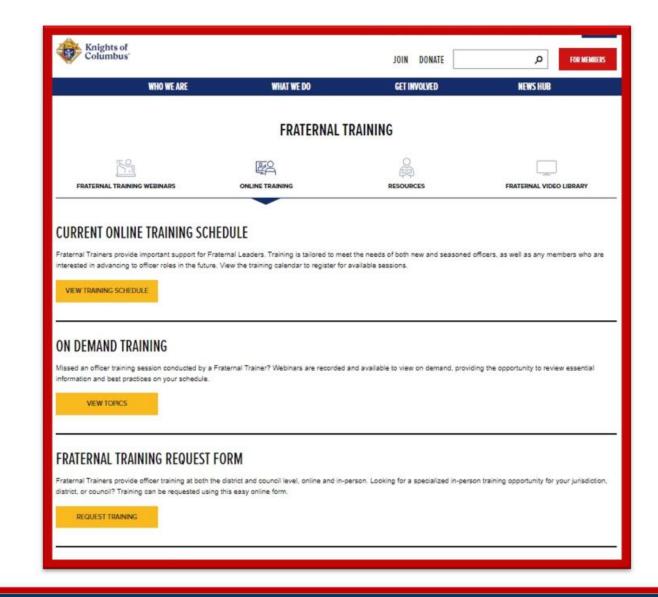




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## Safe Environment Training



Council must be in compliance.

Most common problems are:

- Email went to spam or junk folder.
- Let time expire.
- Did not take all training modules.
- Did not see follow up emails for background check.
- Issue with name (nick name used, etc.)

# Safe Environment Training

POSITION	COMPLETE COURSE	BACKGROUND CHECK
Grand Knight	YES	N/A
Program Director	YES	N/A
Family Director	YES	YES
Community Director	YES	YES



- Minimum of 3 people (Grand Knight can hold one other position).
- Personal Email Addresses required



# Safe Environment Training

#### MEMBER HELPLINE

Phone: (203) 800-4940 Fax: (855) 845-3502

YOUTHLEADER@KOFC.ORG

#### OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION

Phone: (203) 752-4558 Fax: (855) 845-3502

OYP@KOFC.ORG



- Problems can and do come up. It is best to have the Knight call or email.
- Calling works out best to iron out issues on a "one on one" basis.



# Financial Secretary Trainers

David Solis – Chairman El Paso & San Angelo Michael Murphy Brownsville, CC & Laredo

Peter Donahoe, Jr. Austin & San Antonio Victor Garza Dallas & Ft. Worth

Jerry Geigerich Gal/Hou & Victoria Steven Webb Lubbock & Amarillo



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# Communicate

### Read The Fraternal Leader Advisory

- 1st & 3rd Thursday of The Month
- Sent to State Officers & Directors
- DD's, Council Officers & Directors
- Anyone can sign-up online.



### Fraternal Leader Advisory

Breaking News | Reminders | Resources | Recommendations

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#### June Webinar: Resources to Help You Succeed

Council and District leaders are encouraged to attend our informative webinar tonight, Thursday, June 20th at 8:00 PM ET. We will highlight valuable fraternal Resources To Help You Succeed.

Learn about all the resources available from Supreme and your state, and how to use those resources to make your council operate at peak efficiency.

Incoming council officers and district deputies should attend regardless of their experience levels. Updates and changes to the resources will be covered.

And remember, if you can't join us live, it will be available on-demand afterwards. There is still time to sign-up to ensure you get the link for this important webinar. Click on the button below to register.

Register Now



# Important Announcements, news & best practices



#### **Employment Opportunities**

The Knights of Columbus Fraternal Mission Department has fantastic job opportunities. Visit <a href="https://careers.kofc.org/">https://careers.kofc.org/</a> to find one that matches your skills and goals.

#### **Important Links**

Membership<br/>BenefitsCelebrate<br/>McGivneyFormsMerchandise &<br/>SuppliesFraternal<br/>Operations

Training & Inviting Men to Engage Your Webinars Join Members Ceremonials

Thank you for your service to the Order. If you have any questions or suggestions during your term, please email <a href="mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org">fraternalmission@kofc.org</a>

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To view the FLA Archives, please click here.







#### Online Training Schedule

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch on demand after the live session. On demand training can be found at <a href="kofc.org/training">kofc.org/training</a>.

#### Note: All Times are Eastern

June 25, 2024, 8:00 PM June 27, 2024, 8:00 PM July 8, 2024 8:00 PM July 16, 2024 8:00 PM July 23, 2024 10:00 PM July 24, 2024 8:00 PM

Financial Officer Training
Grand Knight Basics: Part Two
District Deputy Training Part Two
District Deputy Training Part Three
Creating and Using Council Budgets
Grand Knight Training Part Three





#### **FINISH LINE**

This monthly publication will include information from the Major Directors about upcoming deadlines & events.

Available on the 1st day of the month. This publication should be forwarded to your Councils to help them stay on track.







#### FROM THE DESK OF: STATE DEPUTY RON ALONZO

#### Recruiting During Advent and Christmas

Throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we as Knights should focus on building relationships within the parishes and welcoming everyone, not only those who participate in Mass. Don't overlook the people you see daily or weekly for the ones you see yearly. Make sure that your council events and activities are well publicized and key information is easily accessible STATE OFFICERS and up to date on the church website, social media platforms, and the church bulletins.

#### November 15x4

Last month we held a Membership Drive "November 15x4". Fifteen Exemplifications in 15 Diocese, with 15 Candidates in Fifteen Days. The goal was to have a Drive and bring in 225! Some of our Dioceses did extremely well! Now let's work on getting those men converted into our councils.

#### New Members Waiting to Join

Pending Applications Listing, our membership committee will be working with each Diocese to get these online applicants into the Order. These men submitted the Join Us | Knights of Columbus form but did not hit the "Confirm Membership" link in the emails that were sent to them to finalize the join process. These men are just one step away from joining the Knights of Columbus!

All that is required is for the applicant to send an email to emembership@kofc.org stating "I want to confirm my membership." Forwarded emails from applicants to emembership@kofc.org are also acceptable

This year, councils and members are answering Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's challenge to "Go for Two" and invite two men to join the Knights of Columbus. Now, with a little less a month before the incentive period ends, Knights who







# Constant Contact

This is how the State Officers & Major Directors get information to members of the Texas State Council. This is important information that helps us reach our goals.

Subscribed: 94,386

Engaged: 45,798 -48%

Least Engaged: 28,754 -30%



#### **Facebook**

www.facebook.com/txk ofc

#### Instagram

https://instagram.com/ txkofc

#### X

https://x.com/txkofc

#### You Tube

www.youtube.com
Search Texas Knights of
Columbus





#### Social Media

Anson Geisel, Chairman Scott Wagner, Photographer



#### Donate to Texas Flooding Disaster Relief Fund

(100% of donations will be used to help families affected by the flooding)

DONATE NOW





www.tkofc.org
Webmaster: William Griffith

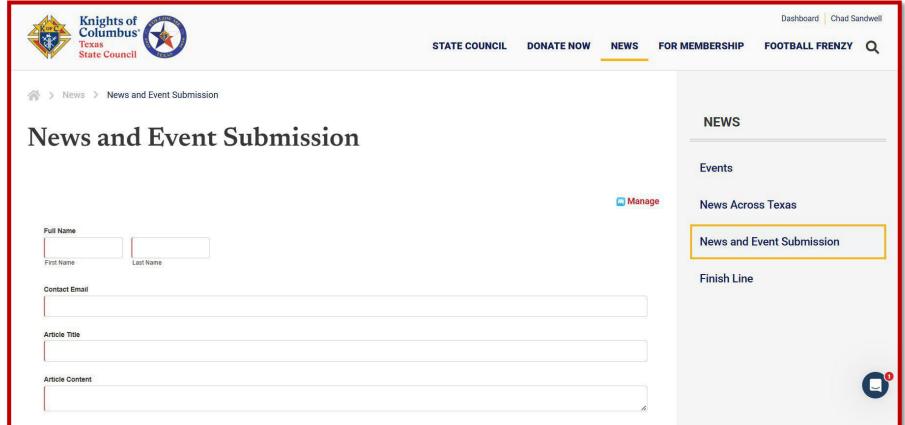


## New Feature





## Submit A News Story







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## Affiliate Member Initiative

- Some members are unable to remain active in their councils.
- •AMI allows these members to be removed from their council rosters.
  - Supreme and State Councils engage Affiliate members.
  - Council leaders can devote more time to active members.
- •Councils are able to devote time to volunteer service and charitable causes.

## Affiliate Member Eligibility

•Members that have not responded to council engagement efforts.

•18 months or longer.





# Affiliate Member Eligibility Not Eligible For AMI

•Members exempted from dues: Honorary Life, Priests and members with an exemption waiver.

•Inactive Insurance Members: designated as "N".



•Members who ask to withdraw from the Order.



# Affiliate Member Eligibility Exemptions

•Military councils may list members who transfer duty stations without arranging to join a local council at their new post.

•College councils may list members who graduate and leave campus without arranging to join a local council in their new location.

•It is not necessary to wait for 18 months of non-engagement.





#### **Engagement Efforts**

- •Regular dues notices were sent, and dues were not paid.
  - •Emails were sent and ignored or bounced.
  - Postal mail was sent and ignored or returned.
- •Phone calls were made and ignored; number is not in service.
- •The member has not been seen at Mass, meetings or events.





## Dues Billing Process







#### Dues Billing Process

- •Refer to Affiliate Member Initiative Guidebook (11231).
  - •Appendix B Interim Member Billing Procedures.
  - Use Member Billing Application of Officers Online.

1st Notice 15 days before billing period Dec. 15

2nd Notice 30 days later Jan. 15 Report sent to
Engagement Committee
30 days after 2nd
Feb. 15







#### Appendix B

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AFFILIATE MEMBER INITIATIVE Interim Member Billing Procedures

These revised billing procedures are needed because the AMI significantly changes the handling of members who are delinquent in their payment of dues.

