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From the Desk of the State Deputy:

Brothers,

Congratulations to our local councils and membership for your dedication and commitment to our order and achieving Circle of Honor. Because of your generosity Texas set a record charitable contribution and we are still waiting for the final count in Star Councils, but I feel certain you have also raised the bar. Brothers, you did an outstanding job!

As we begin a new fraternal year, we look forward to this New Beginning, a Restart, a chance to Refocus on the coming fraternal year. Margo and I are pleased to invite the State Officers, Directors, Committee Members, Diocesan Deputies, and District Deputies to attend the 2025 District Deputy Organizational Meeting, July 11-13, 2025, in Denton, Texas.

For us to continue this success we will have to come together as a Team, "It Takes a Team" means that it takes more than one person to accomplish a goal, and a team is required for success. Each one of you is going to play an important role in our success.

We currently have over 120k members in the Texas State Council, and there are over 7 million Catholics in the state of Texas. When it comes to recruitment, we haven't begun to scratch the surface. Texas has not had its Best Year yet.

Our 2025-2026 Circle of Honor Intake Goal is set at 5,848.

Pinnacle Intake Goal is set at (120% of Ultimate COH Intake Goal).

Our Star Council Goal is set at 127 Star Councils.

Our Faith Formation Goal is Three Holy Hours.

We can accomplish these goals, but it will take a Strong Start for us to be successful.

Our membership intake goal for the 1st Quarter (1,170) is as follows:

July – 318

August – 416

September - 461



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This is how we will be successful:

- Exemplifications: One per District per Month.
- All Districts Recruitment Active by September 30th.
- All Councils Active by December 31st.
- E-Membership/Online Membership and Conversions into a council.
- Finalize your activities and programs for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

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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.

July 1 marks New Years Day for the Knights. All our totals are set to zero and we start all over again.

Our goals set by Supreme for the coming year are aggressive. See the table below for our annual goals by diocese.



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Diocese	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Austin	40	52	57	69	61	57	48	62	68	65	67	83
Dallas	30	39	43	51	45	43	36	47	51	48	50	62
Fort Worth	31	41	45	54	48	45	38	49	54	51	53	65
Gal-Houston	61	80	89	106	94	88	75	96	106	100	104	127
San Antonio	44	57	63	76	67	63	53	68	75	71	74	91
Brownsville	14	18	20	24	21	20	17	22	24	23	24	29
Corpus Christi	14	19	21	25	22	21	17	22	25	23	24	30
San Angelo	13	17	19	23	20	19	16	21	23	22	22	28
Victoria	18	23	25	30	27	25	21	28	30	29	30	37
Amarillo	8	10	11	13	12	11	9	12	13	13	13	16
Beaumont	9	12	14	16	14	14	11	15	16	15	16	20
El Paso	12	16	18	21	19	17	15	19	21	20	21	25
Laredo	6	8	9	10	9	9	7	9	10	10	10	12
Lubbock	8	10	12	14	12	12	10	13	14	13	14	17
Tyler	10	14	15	18	16	15	13	16	18	17	18	22
	318	416	461	550	487	459	386	499	548	520	540	664

You may look at your diocesan goal and think: Wow, that's higher than last year. Why's it so high?

Well, I thought the same thing looking at the bottom line of 5848. We had a goal of 5300 for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year, so Supreme raised our state goal by over 10%? Yeah, they did. So yes, the diocesan goals are generally going up accordingly.

Additionally, as councils grow in the dioceses, their council quotas go up. In order to make the diocesan goals more equitable, the goals were scaled based on the new membership quotas of the councils in that diocese.

So how do we go about achieving these goals? There are a number of things we can do better in 2025-2026 than we did last year. Specifically:

- We can recruit the Spanish speaking community better
- We can do a better job of starting new councils
- We can do a better job of reactivating councils
- We can increase the number of Star Councils

But it all starts with creating a culture of inviting into our councils. We simply need to give every Catholic man the opportunity to join the Knights. This comes by:

- Encouraging all our members to ask at least one man at every Mass they attend
- Weaving recruitment into all our council activities
- Having one Exemplification per district per month (build it and they will come)
- Making all your council activities focused on the charitable or spiritual enrichment of the parish

- Perform kindnesses for the man's wife and children

If your councils are regularly doing these things, men will flock to your council. Your council will be a sign of Christ to the parish and your larger community.

