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From the Texas State Council:

## From the Desk of the State Deputy

### **FINISH STRONG**

We are just a few days away from the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Texas Knights of Columbus State Convention and Margo and I look forward to welcoming many of our Brother Knights and Delegates to Corpus Christi, and we hope that you have a great time.

We thank you for what you have done thus far this year, and what you will continue to do in your local councils for the remainder of this fraternal year. Thank you for making Texas the Best Jurisdiction in the Order.

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Speaks to the principles of the Order set forth by our founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney. As we look back on this fraternal year, we have had a very good year promoting Membership Recruitment, Council Growth, Charity, Programs, Insurance and Star Councils.

My thanks to the council leadership and membership throughout the state that are productive year after year. Your positive attitude pertaining to the Order's principles is an asset to Texas. If our jurisdiction is going to be successful, it's because of you. During these last few weeks, we must continue as a unified team with Recruitment, Star Councils, Charity and Programs. Texas has a history of new member growth and for the state to succeed the councils must succeed. Every Grand Knight is asked to pledge that he will set a recruitment plan in motion. To those councils that have not recruited one member this fraternal year, it is time to join the ranks of recruiting councils. Together we can ensure that TEXAS will return to the Circle of Honor with Pinnacle status.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL MY BROTHER KNIGHTS!

We still have work to do to meet our goals and together we will be successful.  
May God Bless You and May God Bless Texas.

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**Membership:**

We believe the Knights of Columbus provides Catholic men the best opportunity in today’s world of following in the footsteps of Christ. We thus want to do all within our power to grow the Order and foster healthy, vibrant councils in every parish.

As Knights, we should all believe this. Viewed in this light, it makes sense that we want to give all Catholic men the opportunity to join the Knights.

The membership goal for each Diocese in Texas for April is shown below.

Division 1		Division 2		Division 3	
Diocese	Goal	Diocese	Goal	Diocese	Goal
Austin	52	Beaumont	19	Amarillo	7
Dallas	62	Brownsville	14	El Paso	19
Fort Worth	48	Corpus Christi	14	Laredo	17
Gal-Houston	95	San Angelo	19	Lubbock	7
San Antonio	76	Victoria	14	Tyler	12

We have always encouraged every District Deputy to host one Exemplification per month. An easy website has been set up to allow DDs to report their monthly Exemplification by the first of the month. Simply click [here](#) and input your information. And you can look up Exemplifications online by clicking [here](#).

Each month, this newsletter will focus on a particular area of focus for the Membership Committee. This month, we’ll talk about **Building a Culture of Invitation**.

Our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has recently urged Knights to develop a “culture of invitation” within their councils, a culture modeled by Blessed Michael McGivney. At the June State Deputy meeting, Supreme Knight Kelly said:

“When Father McGivney called that fateful meeting in St. Mary’s basement, he asked Catholic men to join him. More than 80 responded. Why?” Supreme Knight Kelly asked. **“Because Father McGivney invited them** to be part of something greater than themselves. From the very beginning, Father McGivney created a culture for the Knights - a culture of invitation, in which Catholic men ask other Catholic men to join them in a great work. Millions of Catholic men have yet to receive an invitation.”

I challenge councils to adopt the following strategy in April:

**Every council should integrate recruitment into all their activities, including Fish Frys and Easter activities such as Easter Egg hunts.**

**Every council member should ask at least one man after Mass to join the Knights. If he says yes, get him to join online on the spot at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join).**

**Every Council should approach every man that went through OCIA and joined the Church at Easter to join the Knights.**

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If all 120,000 Knights in Texas ask at least one man to join the Knights after Mass every weekend, we will break every record ever set by a jurisdiction in membership growth. Those monthly goals will be child's play.

I ask every DD to tell every GK of this challenge for his membership. It's simple and easy and takes only 15 seconds to perform each week.

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**Education, Training, & Communications:**

*"Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking in anything." – James 1:4*

Before the end of the month, we will all be convening in Corpus Christi for the 121<sup>st</sup> State Convention. I hope that everyone will be able to join us for a wonderful weekend. We will have fun, but of course, there will be business to take care of as we look to finish the fraternal year strong.