Financial Secretaries should use the Member Management and Member Billing applications, located in the secure Officers Online area of www.kofc.org, to perform the tasks listed in this section.

- The Financial Secretary forwards the membership bill "First Notice" 15 days before the billing period to each member.
- If payment is not received in 30 days, the Financial Secretary will forward the membership bill "Second Notice".
- If payment is not received within 30 days from the date the "Second Notice" was sent, do not update billing status to Knight Alert.

The Financial Secretary will instead provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers, email address, amounts due, and proposer information for each member in arrears to an Engagement Committee that should include a Chairman and two additional members.

- 4. The Engagement Committee Chairman shall assign committee members to contact the members in arrears. Committee members should use various methods, including internet search engines, to locate members whose contact information is out of date.
  - If a member is found to be experiencing financial difficulty, the Engagement Committee Chairman should recommend to the Grand Knight and Trustees that forgiveness of dues or other suitable financial arrangements be made to assist this member.
  - If a member has disengaged himself from council activities or become dissatisfied with his Knights of Columbus membership, the committee member should remind the Brother of the many valuable benefits available to all members and the particular fraternal benefits of working with local council Brothers. A supply of membership benefit reference materials should be readily available for committee members to share as needed.
- Within 30 days of receiving the list of members in arrears, the Engagement Committee Chairman shall submit to the Grand Knight and Trustees a report including the reasons for nonpayment and their recommended actions for each listed member.
- 6. Within 15 days of receiving the Engagement Committee report, the Grand Knight shall meet with the Financial Secretary and Trustees to decide on a course of action for each member. These actions may include, but are not limited to:

- Issuing a "Final Notice" to members who wish to remain in the council and gave no reason for nonpayment. The Financial Secretary can regenerate another "Second Notice" from Member Billing to serve as this "Final Notice."
- Waiving the dues for members in financial distress.
- Reducing the dues or allowing alternate payment plans for members in financial distress.
- · Processing the withdrawal of members who request to leave the Order.
- Processing members who meet the requirements for designation as Affiliate Members in the state division. <u>Lists of these members should be submitted through a council's</u> <u>district deputy and received by the Supreme Council no later than May 31st.</u>
- No further billing actions are required.

**NOTE:** Suspension transactions are reserved for Summary Suspension for Cause and Board actions.

## Affiliate Member Designation Process (FS)

- •FS creates a list of eligible members.
- Excel workbook spreadsheet (.xlsx)
  - 1. create manually or use Data Extract Tool in Member Management
  - 2. save the file as "Council XXX Tentative Affiliate List.xlsx"
  - 3. email the spreadsheet to the GK

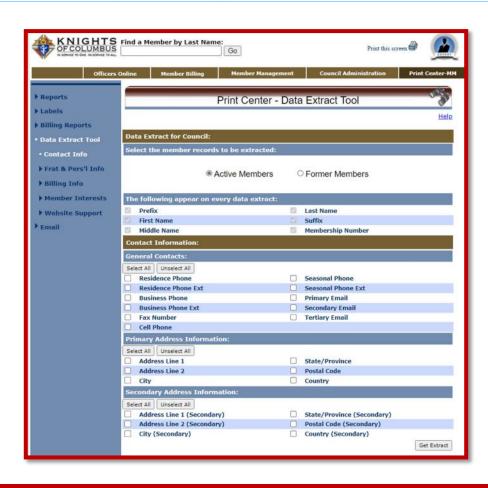
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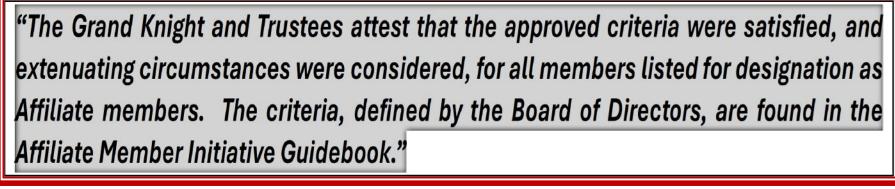
## Build Affiliate Member List Using Member Management

- 1. Log into Officers Online
- 2. Click on Member Mgmt.
  - 3. Click on Print Center
- 4. Click on Data Extract Tool
  - 5. Click on Get Extract
    - 6. Add the council #



## Affiliate Member Designation Process (GK)

- •Grand Knight saves file as:
  - "Council XXX Affiliate Recommendation List.xlsx"
- Email list to District Deputy.
- •Include this attestation:





## Affiliate Member Designation Process (DD)

- •District Deputy verifies proper procedures were followed.
- Email spreadsheet to affiliate@kofc.org
- •CC the GK, FS and State Deputy.
- •Include this attestation:



"The Grand Knight and Trustees, and District Deputy attest that the approved criteria were satisfied, and extenuating circumstances were considered, for all members listed for designation as Affiliate members. The criteria, defined by the Board of Directors, are found in the Affiliate Member Initiative Guidebook."

#### Affiliate Member Designation Process

- •Submit Affiliate spreadsheet to Supreme Council by April 30.
- •Members should drop off council roster by June 30, the end of the fraternal year.
- Spreadsheets can be submitted anytime during the year.





#### Texas State Council Charity

Diocese of El Paso Charity Goal

Goal

\$25,220.00

Current

\$22,650.00

• % Met

89.81%

Diocese of Ft. Worth Charity Goal

Goal

\$81,860.00

Current

\$68,503.00

• % Met

83.82%

Archdiocese of San Antonio Charity Goal

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\$114,835.00

Current

78,405.00

• % Met

68.28%

Archdiocese of Gal/Hou Charity Goal

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\$171,185.00

\$151,074.50

88.25%

Diocese of Dallas Charity Goal

Goal

\$90,760.00

Current

\$72,672.00

• % Met

80.07%

Diocese of Beaumont Charity Goal

Goal	

\$25,105.00

\$26,435.00

105.30%

Diocese of Tyler Charity Goal

Goal

\$22,010.00

Current

\$23,317.00

• % Met

105.94%

Diocese of Austin Charity Goal

Goal

\$102,475.00

Current

\$66,519.00

• % Met

64.91%

Diocese of Corpus Christi Charity Goal

•	Goal

\$31,295.00

\$14,200.00

45.37%

Diocese of Victoria Charity Goal

Goal

\$56,990.00

Current

\$42,862.00

• % Met

75.21%

Diocese of Amarillo Charity Goal

Goal

\$15,390.00

Current

\$12,300.00

• % Met

79.92%

Diocese of Brownsville Charity Goal

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Goal	

\$29,900.00

\$21,897.00

• % Met

73.23%

Diocese of San Angelo Charity Goal

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Goal

\$30,535.00

\$16,600.00

54.36%

Diocese of Laredo Charity Goal

Goal

\$9,710.00

Current

\$10,610.00

• % Met

109.27%

Diocese of Lubbock Charity Goal

Goal

\$15,285.00

Current

\$13,386.00

• % Met

87.58%

Texas State Council 15 Diocesan Goal

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\$822,555.00

\$641,430.50

• % Met

77.99%

1,030,000.00 Stretch Goal

62.27%

#### Year to Date Standings YTD as of December 1st, 2025

24/25 Texas State Council Goal

Goal

\$807,605.00

Contributions

\$1,049,881.37

• % Met

129.99%

## STATE DEPUTY LIST SURPASSING 120% OF THE CHARITY GOAL.

2025 was a landmark year, achieving record contributions that totaled \$1,049,881.37.

THE CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO

Responding to the call to exceed your goal ensures the financial stability of our Texas

## 25/200 State Deput

Your Commitment, Effort, and Courage Are Duly Recognized.
Thank You.

#### **Ronald Alonzo**

State Deputy

#### Diocesan - District - Council

- All who achieve the 120% milestone will be honored with recognition by the State Deputy.
- Those reaching this milestone by April 10, 2026, and attending the Texas State Council Banquet at the 2026 TSC Convention in Dallas, will receive special recognition.
- Additionally, a certificate of achievement will be awarded by the end of the year for display in your parish or council home.

#### American Wheelchair Mission



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- TSC Goal to exceed \$1,561,788 (10,412 wheelchairs)
- Purchase one wheelchair (\$150) per council.
- Increase Wheelchair Sundays by introducing to new communities in your area.
- Contact Bill Weber or Brian Nelson to get you scheduled!
- Diocesan Wheelchair chair or Diocesan Deputy can provide more information

## Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund

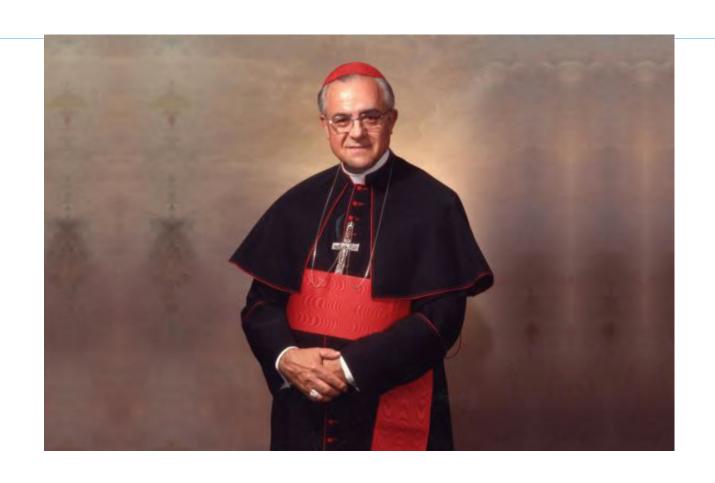


## Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund

- Full report will be covered under Program section.
- Introducing the all new TSCC Bumper Magnet for your home, auto or shop. \$20.00
- Will soon be available on the <u>www.tkofc.org</u>, online Texas Country Store



#### Cardinal Medeiros Fund



#### Cardinal Medeiros Fund Fellowships

- TSC encourages the establishment of one new fellowship, valued at \$1,000, for each Diocese.
- To date, approx. 6 fellowships have been awarded.