We can make this goal if we center our councils on Christ and his mission.

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Education, Training, & Communications:

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately, they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:19-20

Our team is here to fulfill all your needs to be a Star Council. Visit www.kofc.org or www.tkofc.org at least weekly. Check out the Star Guide Section on the State website & download the latest version. Email all forms to the correct Supreme email address (located in the Star Guide) & to the Texas State Council at forms@tkofc.org. Copy all forms to your District & Diocesan Deputy.

Our Financial Secretary Trainers are ready to begin training new and established council officers, but especially Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. Diocesan Deputies, please schedule your live training sessions by the end of July. David Solis (Chairman) dsolis4027@aol.com 915-238-8735 can assist you with scheduling training sessions. The room needs to have adequate wireless internet to accommodate all trainees. David can also schedule an online training session.

July – 1st Quarter 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
- Attend your Diocesan Conferences after the State Organizational Meeting

August

- **August 12** – Blessed Father J. McGivney Birthday
- **August 14** – Blessed Father J, McGivney Memorial
- **August 15** – Form 1295 Council Audit Due

September— Last month of 1st Quarter. Re-evaluate plans and adjust as needed

- **September 11** - Day of Prayer – Host a Blue Mass for 1st Responders
- **September 15**—Form 10784 Family of the Month (for August) due
- **September 15**---Form 944 (District Deputy Report) due
- **September 30** - Roundtable Coordinator Form 2629 Due
- Plan your October Membership Drives.

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

Visit kofc.org/training to find our complete library of on demand training, where state, district and council officers can go to learn more about their duties and responsibilities, as well as review best practices for the daily operations of an assembly or council, tips for membership growth, and timely suggestions for using programs to keep members actively engaged.

Here's an example of what you will find – click on the links below to register and view at any time:

[Completing Forms 185 and 365](#) – The most efficient way to update your Council Officers and Directors post-election is seamless updating through Member Management in Officer's Online.

[Fraternal Year Transition Tips for Councils](#) – A review of best practices for putting the finishing touches on the current Fraternal Year and handing over leadership to the next team, to prepare for the new Columbian year.

[Membership Records Management](#) – Outlines member types, the methods to process them, and how to perform membership maintenance to our rosters.

Our Financial Secretary Trainers are available to assist Financial Secretaries and other Officers. Please reach out to them to schedule a one-on-one session if you need help wrapping up the fraternal year.

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Programs:

Worthy Brother Knights,

New Faith in Action Programs

Resources for two new Community programs – *Bright Futures* and *Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage* – are now available at kofc.org/community. The [Bright Futures](#) program invites councils to support the students and schools in their communities. [Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage](#) encourages councils to celebrate the cultures and traditions of their parish communities through festivals and other events. While these programs appeal to all councils, they will have special appeal to those serving Hispanic parish communities. Review these new programs and their resources and consider running them in the new fraternal year since they are featured programs!

Many of our councils are already participating in similar events or programs but are not taking credit for it. I urge councils and their leaders to think outside the box. There are many activities and events that councils are planning and executing, and in some cases those events can be claim in any one of the four categories. Take for instance "Las Posadas," which is a re-enactment of St. Joseph and Mary Mother seeking refuge for themselves and the pending birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. This particular activity can be submitted in Faith, Family, Community or Life. The council can choose which category depending on their needs. Of course, just one category, no double dipping. The bottom line is, run your programs, be unique, be creative but most important HAVE FUN!

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Star Council Awards

Brothers,

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:11-12

We have had an Outstanding Year! We are in the Circle of Honor again. Outstanding work by every one of you! We do not have a final number of Star Councils but I feel it was another record year. We have 200 Star Councils as of June 27, 2025, with several others that worked hard all weekend to get on the Star Council list.

However, July 1 is the start of a fresh year. Everyone, including the State Council, is at Zero! But also at the same time, every council can be Star Council! Do not let last fraternal years missteps keep you from overcoming them now.

To head off any previous end of the year issues, start off fresh. Get your forms 185 & 365 submitted now. Send to Supreme through Member Management & copy the State Office at forms@tkofc.org. Get your Safe Environment Completed as soon as you get the email. Use the TX-21b to keep up with programs and Star Council all year!

If you made Star Council, plan a big event to announce your AWARD! Your Council earned it off, show it off. People will want to be part of something positive and award winning.

Take this momentum into this full new fraternal year & we have no limits. Go recruit, make membership goals early!