**\*\*\*The State Advocate, Insurance Liaison & Major Directors, are preparing for some great small group breakout sessions at the convention. Your convention packet will have a list of each session and a brief description of what will be covered.**

**\*\*\*Do not wait to contact your trainer. The last few months of the fraternal year have many important activities and deadlines. If you have any questions, reach out sooner rather than later.**

At the start of January, the Texas State Council launched the new look [www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org). The site has a lot of great features, so check it out and browse around. If you have any questions you can reach out and we'll answer them for you. The site continues to grow and we will be adding new features to the site for everyone to enjoy.

Additionally, if you have a news item that you would like to submit to the website, you can send them to the email [txstatec@gmail.com](mailto:txstatec@gmail.com) and we will get them published as soon as we can.

Our team is here to fulfill all your needs to be a Star Council. Visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or [www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org) at least weekly. Email all forms to the correct Supreme email address and to the Texas State Council at [forms@tkofc.org](mailto:forms@tkofc.org). Copy all forms to your District & Diocesan Deputy.

Online training and webinars are available 24/7 on the Supreme website. Visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/fraternal-training.html> for the complete library of topics for members and Council Leaders.

Click on the links below to register for these scheduled sessions. (Note: All Times are Eastern)

April 1, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Advertising Council Events](#)

April 2, 2025 10:00 PM.....[Preparing for and Conducting Council Elections](#)

April 3, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Managing the Safe Environment Program](#)

April 29, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Grand Knight Training: Part One](#)

Our Financial Secretary Trainers are available to assist Council Financial Secretaries and other Officers with their needs for Affiliate Member Initiative questions. Please reach out to them to schedule a one-on-one session. Diocesan Deputies, please schedule your live training sessions if you have not done so. David Solis (Chairman) [dsolis4027@aol.com](mailto:dsolis4027@aol.com) 915-238-8735 can assist you with this. The room needs to have adequate wireless internet to accommodate all trainees. David can also schedule an online training session. We cannot stress enough how important these trainings are!

**April 2025 – 4th Quarter begins FINISH STRONG!!**

- **April 20** – Easter Sunday
- **April 25 – 27** – **Texas State Convention**; Omni Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas
- Conduct Church Membership Drives & Exemplifications; this is a great time to speak with those new Catholic members who entered the Church on Holy Saturday through RCIA
- Start your Sp-7; this is a great time to take inventory on what you need to complete the STAR Council requirements.

**May 2025– 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter is underway FINISH STRONG!!**

- Start (or complete) and submit your Sp7
- Conduct your first round of nominations for council officers for the upcoming fraternal year

**June 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter is ending FINISH STRONG!!**

- **June 15** – Last day for council elections.
- **June 15** – Father's Day
- **June 30** – Columbian Award – Form SP-7 (Send in as early as possible) – **CANNOT BE LATE!**
- **June 30** – Report of Officers – Form 185 for Fraternal Year 25-26
- **June 30** – Report of Service Program Personnel Report – Form 365 for Fraternal Year 25-26
- **June 30** – District Deputy Semi-Annual Audit - Form 944B

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## Programs:

Worthy Brother Knights,

**This is an update on Programs across the State of Texas:**

### **Texas Knights of Columbus State Basketball Free Throw Championship.**

The State Basketball Free Throw Championship was conducted on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Ed White Middle School Gym in San Antonio Texas. Young boys and girls from ages from 9 to competed and there were winners from various Dioceses. Trophies were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for boys and girls and presented by our Worthy State Deputy Ron Alonzo. Worthy State Basketball Free Throw Chairman Jesse Aguilar and his crew did an outstanding job. Special thanks to Supreme Director Alfredo Vela, our Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, State Directors. Diocesan Deputies all brother Knights who assisted in this event.