# Cardinal Medeiros Fund Educational Grants

- Every council is encouraged to apply for a child or grandchild who is attending a College, University or Vocational School.
- TSC goal is to surpass 170 applicants.
- All submissions must be received by Feb.
   28th

### Texas Special Olympics



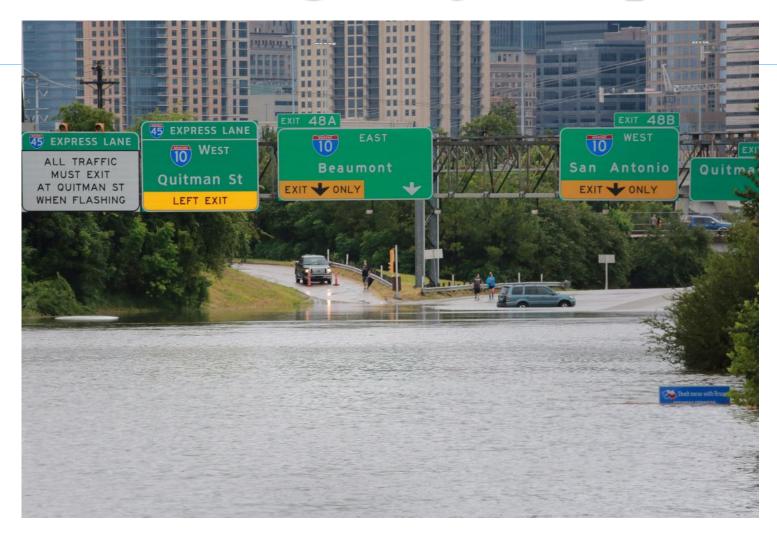
#### Texas Special Olympics Chick O'Connor Memorial

Nominate a brother in your area who excels in helping with the Special Olympics, for the Chick O'Connor Memorial Award. This award is given to an individual at the TSC convention who demonstrates leadership, volunteerism, fundraising, and community involvement. The nomination form is available at www.tkofc.org.

#### Texas Special Olympics File Form #10784

File form #10784 to report activities with the Special Olympics, including donated manpower or financial contributions. Councils participating in state charity goals may report 25 cents per eligible member from Charity goal. Forms are due to Supreme by at will to qualify for Lone Star Of Excellence Award.

## TSC Emergency Response



# TSC Emergency Response Guidance & Assistance

- Familiarize yourself with your Diocesan Emergency Response Coordinator (ERC).
- As a council, appoint a local ERC.
- Conduct local training and establish various communication methods with others.
- The TSC recommends budgeting \$500 for a local emergency.

# Education, Training & Communication

## DD 102

#### Your Role

- •You are a representative of the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy.
- You are critical to the success in your district, state and order.
- You guide, mentor and provide leadership to the councils.
- You pass down and make sure councils understand information from Supreme and State Leadership.

## A Quick Reminder •You guide your councils, but....

•You guide your councils, but....
You do not manage or run the council.
If the council is not broken, don't fix it.
Only use authority IF needed, as a last resort.
Always notify your Diocesan Deputy.

•Be an answer and information man.

A Resource

A Mentor

Some Thoughts On Leading

- •We lead People (Influence/Inspire)
- •We Manage Programs (Product/Paperwork)

•You can't "manage" people any better than you can lead a program!





#### Thoughts Continued

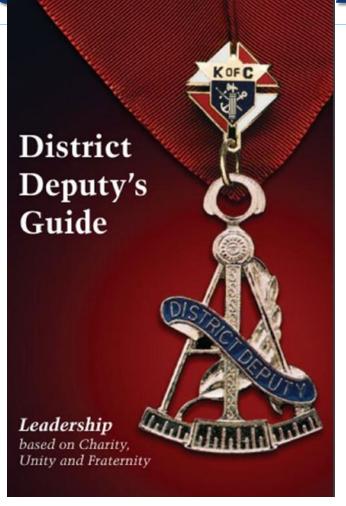
#### As a leader do your best to identify...

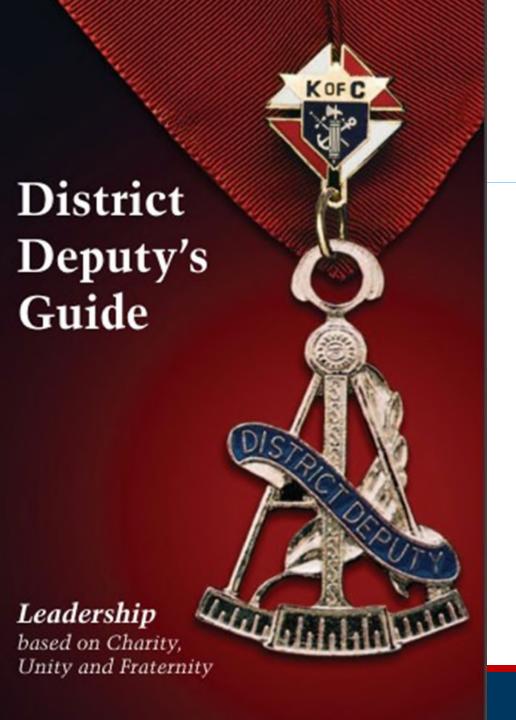
- What "Motivates your men"
- It is different with each person.
- It's not always going to be easy!
- Make sure your men are trained.
- Make sure they are rewarded properly.

•Mentoring is done before, during and after your time in office.

- •You can develop a man into a leader by:
  - Teaching them how to do it.
  - Showing them how to do it, but never doing it for them.
  - Letting them do it their way.
- Push them out of their comfort zone to help them grow
- •Be patient and accept mistakes as learning opportunities.
- Acknowledge their frustrations, then look for solutions.







- Attend Organizational & Mid-Year Meetings
- Encourage Council Leadership to attend the Diocesan Conferences
- Hold A District Meeting once a quarter
- Attend council meetings once a quarter
- Encourage strategic planning meetings
- •File all needed reports

- •Guide councils on using programs to engage and keep members.
- Review & make honest decisions on AMI.
- •Make sure all councils are recruiting men and then hosting Exemplifications.
- •Make sure YOU & the councils are reviewing the Candidate Tab & contact EVERY man.

- •Insure compliance & make sure councils are following laws & rules of the Order.
- Insure payment of State & Supreme Per Capita
- Insure collection of council dues & funds.
- •Insure council books are kept as prescribed by law. (You have authority to inspect all books and must take possession in the event of dissolution.)

- •Direct council trustees on their duties
- Identify and Develop New Councils

Promote Membership recruitment and programming!

- •Communicate w/ Your council often.
- •Email, Text Or Call them on the Phone!!!!



#### The District Meeting

- •Why?
  - 1. Make sure councils are informed
  - 2. Make sure they understand the information
  - 3. Team building
- •Some Ideas:
  - 1. It must be important to you & they must be there
  - 2. Have an agenda, make it worth their time
  - 3. Try a breakfast or lunch meeting

#### One On One

- Have a one-on-one with each Grand Knight
- Just between each of you.
- •Tell me honestly:
  - 1. How is your council really doing?
  - 2. Where are you having problems?
  - 3. How is the communication?
- Anything critical that needs to be addressed.

#### Membership

- •Are your councils recruiting? Holding Church Drives? Hosting CUFs?
  - ► If yes, what is working and how can we share it?
  - ➤ If no, reasons and/or excuses?

•Ask yourself: Where does this council need help and how can I give it to them?

#### Programs

- •Be the person looking from the outside.
- •What is the council known for?
- You are your programs.
- Promote Faith & Service through your programs.
- •Use State & Supreme Programs as Starting Points.

#### Be Their Cheerleader

- Know & Promote the various Incentives
- •Make their success a Big Deal.



#### District Warden

- Great position for an upcoming District Deputy
- This person can be a shadow
- Make sure you give them something to do
- Helpful if they have held several council offices
- •A chance for him to build relationships with the councils and the state team.

#### Star Council

#### **Father McGivney Award**

Membership Quota 7% of current membership Or Minimum of 5

#### Service Program Personnel Report

Form #365 Due – July 1st

#### Columbian Award

Report Form #SP7 Due – June 30th

#### **Good Standing**

Current with all Supreme Council assessments - as of June 30<sup>th</sup> of the fraternal year

#### **Multiple Stars**

Earn Double Star by attaining 200% Earn Triple Star by attaining 300% Earn Four Star by attaining 400%

#### Founders' Award

Host 2 Fraternal Benefit Events. Have 10 of 14 (depending on council size) unique attendees between the 2 events

#### Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Report Form #1728 Due – January 31st



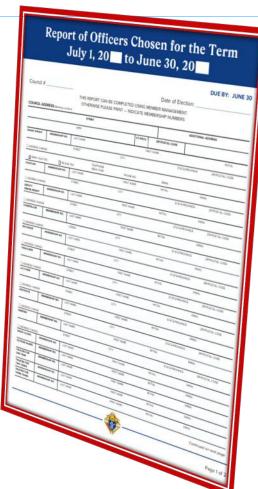


#### Star Tracker

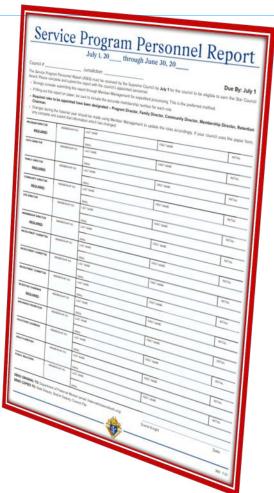
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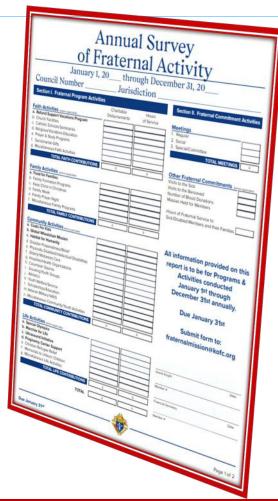
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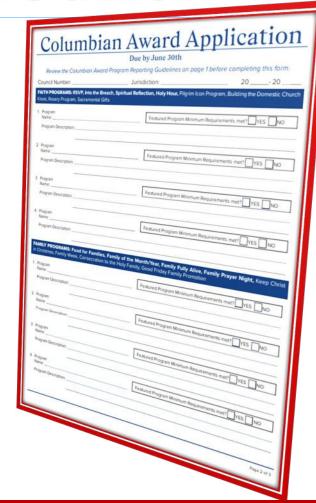
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Personnel Report
(Form #365)
Due July 1st
Required



3. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form #1728)
Due January 31st Required



4. Columbian Award
(Form SP-7)
Due Prior to June
30th
Required



### Safe Environment

- Council must be in compliance.
- Most common problems are:
  - Email went to spam or junk folder.
  - Let time expire.
  - ► Did not take all training modules.
  - Did not see follow up emails for background check.
  - ➤ Issue with name (nick name used, etc.)