Schedule a fall and spring FBE NOW! Do not wait like many of you did last Fraternal Year.

We have a new tracker coming from Supreme on a weekly basis. We plan on sending out weekly Trackers.

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

July 1, 2024 – Report of Service Personnel – Form 365 due (Star Council).

Bring to State Organizational Meeting

July 1, 2024 – Report of Officers – Form 185 (LSAFE)

Bring to State Organizational Meeting

August 15, 2024 – Semi Annual Audit – Form 1295 (LSAFE)

August 15, 2024 – Safe Environment Compliant –

before Supreme removes Directors (Star Council)

September 15, 2024 – District Deputy Report – Form 944 (Star District)

Our team will be in contact with the District Deputies to maintain your Star Council status. Let us know how we can help you!

See you DD's next weekend! Plan to be a splendid Star!

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Texas State Council Charities:

Worthy Texas Knights,

Texas State Council has accomplished the Championship goal we aimed to achieve a year ago.

Your contributions have reached a record high in the 37-year history of Texas State Council Charities. The achievement of reaching the million-dollar milestone has occurred only three times previously: in 2018 (\$1,016,562.45), 2019 (\$1,005,013.21), and 2022 (\$1,006,309.94).

As of Friday, June 27, Texas councils have contributed \$1,026,780.17, with additional contributions expected from councils making last-minute donations and funds raised throughout the year at special Masses conducted by the State Council.

We extend our gratitude to all contributors. This Championship year would not have been possible without the support of our members and councils at every level. We appreciate all contributions, big or small, as each one played a crucial role in making this year historic.

As of June 27th, Texas State Council has approximately 702 active councils. Out of those councils, 671 (95%) contributed amounts ranging from \$10 to \$153,135.66. Furthermore, 217 councils have earned a spot on the 'State Deputy List'.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the contributing councils for their support and efforts this year. We would like to acknowledge these contributing councils.

638	2543	3244	4542	6366	7290	8085	8938
759	2571	3245	4550	6402	7323	8096	8954
786	2574	3253	4554	6403	7347	8097	8960
787	2592	3262	4577	6413	7382	8131	8975
799	2597	3266	4621	6453	7386	8135	9017
803	2618	3287	4635	6456	7409	8141	9038
830	2623	3295	4709	6527	7435	8142	9041
951	2636	3313	4724	6557	7438	8156	9088
1003	2654	3345	4771	6641	7445	8157	9129
1017	2687	3365	4779	6658	7458	8158	9130
1167	2698	3367	4786	6699	7512	8170	9151
1202	2701	3371	4843	6711	7532	8190	9215
1235	2710	3389	4868	6757	7553	8225	9220
1323	2767	3404	5035	6763	7563	8267	9268
1329	2771	3406	5052	6782	7573	8293	9283
1353	2772	3412	5061	6811	7590	8298	9291
1358	2776	3421	5077	6812	7600	8302	9299
1422	2778	3444	5090	6826	7613	8306	9310
1450	2785	3452	5096	6832	7641	8327	9318
1459	2788	3491	5145	6833	7696	8335	9337
1473	2791	3499	5155	6856	7713	8368	9367
1502	2801	3558	5157	6878	7720	8388	9368
1553	2810	3593	5192	6887	7728	8404	9393
1582	2813	3686	5211	6889	7736	8417	9394
1653	2902	3700	5232	6914	7770	8464	9463
1680	2917	3793	5236	6950	7808	8482	9564
1682	2971	3867	5243	6978	7840	8493	9626
1766	2992	3910	5262	7014	7850	8494	9634
1824	3008	3919	5348	7016	7865	8512	9641
1834	3070	3952	5426	7036	7882	8521	9644
2045	3071	4054	5538	7058	7901	8548	9650
2123	3077	4101	5598	7067	7953	8572	9674
2136	3081	4140	5656	7099	7965	8621	9681
2153	3098	4157	5678	7153	7975	8738	9682
2163	3168	4183	5789	7163	7983	8771	9686
2304	3169	4204	5919	7175	8001	8773	9698
2305	3195	4298	5921	7196	8024	8788	9702
2433	3201	4307	5967	7197	8028	8789	9708
2461	3203	4315	6065	7202	8036	8806	9748
2480	3204	4316	6234	7206	8044	8871	9759
2490	3205	4370	6269	7230	8065	8875	9765
2500	3217	4457	6280	7264	8066	8895	9791
2512	3229	4497	6358	7265	8067	8935	9794