### **State Program Awards Submissions.**

After processing over 100 submissions in the various categories: Family of The Year, Chaplin of the Year, Family, Faith, Community & Life, I met with the other State Directors in Corpus Christi Tx at the Pre-Convention meeting. After much discussion and deliberation, we as a Team unanimously selected the winners for all the categories. All the winners will be recognized during the State Convention and or the Award Booklet.

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## Star Council Awards

Brothers,

*"Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble" Psalms 143:11.*

We have 3 months to go. Star Council is not out of reach for anyone. The Star Council Team can help you plan & execute to obtain your goal. Resubmit your Form 365 – Report of Service Personnel, complete your Safe Environment, schedule your FBE's, and go get those new members. 90% of all councils are doing extremely well with the forms. You can do this!

Safe Environment requirements are due by **MAY 1, 2025!!!!** Hard Deadline!

Contact your General Agent & Field Agent to schedule your FBE. Be on the look out for Supreme & State wide FBE webinars. Submit your 11077!

**Meet the dates below for the Star Council & LSAFE Requirements:**

**April** - Recruit all month long – Be 100% before State Convention!

**April 10, 2025** – Supreme Per Capita due (Star Council)

**April 25-27, 2025** -State Convention – Corpus Christi - LSAFE

**April 2025** – prepare and submit the Columbian Award to the Star Council team to verify requirements to help before you send it to Supreme.

**May** – Recruit all month long

**May 1, 2025** – Safe Environment (Star Council)

**May -June** - Council Elections

**June** – Recruit all month long, get us to Pinnacle Status

**June 30, 2025** – Form Sp-7 - Columbian Award due (Star Council)

**July 1, 2025** – Submit Form 185 – Report of Officers & Form 365 – Report of Service Personnel to start the next Fraternal Year off right.

Prior to submitting your SP-7 – Columbian Award Application, verify all other required forms for the Featured Programs has been submitted. Your RSVP – Form 2863, your Form for ASAP, etc. Supreme does not look back after those forms are submitted, if you submitted your SP-7 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Incentive: 1st Star Council in Texas**

Every Council that pre-qualifies for Star Council as of the April 15, 2025, Star Tracker Report, the Grand Knight will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. The Drawing will be held during the State Convention weekend.

Do not think it is too late to earn Star Council. You still have plenty of time. Our team will continue to contact the District Deputies to maintain your Star Council status. Please note the Due Date is the last date for Submission. You can submit all forms earlier than the Due Date. Let us know how we can help you! Shoot for the Star, stay on the righteous path!

Vivat Jesus!

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**Texas State Council Charities:**

**“Just come to Corpus Christi, Texas on the bay, Where the golden sunrise greets you ev’ry day.” William J. Hartz – Musician 1915**

I hope to see everyone later this month as we gather in Corpus Christi for the 2025 Texas State Council Convention. Individuals from various parts of the globe draw inspiration from iconic Texas communities, and Corpus Christi is undoubtedly among them. Songs like “Corpus Christi Winds” by Terry McBride and “Corpus Christi Bay” by Robert Earl Keen capture the essence and spirit of this beautiful community through music. The iconic bay with beaches, where we have enjoyed vacations or sport fishing, adds to its charm. It is also the hometown of Selena Quintanilla, the slain Tejano artist whose filled the homes of every Texan, regardless of race ethnicity.

The Texas State Council is also inviting and welcoming all Texas Knights to attend the 2025 Annual Convention. We are deep in preparing for this major event that shows our work and goal setting for our growing order.

Please make plans to attend our training sessions hosted by our state directors and other State Leadership. I invite you to attend the charity sessions held on the first floor of the convention center in room #101. We will celebrate the milestones reached and those to follow in the next few months. We have achieved our 15-diocese goal of \$807,825.00, of which we have already raised \$815,599.35, sitting at 100.96%. We will set the path to one million dollars later this year, aiming for an all-time high of \$1,020,000.00.

I urge you to look out for the monthly State Council Charities newsletter sent by email every second Monday of the month. We highlight the excellent work we do in the name of charity. All the Council and Diocesan standings and reports will publish within that message.

See you all soon in person at the TSC Convention. I pray that everyone travels safely and arrives well. Get there early to enjoy your time in Corpus with the sights and sounds. You will enjoy the fraternalism shared by all!