### Safe Environment Requirements

POSITION	COMPLETE COURSE	BACKGROUND CHECK
Grand Knight	YES	N/A
Program Director	YES	N/A
Family Director	YES	YES
Community Director	YES	YES

- •Minimum of 3 people (Grand Knight can hold one other position).
- Personal Email Addresses required

### Safe Environment Requirements

#### MEMBER HELPLINE

Phone: (203) 800-4940

Fax: (855) 845-3502

YOUTHLEADER@KOFC.ORG

#### OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION

Phone: (203) 752-4558

Fax: (855) 845-3502

OYP@KOFC.ORG

- •Problems can and do come up. It is best to have the Knight call or email.
- •Calling works out best to iron out issues on a "one on one" basis.

#### Star District

#### Membership

Attain 70% of district membership quota

#### Insurance

50% of councils in district attain

Founders Award

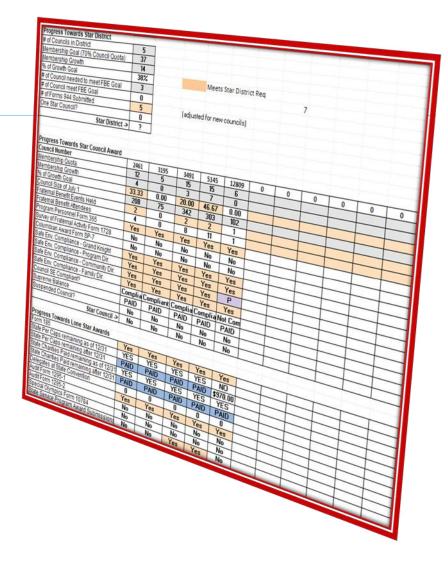
#### **Star Council**

At least one council in district must achieve any level of the Star Council Award





Star Tracker
You can Look up
information by your
district & get a
complete snapshot



## Five Keys To Being A Succesful Leader

#### **✓** Humility

- ➤ Be a man w/ humility- It's the most important part of building a strong team.
- ➤ Humility us being othercentered, not self-centered.
- The humble leader focuses on others and the mission, not on himself.



## Five Keys To Being A Succesful Leader

#### ✓ Integrity

- ➤ Be a man of integrity- it's how you will build trust.
- We must be leaders who people can trust.
- We must conduct ourselves in a way that is consistent with the mission.



### Five Keys To Being A Succesful Leader

#### **✓** Moral Courage

- ➤ Be a man of courage, especially moral courage to make tough decisions.
- We must build strong KofC teams- not simply enlisting unqualified friends.
- Moral courage helps us have tough conversations
- Leaders with moral courage don't say: "We have always done it this way."



### Five Keys To Being A Succesful Leader

#### **✓** Unity

- Be a man of unity; unity is the most precious resource we have as Knights.
- ➤ Be loyal to the KofC mission; loyal to the Supreme Council; loyal to the State Council; loyal to brother Knights.
- ➤ Keep Knights united with each other.



### Five Keys To Being A Succesful Leader

#### √ Foresight

- Be a man with foresight. Don't focus on yourself, focus on the Order's future.
- Fr. McGivney built the Knights to last. He built it so Knights are not dependent on any one leader or personality.
- We live & work in the present, but we anticipate the challenges of the future & aren't afraid to innovate.



## EFF





O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and loving Saviour, consume my heart with the burning fire with which Yours is aflamed.

Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love.
Let my heart be united with Yours.
Let my will be conformed to Yours in all things.

May tour Will be the rule
of the my desires and actions.





### Salvation History and Evangelization

- \*Salvation history is the narrative of God's plan to save human beings from sin and bring them to eternal life. It is a two part story of God's promises to His people before the coming of Jesus and God fulfilling His promises through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.
- Evangelization is the act of proclaiming this story to others through words and actions, inviting them to a relationship with Christ for their own salvation





## Evangelization and the Knights

"But we are not merely volunteers. We are servants of Christ who see his face in those we serve. Ours is a charity that evangelizes. Ours is a charity that brings people to faith, even as it springs from our own. Faith and courage inspire us to be men of unity"



-SK Patrick Kelly



## Evangelization and the Knights

- •We are Catholic Men called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ first and foremost, it is our primary mission. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- We must know the Story back and forth so that it flows in and out of all our conversations with Brother Knights, Future Brother Knights and our Families.

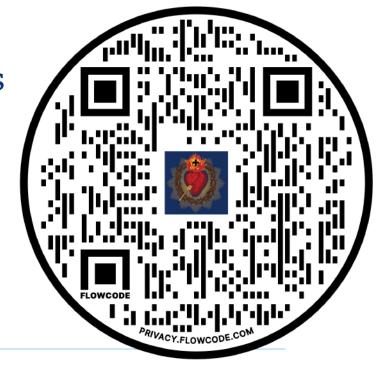






### Role of Council EFF Director

- Work alongside council leadership, especially the Membership and Programs directors, to create Christ centered messaging and add faith and prayer elements to existing council activities
- Ensure Brothers know their Mission to Evangelize and invite men into a relationship with Jesus





Active fraternal leader in your council beyond COR, assisting to further "unite members in their Catholic identity and the practice of their Catholic faith."

https://info.kofc.org/EFF-Onboarding-LP.html



#### Amarillo

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

11

Current Council EFF Directors submitted through Supreme link as of November 2025

1

## Diocesan EFF Coordinator Joshua Correa

#### Austin

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

47

Current Council EFF Directors submitted through Supreme link as of November 2025

8

# Diocesan EFF Coordinator Deacon Phúc Phan

#### Beaumont

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

10

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## Diocesan EFF Coordinator Deacon Michael Sigur

#### Brownsville

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

30

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## Diocesan EFF Coordinator Eduardo Saenz

### Corpus Christi

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

14

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## Diocesan EFF Coordinator Abel Gutierrez

#### Dallas

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

36

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16

# Diocesan EFF Coordinator Dr. James Kauffmann

#### El Paso

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

29

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11

## Diocesan EFF Coordinator John Danley

#### Fort Worth

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

38

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## Diocesan EFF Coordinator TBD

#### Galveston - Houston

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

50

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19

# Diocesan EFF Coordinator Don Hensley

#### Laredo

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

12

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## Diocesan EFF Coordinator Hector Chapa

#### Lubbock

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

17

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## Diocesan EFF Coordinator Richard Hernandez

### San Angelo

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

25

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#### Diocesan EFF Coordinator

Deacon Pete Madrid - Deanery Tino Vuelvas - Midland/Odessa Kevin Pantoja - Abilene

#### San Antonio

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

58

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24

## Diocesan EFF Coordinator Joe Hernandez

## Tyler

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

16

Current Council EFF Directors submitted through Supreme link as of November 2025

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## Diocesan EFF Coordinator Pat Farquharson

### Victoria

944 - "YES" Will council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year

14

Current Council EFF Directors submitted through Supreme link as of November 2025

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# Diocesan EFF Coordinator Eloy Bonuz



#### COR

Christ centered brotherhood

Not a program - Not a meeting

Framework for intentional:

#### **Prayer † Fraternity † Formation**

Open to all men of the parish

In service of the Pastor & requires his permission

\*Not meant to compete with existing men's ministries; designed to support & strengthen the good already happening cor-es





#### Texas State EFF Team





Evangelization & Faith Formation Director Texas State Council

ggb@me.com 940-247-1721



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John Danley

(Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, El Paso)

•Gregory Brown

(Beaumont, Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler)

Jose Ramos

(Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Laredo, San Antonio)

•Will Britten

(Austin, Galveston-Houston, Victoria)







#### Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.







# Membership

#### **Membership Committee**





Bill Tillotson - Director **Ed Tydings - Recruitment Coordinator** Larry Pfeifer - All Councils Active Clint Mendonca - Online Membership JD Gutierrez - Exemplifications Michael Barnett - Retention & AMI Victoriano Garcia New Council Development Jason Kelley - Council Reactivation Arlie Markusen, David Richard, Dan Porter -Committeemen Josh Jones - College Councils / NexGen





### •CreAnything You Want

- Performance to date
- •24/7 Membership Recruitment
- •All Councils/Districts Active
- Online Membership
- Exemplifications
- New Council Development and React.
- College Councils / NexGen Membership
- Member/Council Retention and AMI

# CREDO

I believe the Knights of Columbus provides Catholic men in today's world the best opportunity of following in the footsteps of Christ.

I thus want to do all within my power to grow the Order and foster healthy, vibrant councils in every parish.