9796	10523	11151	12040	12927	13978	15661	17026
9817	10524	11169	12066	12928	14025	15776	17060
9868	10555	11238	12084	12955	14050	15782	17111
9884	10562	11277	12091	12964	14055	15783	17196
9902	10574	11282	12122	13005	14261	15789	17204
9903	10593	11293	12148	13010	14339	15796	17224
9930	10609	11298	12153	13044	14412	15799	17225
9967	10646	11342	12160	13068	14413	15876	17304
9982	10659	11343	12208	13133	14426	15882	17314
9997	10660	11351	12253	13136	14473	16041	17404
10012	10677	11423	12292	13151	14512	16042	17410
10090	10711	11438	12300	13158	14549	16078	17420
10131	10712	11462	12320	13166	14568	16103	17449
10181	10720	11472	12327	13198	14584	16180	17470
10186	10751	11502	12337	13232	14617	16202	17492
10191	10776	11530	12360	13250	14636	16205	17583
10209	10779	11570	12385	13255	14674	16210	17629
10224	10788	11596	12480	13287	14679	16258	17653
10240	10816	11599	12484	13342	14690	16275	17679
10245	10836	11613	12521	13357	14700	16287	17708
10249	10861	11620	12522	13363	14739	16358	17758
10256	10862	11638	12534	13408	14741	16375	17762
10258	10872	11663	12535	13447	14756	16390	17769
10270	10875	11695	12553	13470	14776	16391	17779
10294	10879	11716	12558	13498	14810	16393	17812
10310	10887	11721	12563	13514	14943	16394	17902
10333	10930	11759	12564	13520	15017	16430	17991
10373	10931	11807	12574	13523	15033	16451	18056
10375	10939	11862	12601	13572	15053	16464	18087
10380	10940	11864	12632	13577	15105	16546	18101
10390	10959	11865	12642	13615	15174	16663	18173
10393	10985	11866	12657	13629	15240	16665	18179
10404	10995	11897	12661	13683	15262	16730	18202
10413	10998	11905	12697	13704	15301	16748	18262
10420	11012	11926	12711	13798	15320	16775	18277
10431	11015	11933	12748	13824	15326	16778	18311
10433	11023	11937	12798	13825	15343	16796	18327
10434	11026	11978	12803	13838	15362	16820	18402
10463	11070	11980	12809	13876	15365	16854	18456
10480	11093	12008	12818	13902	15448	16917	18503
10509	11107	12021	12866	13927	15512	17024	

'State Deputy List' Council numbers are noted in bold.

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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 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

As the fraternal year concludes, District Deputies please encourage your outgoing Grand Knights to take a brief moment to fill out the [Cor Quarterly Report](#). This report can be submitted by either the Grand Knight or the Council EFF Director.

2025-2026 Fraternal Year Council EFF Director Submission

Please assist us with our goal of having all active councils with an appointed EFF director. Returning GK's please submit for 25/26, outgoing GK's, please forward link to incoming GK for council EFF director appointment.

We must make giving the opportunity for men to encounter Jesus Christ and grow in the Catholic faith as our priority. The Knights of Columbus Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) initiative aims to center all council activity and membership engagement around Jesus Christ. Central to the [Council EFF Directors](#) role besides COR, is to work with council leadership, especially their Membership and Programs directors, to create Christ centered messaging and add in a faith element to existing events. Appointing a [Council EFF Director](#), will allow your Council to be aided by our State EFF Team and Supreme in assisting your council placing faith first which was at the heart of Blessed McGivney's vision for his Knights. The director is not intended to be the Faith Program director for the council. However, if you are choosing to have them as the same Brother, please submit.



Diocesan Deputies: please update or confirm your Diocesan EFF Coordinator.

Cor Mission:

To help focus Catholic men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity.

Cor Vision:

To aid in transforming the hearts of men through Christ-centered brotherhood. Rooted in prayer, formation and fraternity, men will be sharpened in faith and virtue as they cultivate authentic friendships with Christ and each other. We envision a future where *Cor* continuously helps sustain these men to lead their families, strengthen their parish communities and courageously evangelize the world as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

Council EFF Directors and Chaplains can find startup guides, content for prayer and formation, resources and training videos at www.kofc.org/cor and for Spanish councils, 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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