**Thank you for all the efforts made in your communities in the name of charity.**

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## **Evangelization & Faith Formation:**

Grace and Peace Worthy Brothers,

“The Knights of Columbus Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) initiative aims to center all council activity and membership engagement around Jesus Christ. We must place giving the opportunity for men to encounter Jesus Christ and grow in the Catholic faith as our first priority.

“If we get the man right, we get everything right – the marriage, the family, the parish, the community. We need men who will say ‘yes ’to their God-given vocation.”

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

We are midway through our Lenten penitential season focusing on Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer. There is plenty of time to continue to strive for holiness during this season even if we have not held up our Lenten penances to the level we had intended at the beginning. In our own lives and leading our family through this desert time, let us continue to focus on fasting that we might desire the Lord in our hunger, almsgiving that we may give of what we have build up the kingdom and prayer that we may center our lives on Jesus Christ. As we look towards the end of Lent, the solemn season of the Pascal Triduum and the coming joyous season of Easter, make preparations to center your council activities on faith and prayer. If your council hosts a Parish Easter egg hunt, gather all the families and spend 20 minutes

praying a [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#). The [Divine Mercy Novena](#) begins on Good Friday and continues until Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday following Easter. This is a great opportunity to lead your Parish in prayer before hosting an already established easter egg hunt. You can also plan now with the approval of your Pastor and lead the Novena in the chapel each day. Let us continue to be first in faith as in charity.

The upcoming time of Easter is a great time to kickstart your Cor initiative. Our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E Lori has challenged us for the Month of April "to take part in a Catholic faith formation course, event or opportunity offered through your local council (such as *Cor*), your parish or diocese, or online." This is a perfect time to begin preparations to start Cor during Eastertide using [Men of the Word: The Good News](#) Scripture Study. Contact myself, your Diocesan EFF Coordinator or one of our TSC team members for any assistance needed.

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Cor Central: A quarterly EFF newsletter dedicated to helping your Council EFF Director successfully run Cor. The next issue will be in early April, ensure you have appointed a Council EFF Director. You can also sign up for the COR Central newsletter by following this link: [Link to Cor Central](#) The next Cor Central will be sent on April 9th, please make sure you have signed up your Council EFF Director here <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7811394/Council-EFF-Director>

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We developed *Cor* to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. This truly can only be achieved through the Grace of God and the working of the Holy Spirit. We know that lives are being transformed through the Christ centered brotherhood of *Cor*. Please share your testimony of *Cor*.

This testimony may be a story of your own or on behalf of someone else or the whole group. Your testimony may include success stories and/or struggles that you have faced through the development and running of *Cor*. If there is a challenge you would like to share that will help us in the future, please do not hesitate to include these as well. [SUBMIT A COR TESTIMONIAL HERE](#)

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**New Opportunity for Faith in Action:** Introducing a new way for councils to earn credit toward the Columbian Award through a parish FORMED subscription. Learn more [here](#). As a reminder, all Council EFF Directors will receive access to FORMED, please follow Council EFF Director link below to sign up.

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District Deputies, please continue to encourage your Grand Knights to appoint a [Council EFF Director](#). We need to strive to have every active council have an appointed EFF Director.

Council EFF Directors and Chaplains can find startup guides, content for prayer and formation, resources and training videos at [www.kofc.org/cor](http://www.kofc.org/cor) and for Spanish councils, [www.kofc.org/cor-es](http://www.kofc.org/cor-es).



If you have any questions about beginning or maintaining COR or how a Council EFF Director can work with existing Council activities to incorporate faith and prayer, please let our State EFF Team and myself assist your council.

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The Knights of Columbus make 4 promises to all our Brother Knights and prospective Knights.

- Help all men grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ
- To provide opportunities for men to serve Christ in His Church including being a missionary disciple
- To provide opportunities for men to serve those most in need in their communities and around the world IN THE NAME OF CHRIST JESUS
- Promise to provide protection and aid to widows and orphans through our insurance arm

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