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*From the Texas State Council:*

## From the Desk of the State Deputy

### **FINISH STRONG**

He is risen! Happy Easter to you and all your loved ones.

This past weekend we held the 121<sup>st</sup> Texas State Council Annual Convention in Corpus Christi, TX. Congratulations to all that made this convention a great success.

Thank you for joining us at our Convention! Your time and attention are truly appreciated. We hope that you found the Convention informative and enjoyable, and that you were able to connect with others in our brotherhood. We value your support and look forward to seeing you in Dallas, TX, next year.

The Texas State Council has had a lot of success so far, this fraternal year, and our councils deserve all the credit. But the year is not over yet!

It's one thing to have faith to get started, but it is another thing to have the fortitude to finish strong. We have two months left to achieve our Membership intake and get Texas back to COH with Pinnacle Status. As our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly mentioned in his message every Knight should invite at least one man to join the Order this fraternal year. If you have not been recruitment active, you still have time.

Let's get out there and Finish Strong in Membership, Star Councils, and Charities.

Let's beat New Jersey!

### **LET'S FINISH STRONG!**

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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 May 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](#).

We are in the home stretch. The State will make Circle of Honor by the first week of May and Pinnacle before the end of July. All our goals we started with back in July are well within reach. We just need to execute over these last two months.

Every council should be encouraging all their men to ask at least one man to join every time they attend Mass. I personally am at 11 new members recruited this year using this strategy. Ask that man to join the Knights and get him signed up on the spot at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join).

Has your council made your Star Council goal yet? If not, don’t wait until late June to get your new members exemplified. Waiting until the last second is not way to live!

Together, we can make this happen! VIVAT JESUS!

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**Education, Training, & Communications:**

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9*

**FINISH STRONG**

**\*\*\*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.**

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.

The Texas State Council has 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 [txstatedc@gmail.com](mailto:txstatedc@gmail.com) and we will get them published as soon as we can.

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 [kofc.org/training](http://kofc.org/training).

**Upcoming Training Sessions (Note: All Times are Eastern)****English Training:**

May 8, 2025 8:00 PM.....[District Deputy Training Part One](#)

May 14, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Grand Knight Training: Part Two](#)

May 20, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Completing Forms 185 and 365](#)

May 27, 2025 10:00 PM.....[Fraternal Year Transition Tips](#)

**Capacitación en español:**

1 de mayo 2025 8:00 PM.....[Preparación y Realización de Elecciones del Consejo](#)

14 de mayo 2025 8:00 PM.....[Guía de Inicio Rápido para Funcionarios de Nuevos Consejos](#)

27 de mayo 2025 8:00 PM.....[Administración del Tiempo](#)

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. David Solis (Chairman) [dsolis4027@aol.com](mailto:dsolis4027@aol.com) 915-238-8735 can assist you with this. We cannot stress enough how important these trainings are!

**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
- **\*\*\*DIOCESAN CONFERENCES WILL BE IN JUNE AHEAD OF ORG MEETING\*\*\***
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**July 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of New Year begins**

- **July 1** – New Fraternal Year starts; a quick “pat on the back” to celebrate previous accomplishments, and then on to new goals
- **July 4** – Independence Day
- **July 11-13**– State Organizational Meeting – Denton, Texas
- Conduct an Installation of Officer ceremony; plan a family dinner to celebrate the accomplishments of the previous year, and to congratulate the newly installed officers
- Conduct a Yearly Planning Meeting early in the month

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**Programs:**

Worthy Brother Knights,

The month of April was very interesting and was mostly spent in gearing up for the KofC State Convention in Corpus Christi.

The following tasks were conducted:

- Calling WGKs, thus confirming who would attend Awards Ceremony to receive their award. (12).
- Securing the Bios for Chaplain and Family of the Year.
- Receiving and organizing Programs material from Supreme for the State Convention.
- Created slides for the Program Award Ceremony.

- Created Slides of Chaplain and Family of the Year.
- Created Slides for the Breakout Sessions.
- Made assignments to my team members attending the State Convention.
- Advised Team Members to have material and displays ready for the State Convention.
- Worked with Brother Knight Ramiro Ochoa and State Exe. Secretary Carlos Gonzalez in organizing the KofC State Convention Golf Tournament.
- Submitted all the awards for the State Convention Awards Booklet.
- Submitted the State Convention Supplement report.

Ensured that all the awards: trophies and plaques for programs were on schedule and would be delivered to me at the State Convention.

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## **Star Council Awards**

Brothers,

***“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.” Psalm 127:1***

We have 2 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, (see flyer sent out April 28 – May 7<sup>th</sup> & May 28<sup>th</sup> for Virtual FBE’s), submit your Form #11077, and go get those new members. 90% of all councils are doing extremely well with the forms. You can do this!

Check the Star Tracker coming out early next week. Let us know if you have any discrepancies!