### Progress Year To Date - Div. 1

Division 1	on 1 Austin			Dallas			Fort Worth			Gal-Houston			San Antonio		
	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%
Jul	40	35	88%	30	27	90%	31	29	94%	61	61	100%	44	61	139%
Aug	52	66	127%	39	59	151%	41	44	107%	80	76	95%	57	42	74%
Sept	57	63	111%	43	62	144%	45	46	102%	89	155	174%	63	98	156%
Q1	149	164	110%	112	148	132%	117	119	102%	230	292	127%	164	201	123%
Oct	69	63	91%	51	45	88%	54	42	78%	106	111	105%	76	101	133%
Nov	61	66	108%	45	55	122%	48	60	125%	94	88	94%	67	86	128%
Dec	57		0%	43		0%	45		0%	88		0%	63		0%
Q2	187	129	69%	139	100	72%	147	102	69%	288	199	69%	206	187	91%

Progress Year To Date - Div. 2

Division 2	Brownsville			Corpus Christi			San Angelo			Victoria		
	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%
Jul	14	11	79%	14	11	79%	13	3	23%	18	4	22%
Aug	18	15	83%	19	8	42%	17	10	59%	23	5	22%
Sept	20	35	175%	21	6	29%	19	17	89%	25	15	60%
Q1	52	61	117%	54	25	46%	49	30	61%	66	24	36%
Oct	24	16	67%	25	17	68%	23	23	100%	30	15	50%
Nov	21	33	157%	22	11	50%	20	6	30%	27	19	70%
Dec	20		0%	21		0%	19		0%	25		0%
Q2	65	49	75%	68	28	41%	62	29	47%	82	34	41%

## Progress Year To Date - Div. 3

Division 3	Amarillo		Amarillo Beaumont El Paso			Laredo			Lubbock			Tyler						
	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%	Goal	Actual	%
Jul	8	3	38%	9	5	56%	12	7	58%	6	7	117%	8	5	63%	10	12	120%
Aug	10	5	50%	12	19	158%	16	11	69%	8	12	150%	10	13	130%	14	10	71%
Sept	11	10	91%	14	29	207%	18	33	183%	9	7	78%	12	18	150%	15	19	127%
Q1	29	18	62%	35	53	151%	46	51	111%	23	26	113%	30	36	120%	39	41	105%
Oct	13	7	54%	16	17	106%	21	13	62%	10	13	130%	14	14	100%	18	4	22%
Nov	12	0	0%	14	9	64%	19	33	174%	9	10	111%	12	15	125%	16	13	81%
Dec	11		43%	14		17%	17		0%	9		56%	12		29%	15		36%
Q2	36	7	19%	44	26	59%	57	46	81%	28	23	82%	38	29	76%	49	17	35%

DD1 Francisco "Frank" Garcia (EP) - 114%
DD2 Gilbert De La Rosa (EP) - 75%
DD3 Armando Acosta (EP) - 109%
DD5 Edward T Lyon Jr (EP) - 80%
DD8 Joseph P O'Connor Jr (EP) - 227%
DD9 Robert Aranda (EP) - 140%

DD18 Michael A Steiner (FTW) - 74%
DD19 Richard Rumenapp (FTW) - 108%
DD24 Ruben Cisneros (FTW) - 50%
DD26 Mark Von Rosenberg (FTW) - 85%
DD27 Mark G Stack (FTW) - 62%
DD29 Don Kotzer (FTW) - 150%
DD30 Dominick Gervasi (FTW) - 127%
DD32 Leonard Gruca (FTW) - 94%

DD34 Jason Houy (ASA) - 56% DD36 Richard Bryant (ASA) - 175% DD37 Daniel Garza (ASA) - 75% DD39 Eliseo Zapata (ASA) - 53% DD40 Anthony M Morales (ASA) - 110% DD42 William J Edwards (ASA) - 125% DD43 Adam G Rabel (ASA) - 104% DD44 Jordan Delgado (ASA) - 190% DD47 Thomas G Cantu (ASA) - 87% DD49 David Martin (ASA) - 121% DD50 Ameen H Al-Bahloly (ASA) - 93% DD51 Benjamin Torres (ASA) - 92% DD52 Ruben Gallegos (ASA) - 138% DD54 Jesse J Aguilar (ASA) - 57% DD56 Anthony Cantu (ASA) - 69% DD58 Louis C Soriano (ASA) - 50% DD60 Thomas Stamp (ASA) - 107% DD61 Richard E Vasquez (ASA) - 124%

DD63 Joe Hernandez (ASA) - 81%

DD69 Donald Salmon (GH) - 67% DD70 Samuel l Flores Sr (GH) - 71% DD71 Joseph A Kramer Jr (GH) - 81% DD72 Joaquin E Perez (GH) - 90% DD74 Gabriel A Couriel (GH) - 111% DD77 John Sicola (GH) - 156% DD79 Christopher L Breaux (GH) - 94% DD80 Richard De La Garza (GH) - 61% DD85 Jeff Thigpen (GH) - 65% DD86 Clarence "CJ" Hattier (GH) - 76% DD87 Robert A Alcala (GH) - 67% DD90 Thomas Zendejo (GH) - 90% DD91 Vinh "Anton" V Nguyen (GH) - 257% DD92 Robert J McAndrews (GH) - 168% DD93 John A Williams (GH) - 92% DD95 Norris "Gabe" Schexnider (GH) - 50% DD125 Jonathan Vernon (BEA) - 104% DD96 Fernando Flores (GH) - 117%

DD100 Michael Bleacher (GH) - 155% DD101 Anthony "Tony" Scarpa (GH) - 86% DD102 Samuel Gonzalez (GH) - 200%

DD107 Robert M Repka Jr (DAL) - 100% DD108 John "Jack" G Ayers (DAL) - 87% DD109 Kebran W Alexander (DAL) - 65% DD110 Richard C Frasco (DAL) - 87% DD111 Michael Kells-Murphy (DAL) - 172% DD112 John R Plote (DAL) - 80% DD113 Nick Flores (DAL) - 57% DD114 Ben R Oani (DAL) - 94%

DD123 Tony L Tomplait (BEA) - 51% DD124 Thomas Ehrensberger Jr (BEA) - 111% DD126 Mycal English (BEA) - 50%

DD134 Damian Oldmixon (TYL) - 50% DD135 Joseph J Guzzetta (TYL) - 84% DD136 Ricky C Solice (TYL) - 64% DD138 Juan G Martinez (TYL) - 93%

DD142 Bill Coleman (AUS) - 74% DD143 Eugene Presta (AUS) - 64% DD146 David E Guerra (AUS) - 59% DD147 Dannie Hefner (AUS) - 72% DD150 Martin Schuessler (AUS) - 100% DD151 Webster Veade Jr (AUS) - 161% DD152 Martin L Fracker (AUS) - 90% DD154 Philip Rocha (AUS) - 55% DD155 Ernesto H Wallace Sr (AUS) - 59% DD156 George G Scott (AUS) - 74% DD158 Darrel Vinklarek (AUS) - 82% DD160 Gary L Reeves (AUS) - 230%

DD169 Daniel C Solis (CC) - 58% DD175 Ricky Foust (CC) - 119%

DD186 Ricky Servantes (VIC) - 100% DD193 Porfirio Michael Gonzales (VIC) - 61%

DD200 Jose Foster (AMA) - 200%

DD207 Daniel Norman (BRW) - 65%
DD208 Michael Carmona (BRW) - 243%
DD209 Reynaldo Mendoza (BRW) - 56%
DD210 Antonio C Puente Sr (BRW) - 62%
DD211 Michael Murphy (BRW) - 160%
DD213 Sean L Richey (BRW) - 100%
DD216 Haroldo Rodriguez (BRW) - 100%
DD218 Ruben G Rodriguez (BRW) - 333%
DD219 Miguel A Espinoza (BRW) - 75%

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DD221 Roman M Estrada (SAN) - 63%
DD223 Peter "PJ" M Thompson Jr (SAN) - 56%
DD224 Jerry Peters (SAN) - 64%
DD227 Michael J Murray (SAN) - 57%
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DD232 Hector Chapa Jr (LAR) - 150%
DD233 Higinio "Gene" G Reyes Jr (LAR) - 267%
DD234 Jose "Joe" Garcia (LAR) - 133%
DD236 Enrique Adriano (LAR) - 57%
DD238 Miguel A Medellin (LAR) - 70%
DD239 Humberto N Esquinca (LAR) - 71%

DD244 Jose Gilberto Salinas (LUB) - 71% DD246 Alonzo D Mendoza (LUB) - 163%

### Special December Incentive

	Dec Goal	Mod Goal
Austin	57	72
Dallas	43	54
Fort Worth	45	57
Gal-Houston	88	111
San Antonio	63	79

In order to make up ground on
other D1 jurisdictions, we are
asking you to stretch your
December goals.

Brownsville	20	25
Corpus Christi	21	26
San Angelo	19	24
Victoria	25	31

Anything above your present
December goal will be subtracted
from your January goal.

Amarillo	11	14
Beaumont	14	18
El Paso	17	21
Laredo	9	12
Lubbock	12	15
Tyler	15	19

You and your DDs can make this extra stretch goal happen.

Total	459	578
	× ×	

### Membership Recruitment

As a leader, you should be encouraging regular and consistent recruitment

- Inviting Culture
- •Man-to-man: the gold standard
- Every council event is a recruitment event
- Recruitment Drives
- Adult sons of members, OCIA Graduates, etc.

Every Council and Diocese should have a Membership Director

40% of Catholic men would be willing to join an organization like the Knights if they were asked

### All Councils Active

Dio Ds and DDs need to address councils that are at zero membership recruitment

Ascertain issues with the parish

Ascertain issues with the council

Develop strategies on a case by case basis to help the council get past issues

Councils often just don't know how to execute membership recruitment – YOU CAN HELP!

Special teams to come into parishes have been a big success

## Online Membership

We need District Deputies to be Online Membership Evangelists

All new members should come in through Online Membership

Prospects join at kofc.org/join

Make sure new online member has:

- Council Number
- Proposer Membership Number
- Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY



Online Member goes on the Prospect Tab of the council – can be seen by GK, FS and DD

### Online Membership

Prospect Tab listing is sent out every other week

Pending Applicant List is sent out every month

**WORK THESE LISTS** 

State gets -1 goal reduction for every 10 conversions

Pending applicants are an easy +1 – man just has to click a link

Forms 100 – Still 10% of new members

Any online membership questions, call Bill Tillotson or Clint Mendonca. Most things are easily fixed

Officer/Chairman is Notified When	State Deputy	State Membership Director	State Online Membership Chairman	State Online Membership Coordinato	District	Grand Knight	Financial Secretary	General Agent
New Online Member Joins; Council Number entered on eApp	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
New Online Member Joins; no Council Number entered on eApp	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓				<b>✓</b>
Online Member has been assigned to Local Council via Prospect Tab*								
Member took on-demand Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Member took In-Person CUF Degree and Degree Date entered into Officers Online**								

<sup>\*</sup> In this case, the state council has assigned a member to a local council. Thus, it is up to the state council to notify and no automatic email is sent from the system.

