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From the Desk of the State Deputy:

As the fraternal year is ending. Many of our councils have done an outstanding job and as of this past Friday, over one hundred of our councils have already achieved Star Council Status. More councils are working hard to join them. Do not forget to get those men in your prospect tab to an exemplification and into the council.

26 Days Left in this Fraternal Year!

Pinnacle Goal - 546 to go!

Now Let's Finish Strong!

Let's Dominate the Fourth Quarter!

Start Strong and Train your Team.

Resources Mailed to your Councils – Once your FS has submitted the Form 185, Supreme will mail Resource materials to assist the new officers.
Learn to Use Officers Online – Council Level Access: Grand Knight, Financial Sec., Advocate, Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer, Membership Director.
Attend the Summer conferences.
Plan for Success – Fraternal Planner (Get those programs scheduled), Membership Drives, Fundraising, Create a Council Budget, etc.

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Read the Fraternal Leader Advisories – Sent out every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. Anyone can sign up to receive.
Get your Safe Environment done early.
Meet regularly with your Pastor, District Deputy, and Field Agent.

Fraternal Benefit Events

Planning for the coming Fraternal year each council should use the FBN Planning Workbook.pdf**.** A Fraternal Benefit Event is not only a wonderful way to remind members of the fraternal benefits available to them, but also a great way to introduce prospective members to the Knights of Columbus. Use this planning workbook to help your council organize successful events. For any assistance contact your General Agent/Field Agents.

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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 June is below.

Division 1		Division 2		Division 3	
Diocese	Goal	Diocese	Goal	Diocese	Goal
Austin	54	Beaumont	20	Amarillo	8
Dallas	64	Brownsville	15	El Paso	20
Fort Worth	49	Corpus Christi	15	Laredo	18
Gal-Houston	100	San Angelo	20	Lubbock	8
San Antonio	80	Victoria	15	Tyler	13

Congrats to all for hitting our Circle of Honor goal in May. We are not finished.

To hit Pinnacle, all we need is for every diocese to hit your June goal. It is that simple. No sandbagging and holding back members until July 1!

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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.

Has your council made your Star Council goal yet? If not, do not wait until late June to get your new members converted into your councils. Waiting until the last second is not the way to live!

Together, we can make this happen! VIVAT JESUS!

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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7

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. Email all forms to the correct Supreme email address and to the Texas State Council at 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.

You will hear the phrase "FINISH STRONG" all month long. Every council has goals to achieve, every district has goals to achieve, every diocese has goals to achieve. If every council, district and diocese strive to accomplish their goals, then the goals of the Texas State Council will take care of themselves.

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**.

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

June 12, 2025 8:00 PM	**District Deputy Training Part Two**
June 17, 2025 8:00 PM	**Grand Knight Training Part Three**
June 18, 2025 10:00 PM	**Council Officer Training**
June 23, 2025 8:00 PM	**District Deputy Training Part Three**

Capacitación en español:

27 de mayo 2025 8:00 PM	**Administración del Tiempo**
11 de junio de 2025 8:00 PM	**Retención de Membresía**
18 de junio de 2025 8:00 PM	**Transición del Año Fraternal para los Consejos**

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.

June – 4th Quarter is ending FINISH STRONG!!

- June 15 – Last day for council elections.
- June 15 – Father's Day
- June 27 – Columbian Award – Form SP-7 **(Send in as early as possible) – CANNOT BE**
- **LATE!**
- June 30 – Report of Officers – Form 185 for Fraternal Year 23-24
- June 30 – Report of Service Program Personnel Report – Form 365 for Fraternal Year
- 23-24
- June 30 – DD's Start Working on Form 944 for each Council.

July – 1st 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

August – Get the train rolling down the tracks! – QUICK START

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

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Programs:

Worthy Brother Knights,

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

Following the State Convention came the month of May.

During May 16th – 18th some of my State Chairmen and I attended the Change of Leadership Meeting in San Antonio Texas. All the Directors did an outstanding job with their training presentations, and we managed to be ahead of our scheduled time.

I announced the dates and locations for the State Golf Tournament which will be in Beaumont, Texas on September 12th - 14th, 2025. The two golf courses which will play at are Bayou Den and The Brentwood Country Club in Beaumont Texas. The Friday Scramble will be at the Brentwood Country Club.

Prices:
If you play all three days, the cost is $215.00.
If you play on Saturday and Sunday only, the cost is $180.00.
If you only play on Friday for the scramble, the cost for each player is $85.00.

The Texas State Programs Team welcomes our new State Pro-Life Chair, Hector Gutierrez. Hector starts on July 1st. Special thanks to our current State Pro-Life Chair, Tom Clark for all his dedication and hard work while serving in that capacity for 19 years.