Can’t schedule an FBE with your General or Field Agent? Can’t access virtual FBE? Search for Form 2773 – Member Benefits. For your May Meeting, have your Field Agent, DD, or FS read the entire form front and back – promote your General Agent with his phone number and email address. Count the members present and submit the Form 11077. This counts as an FBE. Need two FBE’s? Read it again in June, but make sure you have at least 1 unique member that was not in the May meeting. Remember, you must have 2 FBE’s with either 10 or 14 unique members total for the entire year, depending on Council size. Call if you have questions.

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>.

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

May – Recruit all month long  
May – June – Safe Environment certification or recertification (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)- **HARD DEADLINE!**  
July 1, 2025 – Submit Form 185 – Report of Officers & Form 365 – Report of Service Personnel to start the next Fraternal Year off right. Verify you select “Next Fraternal Year” so as not to change your officers or directors for the current Fraternal Year!  
July – Recruit all month long – start new fraternal year off right!  
August - Recruit all month long  
August 31 - Safe Environment certification or recertification (Star Council)

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! The Lord will help you build your Star house!  
We can get to 218!

Vivat Jesus!

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### **Texas State Council Charities:**

My message to you remains consistent: we are on track to provide the highest contribution ever to our Texas bishops. In July 2024, I informed you that we were aiming for a championship year, and in 60 days we will determine if we achieve this status. Despite challenges, such as Supreme Council's 'Affiliate Member Initiative' which lowered our state charity goal to \$807,825—the lowest target in 17 years—this initiative was beneficial for our councils but reduced contributions to our Texas Bishops. We are projected to exceed all previous amounts of charitable contributions given to our Texas Bishops, but we are not there yet!

In early March, in my message to you, I encouraged you to "Get on Board". Get on board with this journey towards achieving a championship. Many of you have done so, and I extend my gratitude for your dedication, effort, and bravery in meeting or surpassing your goals. Although this train is traveling at full speed, we have not yet reached our destination. We need additional commitment, effort, and courage. There are 60 days remaining to encourage as many councils as possible to qualify for the 'Honor Roll Award,' which requires meeting 100% of the charitable goal and being Texas State Council per capita compliant. This fraternal year has seen the highest number of 'Quick Start' councils and the most councils exceeding their goals by over 120%, qualifying them for placement on 'The State Deputy List.' In the next 30 days, the fundraising team will contact the following councils to assist them in completing their goals. You are all within reach of 'Honor Roll Award' status.

3098	Weslaco
6658	Copperas Cove
12927	Hutto
3245	Uvalde
5262	San Antonio
3169	Alice
786	San Antonio
5426	Bovina-Friona
5921	New Waverly
6826	Houston
7036	Houston
10712	San Antonio
11093	Longview
11897	Edcouch
4457	Granger
8066	Corpus Christi
17902	Fort Worth
4709	Fort Worth
3077	Houston
10609	Sonora
10012	Taylor
4554	Mercedes
11423	Fort Worth
16041	El Paso
6711	El Paso
10294	Gatesville

4635	Amarillo
13978	Brownsville
8621	Lytle
10434	Losoya
7163	Hondo
6280	Corpus Christi
9982	Escobares
2992	Alice
5348	Premont
4140	San Antonio
2791	San Diego
787	Galveston
16210	Idalou
8306	Helotes
1235	Taylor
7265	San Antonio
1289	Sherman
1715	Scotland
2305	West
2701	Falfurrias
3110	Robstown
3458	San Marcos
3740	Seymour
6409	Kerrville
7153	Huntsville
7256	San Antonio

7371	Burkburnett
8247	Houston
8436	San Antonio
8744	Stanton
8895	Arlington
9367	Navasota
9796	Austin
9978	Galveston
10207	Houston
10624	College Station
10659	Austin
11502	Mexia
12066	Colorado City
12493	Canadian
12672	Hempstead
12869	Mercedes
13134	Amarillo
14261	Mission
16047	Van Alstyne
16391	Midland
16666	Amarillo
18327	San Antonio
12748	Houston
9130	Big Spring
12928	Laredo
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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

Alleluia, He is Risen. Indeed, He is Risen. Happy Easter, this season, lasts for 50 days until Pentecost and is a great time to kickstart your Cor initiative. This Easter season, encourage



the leaders in your jurisdiction to use the new *Cor* sessions based on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney. They're an excellent way to explore the holy witness of our Founder while drawing men nearer to the heart of the risen Christ.

Officers with access to Supplies Online can purchase the Blessed Michael McGivney *Cor* session booklets for \$3 each. The sessions are also available as free, printable downloads [McGivney Cor Sessions](#)

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The latest *Cor* webinar entitled Mind the Gap- Preparing *Cor* for the next fraternal year was held April 30th. [Use this link to watch on demand.](#)

Don't forget to check [www.kofc.org/cor](http://www.kofc.org/cor) for everything you need to successfully bring *Cor* to your parish including a multitude of [training videos](#).

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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 latest *Cor* Central was 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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