<sup>\*\*</sup> In this case, the local council has entered the degree date. Thus, it is up to the local council to notify and no automatic email is sent from the system.

### Exemplifications

One Exemplification per District per Month

Details must be entered online by the 1st of the month



How to make an Exemplification

- Best In Person CUF at your parish
- Next Best In Person CUF in your area
- Next Best Attending On Demand CUF at a council event
- Next Best Attending On Demand CUF by oneself
- The Absolute Worst Not attending a CUF

<u>https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/fraternal-operations.html?icon-tabs=1</u>

### New Councils and Reactivations

Victoriano Garcia (New Councils) and Jason Kelley (Reactivations) are your resource

PLEASE always start with these steps

- Meet with Pastor
- Contact Victoriano or Jason
- Submit Form 133 Notice of Intent



These guys' job is to help you through the process

**New Council Development Guide** 

**Steps to Council Reactivation** 

### New and Reactivated Councils

#### **NEW COUNCILS**

REACTIVATED COUNCILS

Llano Council 18787

Chartered 8/12/2025

District 160 (AUS) - Gary Reeves

San Benito 18815

Chartered 10/31/2025

District 208 (BRO) - Michael Carmona

Dilley Council 12367

Reactivated 10/1/2025

District 37 (ASA) - Daniel Garza

Bracketville 8223

Reactivated 10/20/2025

District 36 (ASA) - Richard Bryant, Del Rio

Graham 9634

Reactivated 11/19/2025

District 23 (FTW) – Richard Bryant, Graham

## College Councils & NexGen

23 college councils in Texas (7 on inactive status)

Of the 16 active councils, 8 have made annual membership goal

• UTSA Council 17492 - 120%



St. Mary's Council 18327 - 160%



U of H Council 15105 - 280%



• Baylor Council 13577 - 120% 📮









## College Councils & NexGen

New council in formation at University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. Reactivation ongoing at TCU in Fort Worth.

Attended Supreme College Council conference September 26-28 in New Haven: Assumption Seminary, St. Mary's, UTSA, Texas A&M – Kingsville, Baylor, University of Houston and Texas Tech.

The University of Houston Council 15105 was named the Outstanding College Council for 2024-2025

The College Council Conference for Texas will be in San Antonio at St. Mary's University March 20-22, 2026.



### Council Retention and AMI

Provide membership retention support

Provide council retention support to help minimize suspended councils

Point of contact for implementation of the Affiliate Membership Initiative – 'tis the season

AMI can now be done ANYTIME – not just in the spring

**AMI Procedure for Texas State Council** 

### Newly Suspended Councils - Dec. 1

	Council Number	Location	Name	Lang	Grand Knight	Financial Secretary
1	17420	El Paso	Hermanos De San Francisco De Asis	S		
4	9129	El Paso	Christ The Savior	E	Ramon J Pagan	Mr David Belgie
12	10509	Kermit	Child Jesus	E	Ervey F Pineda	Ernesto J Valencia
18	17902	Fort Worth	San Jorge	S		Joel J Plasencia
47	16760	San Antonio	St. Michael'S	E		
65	11438	Houston	Father Angelo Moscato	S	Saul Carrillo	Mario L Sazo Jr
67	16218	Houston	St Christopher	E	Miguel A Hernandez	Deacon Benito Tristan Jr
76	15322	South Houston	Our Lady Of Grace	S	Luis Flores	Mr. Jose A Menendez
77	12866	Houston	St Theresa The Little Flower	Е	Mr Chance W Nohavitza	Mr Chris Favre
89	8247	Houston	Holy Name	Е	Ruben R Chavez	Daniel C Cortez
89	8734	Houston	Our Lady Of St John	Е	Alex S Gonzales	John Tobias
113	17026	Dallas	Psd Javier S. Martinez	S		Gerardo Salazar
115	5243	Irving	Holy Family	Е	Curtiss L Hantelmann	Rene O Rodriguez
115	17146	Irving	St. Andrew Kim	Е		Mike Yun
159	14741	Uhland	St Michael	П		Edward H Castilleja
174	14776	Sinton	Sacred Heart Sinton	Е	Norverto Garza Jr	Edward A Sanchez
174	15512	Taft	Immaculate Conception Taft	Е	Joadrian M Vara	Francisco Gonzalez
221	9215	Midland	Our Lady Of Guadalupe	Е	Mr Larry Rodriguez	Mr Daniel Rodriguez
228	2163	Abilene	Bert Koegl	E	Mr Tony Rosales	Mr Richard Garza
231	13675	La Pryor	St Joseph & St Patrick	E		Nicholas S Ruano
235	8368	Crystal City	Rev Jose A Prieto O M I	E	Jesus C Jimenez	Jose Luis Balderas
236	7797	Laredo	Mother Cabrini	E	Juan Francisco E Valero	Eduardo Rodriguez
236	10413	Laredo	St Jude	E		Leonardo Perez

### Conclusion

We should be encouraging all Catholic Men to follow in Christ's footsteps through the Knights

We should be working to have dynamic and active councils in all Catholic churches in Texas

PLEASE do not flounder – you can reach out to us for anything

Working together, we can have Texas' best year yet

### <u>Mid-Year Meeting 2025 - 2026</u> STATE PROGRAMS









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Programs
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Rick Guzman
Fraternal Year
2025-2026





### Fatih In Action





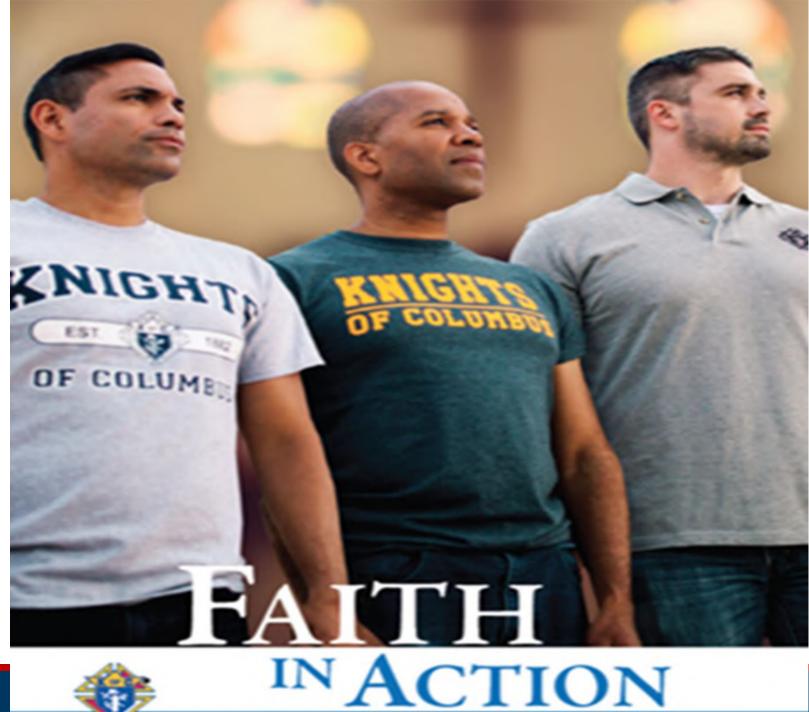






#### Faith In Action Manual







#### Featured Programs

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IN ACTION

**FAITH** 

**RSVP** 

Into The Breach

Holy Hour

Spiritual Reflection

\*Viva Cristo Rey

\*Imitating St. Juan Diego

#### **COMMUNITY**

Global Wheelchair Mission

Habit for Humanity

Helping Hands

Coats for Kids

\*Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage

\*Bright Futures



Eight new Faith in Action programs have been released as part of our efforts to welcome more Hispanic men into the Order, Each of these programs is a "Featured" program, earning councils 2 program credits toward the Columbian Award.

Fraternal Leader Advisory 136



#### Featured Programs

**FAMILY** 

Food for Families

Family of the Month/Year

Family Fully Alive

Family Prayer Night

\*Remembering Our Faithfully

Departed

\*Quincenera Support

Life

March of Life

**Special Olympics** 

Ultra Sound Program

**Pregnancy Center Support** 

\*Gospel of Life

\*Holy Hour for Life with Our

Lady of Gudalupe

https://www.ksat.com/vid eo/news/2025/11/29/2000 -coats-distributed-to-sanantonio-families-astemperatures-start-to-

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#### **Avoiding Pitfalls – Athletic Events**

Make sure that all competitors compete at the same time and at the same venue, thus avoiding opening Pandora's Box.

Parents will complain about any and everything.

Keep disagreements with brother Knights civil, without yelling at each other, especially in front of the general public.



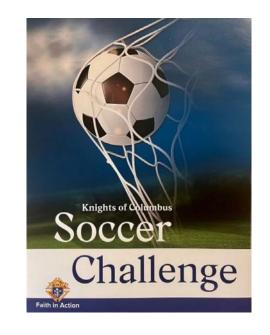




# Time Sensitive Program

Council Level: August - September.

District & Diocesan Level: September – October.



Diocesan Winners sent to the me in November.

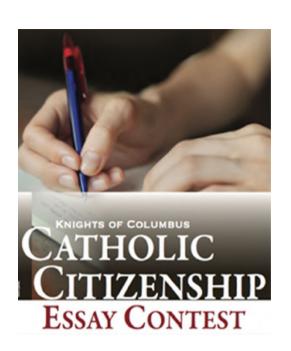


Scores at all three levels are needed.

If the ball hits the rope: re-kick.



# Time Sensitive Programs



The judging on both of these programs should be currently on going and the Diocesan winners need to be sent to the me by January 15th, 2026









# **Pro-Life**



State Chairman Hector Gutierrez is the contact person for all Pro-Life related events, and ordering Ace Wings. Texas rally for Life · A STATEWIDE RALLY At the Capitol in Austin · Saturday, January 24, 2026











## **Pregnancy Resource**

State Chairman Greg Dutchover

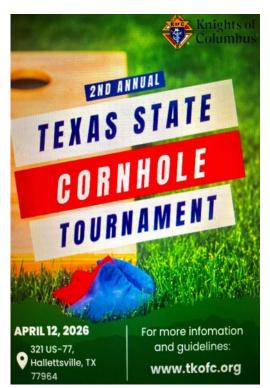
Greg can assist in completing all the necessary paperwork needed by Supreme for purchasing Ultrasound machines and pre-qualifying pregnancy resource centers.