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Star Council Awards

Brothers,

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." **Philippians 4:13**

We have 1 month to go. Star Council is not out of reach for anyone. The Star Council Team can help you plan & execute to obtain your goal. Submit your SP-7, resubmit your Form 365 – Report of Service Personnel (for this fraternal year if required) to complete your Safe Environment, schedule your FBE's – Contact your General Agent Now! - submit your Form #11077, and get those new members. Ninety percent of all councils are doing extremely well with the forms. You can do this!

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

Your General Agent or Field Agent is your first point of contact for your FBE! Look for Supreme Webinars, do not let this keep you from Star. The GA's & FAs know they must help you accomplish this. 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 – Columbina Award Application, verify all other required forms for the Featured Programs have 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 first.

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

Do not think it is too late to earn Star Council. You still have 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 strengthen you to do remarkable things and accomplish Star Council!

We WILL get to 218!

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Texas State Council Charities:

"The Fourth Quarter is when the Elite show what they are made of. Giving maximum effort despite being bruised, burnt out, and beaten up is often the difference between winning and losing" - Author unknown.

Worthy Leadership,

It's finally June 1st and we are nearing the critical two-minute warning for the year. We are ahead of pace to win this championship and within reach of our goal of $1,020,000. Although the goal is within reach, we still haven't crossed the finish line and are approximately $36,000 away from hitting that mark.
This milestone is very achievable with your help, especially from those councils that are currently maintaining their streak. Thank you to the diocese who have reached their goal, but not all 15 have yet done so. Help your diocese get across their finish line. We need to support Diocesan Leadership in Amarillo, Brownsville, and San Antonio.
The Charity team is working tirelessly to inspire all councils to join in this historic year. We are just 3.54% away from reaching our goal of $1,020,000.00!

We are approximately $36k dollars away from collecting the most ever. Thanks to all the councils who have made contributions toward their goal.

We especially need councils that have current consecutive year streaks to return as a 100% contributor. **This list can be found below!**

Special thanks to the councils that have answered the call to contribute 120% of their goal. You are the **Elite.** Several more councils are making a commitment to join the **Elite** 'State Deputy List'.

These are the key reasons why reaching 120% is crucial for every Diocese, District, and Council.

- Achieving 120% of our state goal will bring TSC near the $1MM mark.
- The AMI program has lowered our fraternal 2024/2025-year goal to a current total of $807,825.00.
- The current 2024/2025 goal is lower than the goals set before the Fraternal years of 2007/2008, when the goal was $828,520.00.

- When Texas councils made contributions of $900,000 or more, the ten-year average was $962,470.00.
- Adding 20% to our current goal amounts to $969,390.00.

In the coming months, think about budgeting an additional $2.00 per eligible member to ensure your council qualifies for next year. Another suggestion is to include $10-$12 in your yearly per-member dues to help achieve your goal.

Council	City	Current Streak
9796	Austin	36
8512	North Richland Hills	34
11093	Longview	31
11423	Fort Worth	30
7265	San Antonio	27
9930	Harker Heights	23
7036	Houston	10
12564	Pattison	10
16041	El Paso	9
6409	Kerrville	8
11438	Houston	8
13165	Houston	8
16391	Midland	8
8895	Arlington	7
16522	Wichita Falls	7
16546	Garland	7
5262	San Antonio	6
7371	Burkburnett	6
2623	Kingsville	3
3458	San Marcos	3
8436	San Antonio	3
11926	El Paso	3
5243	Irving	2
5921	New Waverly	2
6826	Houston	2
7017	Dallas	2
7136	Houston	2
7153	Huntsville	2
9201	Houston	2
10609	Sonora	2
12066	Colorado City	2
12869	Mercedes	2
16047	Van Alstyne	2
16210	Idalou	2

16666	Amarillo	2
17902	Fort Worth	2
2305	West	1
2698	Mission	1
3077	Houston	1
3098	Weslaco	1
3169	Alice	1
3245	Uvalde	1
4554	Mercedes	1
7901	Houston	1
10294	Gatesville	1
11502	Mexia	1
11613	El Paso	1
13134	Amarillo	1
13978	Brownsville	1
14261	Mission	1

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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

2025-2026 Fraternal Year Council EFF Director Submission

Please assist us with our goal of 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 place 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. This director is intended to be separate from the Faith Program director for the council. However, if you are choosing to have them as the same Brother, please submit.

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

***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.

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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 collaborate with existing Council activities to incorporate faith and prayer, please let our State EFF Team and myself assist your council.

Texas State Council EFF Committeemen:
- John Danley: El Paso, San Angelo, Lubbock, Amarillo
- Gregory Brown Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler, Beaumont
- Jose Ramos**:** Laredo, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, San Antonio
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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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