Over 1 million moms have seen their unborn children thanks to the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program.







2nd Annual State Cornhole Tournament **April**12, 2026 – Hallettsville, TX - Council 2433

New format: Doubles, with one alternate team member. Age Requirement: 13 years of age by the start of the Fraternal Year.

Council winners advance directly to the State Tournament.

The council tournaments were allowed to start on July 1<sup>st</sup>,2025 and must be concluded prior to March 16th, 2026.

Prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

Prizes: TBA.





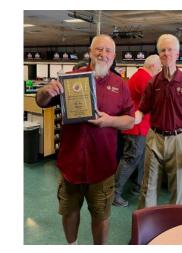
#### State Annual Bowling Tournament

Max Bowl Humble, 2390 Wilson Road in Humble Tx.



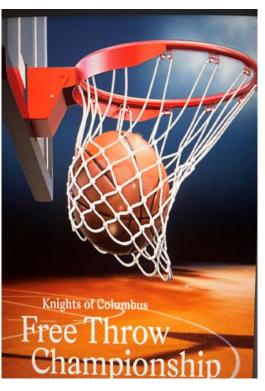
The plan is to Team Bowling on Saturdays and doubles/singles on Sundays like we do every year.

Entry fees to \$30/event, with All-Events being \$10. A bowler would then pay \$100 for 9 games.









#### State Free Throw Championship

Worthy Grand Knights be sure order Kits and medals for the contest at the council level.

Worthy Diocesan Deputies, the State Council will secure the medals for the District and Regional/Diocesan Free Throw Contests.

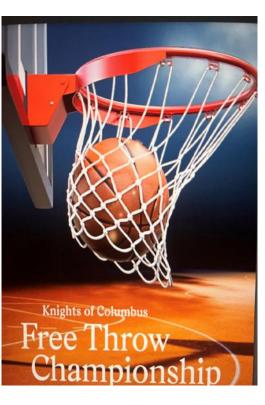
Make sure everyone is using the newest score sheet.

Council Championship — January
District Championship — February
Regional (Diocesan) Championship (optional) — February
State Championship — March 8, 2025, San Antonio

Please make every effort to have a score for the winners at every level because it could come into play in a tie breaker at the Supreme Level.







#### State Free Throw Championship

State Free Throw Championship, March 8th, 2026, San Antonio Texas.

Location: Ed White Middle School, 7800 Mid Crown, San Antonio Texas, 78218

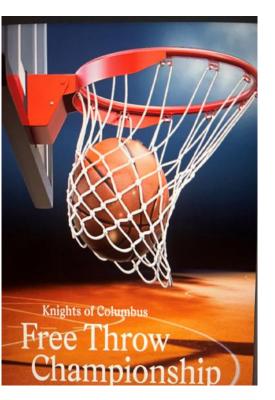
Gym opens at 7am, Registration 7:30 am - 9am Practice - Warm Up 7:30am - 9am

Presentation of the Colors & opening prayer at 9am, Competition starts











#### State Free Throw Championship

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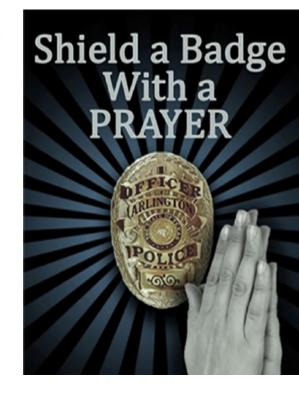


# Shield A Badge With A Prayer

Pray for your local, state and federal Law Enforcement Officers.

Pray for their safety, good judgement and a safe return home.

Pat Henz can help you with this program.

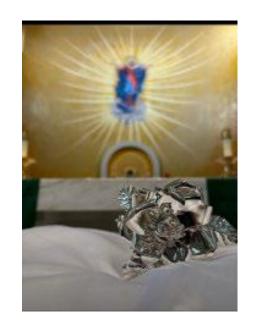




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# Silver Rose program

The schedule is posted in the Star Guide online.

Order additional Silver Rose booklets. Must submit a 10784 from after each activity for the Silver Rose.











#### Silver Rose International Bridge Transfer

Silver Rose Dinner 12/09/25, 7pm -Falcon Reception Center, Laredo Texas

Mass/Silver Rose Transfer Ceremony 12 noon 12/10/24, San Agustin Cathedral.

Silver Rose Bridge Transfer – after the Mass.





# RSVP / Seminary Support

The Knights support approximately 300 seminarians across the state. The total support last year from the Knights of Columbus to our Texas seminarians was approximately \$305,000.

For every \$500 in support provided by the councils, Supreme will refund \$100.

Complete form #2863 to request the refund from Supreme.

If the councils have not sent in their funds to the seminarians that they are supporting, now is a great time.

Also, send Christmas and Birthday cards to show your support for the seminarians.



#### **KofC LICENSE PLATE - RETIRED PRIEST FUND**

This is the Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund.

Donations can be made at <u>TKOFC.ORG</u>. Or purchase a State Charity Council

Magnet for \$20. Or acquire and display a Texas Knights of Columbus license plate on your vehicle.

The easiest way to order a Knights of Columbus Texas License Plate is to go to MYPLATES.COM.

The prices are \$30 for a state issued plate and \$70 for a personalized or vanity plate.

\$22 from each new and renewed license plate goes from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to the Knights of Columbus Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Fund to support retired priests.

Total	Fraternal Year
\$27,988	2024-2025
\$26,471	2023-2024
\$27,516	2022-2023



# Pilgrim Icon

Our jurisdiction received 14 Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icons in early 2025.

Icons, prayer service booklets, prayer cards, and posters will be included.

Each framed image bears the blessing of Pope Francis.









# State Programs: ASAP Program

ASAP: Aid and Support After Pregnancy.

This is Our First Lady's Project, so let's support her.



Donations can be made by a Council or by an individual.

Resources:

https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/asap.html



Donations: must be between July 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.





## Veterans Affairs and Services

The Veterans in our Order are key members who bring many attributes that are reflective of their Military training.

Visiting our Veteran's in their time of need, particularly at the Veteran's Hospital is a valued and honored tradition.





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Oscar Gendrop - Tyler & Brownsville Dioceses &

Archdiocese of San Antonio

Dan Rangel – Brownsville, Austin, Lubbock Dioceses

Dr. Dean Hansen - Fort Worth, Dallas, & Amarillo Dioceses

David Keating – Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston &

Brownsville Diocese

#### STAR COUNCIL AWARD

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Earn the Father McGivney Award June 30, 2026
- Earn the Founders' Award June 30, 2026
- Earn the Columbian Award June 30, 2026 HARD DEADLINE!
- Submit the Report of Service Personnel Form 365 July 1, 2025
   can be submitted all year as changes occur.
- Current with Supreme Per Capita
- Safe Environment Compliance June 10, 2026
- Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 -January 31, 2026

### STAR COUNCIL AWARD

Goals per Archdiocese/Diocese '25-'26:

DIOCESE/	No. of Active	GOAL		
ARCHDIOCESE	COUNCILS			
Amarillo	22	6		
Austin	81	21		
Beaumont	22	6		
Brownsville	39	10		
Corpus Christi	40	10		
Dallas	56	14		
El Paso	36	9		
Fort Worth	64	16		
Gal-Houston	119	30		
Laredo	16	4		
Lubbock	23	6		
San Angelo	34	9		
San Antonio	94	24		
Tyler	30	8		
Victoria	30	8		
TOTAL	727	181 (min.)		

Ended with 259 STAR COUNCIL AWARDs for '24-'25

# LONE STAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE (LSAFE) Requirements:

- > Earn the Star Council Award
- ➤ Recruit 554± of Membership Goal
- Submit Report of Officers (Form 185) to State Office by July 15, 2025 (July 15, 2026 for next Fraternal Year)
- Report Special Olympics Activities between July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026 on Form 10784 by June 30, 2026
- Meet State Charity Goal by June 30, 2026.
- Submit Audit form 1295 by August 15, 2026 for period July 1, 2025-June 2026. Per Supreme Resolution #402 from 2025 Supreme Convention
- Seat at least one delegate at the State Convention in Dallas, April 24-26, 2026.

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- > Seat at least one delegate at the State Convention in Dallas, April 24-26, 2026.

# LONE STAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE w/ Distinction Requirements:

- Earn the LSAFE
- ➤ Recruit 564± of Membership Goal
- ➤ Be a Quick Start Council (State Per Capita & State Charities) by December 31, 2025
- Contribute 554± to State Charity Goal by June 30, 2026
- Safe Environment Compliant by December 31, 2025.
- ➤ Participate in (1) FBE by December 31, 2025.
- Submit at least one entry for a State Service Program Award or Family of the Year or Blessed Michael McGivney Award or Educational Grant by March 1, 2026.

The Plan for the next 7 months:

- -Continue Membership Growth
- -Complete 2<sup>nd</sup> FBE with required participants
- -Fraternal Survey Form 1728 due -1-31-26
- -Remain Safe Environment Compliant
- -Submit Columbia Award Form SP-7 due 6-30-26
- -Submit Special Olympics Form 10784 due 6-30-26
- -Remain Current with Supreme Per Capita (4-10-26)
- -Pay State Per Capita & State Charities
- -Submit State Program Applications due 3-1-2026
- -Seat Delegates at State Convention



#### **Incentives**

1st Star Council in Texas

Every Council that pre-qualifies for Star Council as of the April 20, 2026, the Grand Knight will be entered into a drawing for a ¢544 gift card. The Drawing will be held during the State Convention weekend.

Diocesan Deputy Award
Every Diocesan Deputy that meets Star
Council Goal (25% of councils in the
diocese) will receive a 12-pak
Knights of Columbus Cooler plus a
\$25 Gift Card



Urban Peak Waterproof 12-Can Hinge Cooler

- Every Council can still be a Star Council
- ➤ The Star Council Requirements is the Road Map!
- ➤Our Team will be in contact with the District Deputy to help everyone stay on track
- ➤ Constantly adjust your plan!
- >50% + of your goals should be done by December.
- > Re-evaluate your plan in early January.
- ➤ Be aware of all deadlines! YOU CAN SUBMIT EARLY!
- Submit your SP-7 as soon as April 1, 2026. If need be, the Team will review your SP-7 to check for errors.
- ➤ You have available resources USE THEM!
- ► HAVE FUN!!!





# What is Life Insurance?

Month, Day, Year





# **Insurance Programs**

**Protecting Your Family** 



The primary goal of the Knights of Columbus:

"To render financial aid to its members and the beneficiaries of members."

-Knights of Columbus Charter



# **Insurance Programs**

#### **Protecting Your Family**

One of only 6 most highly rated life insurers in North America by Standard & Poor's<sup>1</sup>

STANDARD &POOR'S AA+ More than 40 consecutive years – since 1975 – of Superior ratings from A.

M. Best<sup>2</sup>







# **Knights of Columbus Insurance**

\$123 Billion

Life Insurance in Force<sup>1</sup>

\$30.7 Billion

Assets Under Management<sup>1</sup>





# The 2 Most Common Types Life Insurance:

#### **TERM INSURANCE**

Term is an initially less expensive option that may not have the premium guarantees or cash accumulation. Eventually expires.

#### PERMANENT INSURANCE

Initially more expensive, but has the benefit of guaranteed premiums, cash accumulation and no expiry date.

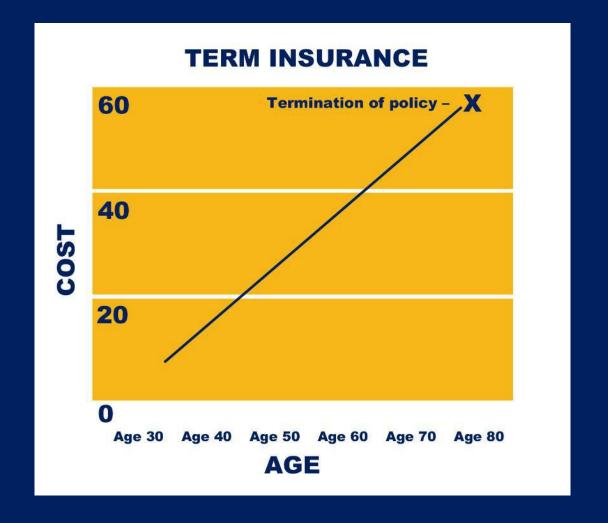
### What type of Insurance is right for you and your family?

- Need permanent or temporary?
- What premium dollar fits into your budget?
- Is it important for your policy to have a cash value that you can access during your lifetime?

### **Term Insurance**

#### **Some facts about Term:**

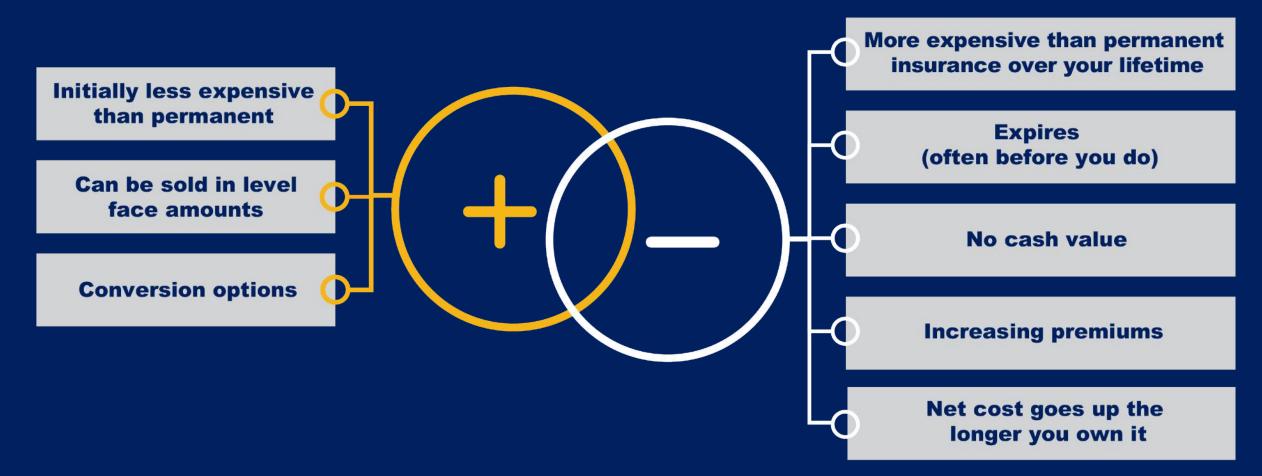
- Initially less expensive than permanent insurance
- Premiums usually increase
- Expires at some point







### Term Insurance continued

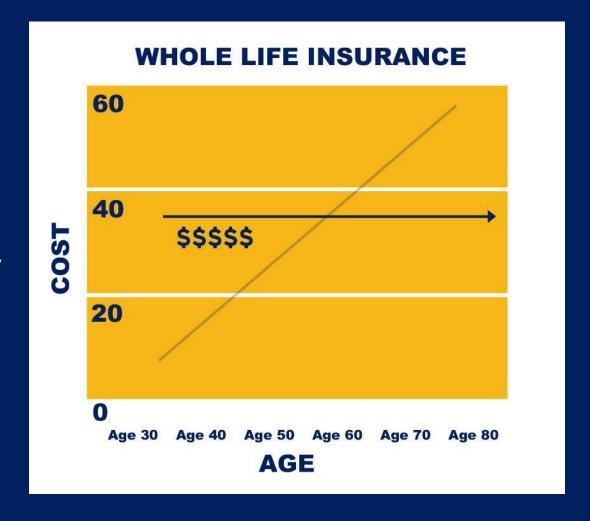




#### **Permanent Life Insurance**

### Some facts about Permanent Insurance:

- Initially more costly than term insurance
- Premium will never go up
- Choose the number of years you would like to pay
- Builds cash value
- May earn dividends
- Access to cash values through a loan
- Death benefit may increase depending on dividend option chosen







### Permanent Life Insurance continued

#### **Premium guaranteed Death benefit may increase depending** on dividend option chosen **Accumulates cash values** May earn dividends You can borrow value **Initially more costly** than Term Insurance Option to choose the number of years to pay premium Net cost goes down the longer you own it **Death benefit left to beneficiaries**



(persons) is protected from creditors



#### Dividends

Whole life policies also offer upside potential.

A participating policy allows owners to receive portions of the insurer's surplus each year in what is called a policy dividend.\*

Owners may leave the dividend in the policy to increase the cash accumulation and death benefit.

Knights of Columbus
Board of Directors
determines the
dividend each year
and votes on it at their
annual meeting.







### Single Premium Whole Life (SPWL)

- Pay one (premium) & done (guaranteed paid-up for life)
- Guaranteed growth of cash value
- Can provide permanent life insurance with cash value and dividends\*

### PAY ONLY ONE PREMIUM!!!





### Single Premium Whole Life (SPWL) continued

- Works well in situations where lump sum monies are expected to be used for 'leaving on' and not 'living on'
- Works well in situations where insured may be receiving a large, lump sum dollar inheritance and would like to do something similar for their beneficiaries
- Works well when income is expected to drop in the future (such as retirement time) and policy is guaranteed to be paid-up
- Proceeds can bypass probate and go directly to a named beneficiary





## What are the most common uses of Life Insurance?

- Final Expenses
- Mortgage Protection
- Debt Reduction
- Prepare for Future Income Needs

### What are the uncommon uses of Life Insurance?



Tax Planning



Succession Planning



Tax Free
Capital to
Fund Trusts



Charitable Gifting





### **Insurance from Knights of Columbus**

- Enjoy peace of mind and satisfaction in knowing you are partnering with an organization whose values align with your Catholic faith
- Assets are invested according to policies and processes that respect Catholic ethical and moral principles
- Operated by brother Knights for brother Knights and their families

Beyond the financial protection and security we seek for our families, some of the surplus from our insurance business is used to help our Order pursue its faith-based mission of charity.



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### THE PRIEST AND THE PARISH

- Counsel should be Parish based.
- Counsel should serve the Parish.
- The Pastor should be your Counsel Chaplain.
- The Pastor determines who is a practical Catholic.
- The Pastor controls who enters upon Parish property.





### MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

- Felony convictions
- OYP Issues
- Practical Catholic
- Masonic Membership





### FELONY CONVICTIONS

- Before Membership = may not be disqualifying
- After Membership = disqualifying
- OYP type conduct = zero tolerance (disqualifying)
- Misdemeanor = ?
- Arrest; "charges"; indictments = ?





### MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- Supreme Council determines criteria for who can become a Knight
- A priest can advise as to who is a practical Catholic
- A priest can determine who is a practical Catholic
- A priest does not determine who can become a Knight





### **CHARITY**

- First principle of the Order
- Not just giving money
- How you treat your fellow man
- Christ crucified = greatest act of charity ever known





### SOCIAL MEDIA

- K of C social media sites
- No political rhetoric and hate speech
- Individuals' social media sites
- What applies? Same rule if you identify as a Knight of Columbus





### SALES TAX

- K of C Councils are 501(c)8 organizations
- 501(c)8 organizations qualify for tax exempt status
- The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts will issue an Exemption Verification Letter to Councils that apply
- The Exemption Verification Letter can be provided to vendors when making purchases, and those purchases will be exempt from sales tax.





### **MORE SALES TAX**

- To apply, complete and submit Form AP-205-2
- Include a copy of the IRS issued Exemption Determination Letter
- When purchasing taxable items, give the seller a Copy of the Exemption Verification Letter and a properly completed Exemption Certificate, Form 01-339
- Per Dan Stoffel, Audit Committee Chair





# Reep The Momentum Moving Forward

