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FROM THE DESK OF : STATE DEPUTY RON ALONZO

Thank You for Your Support During My Term

Brother Knights,

As my term as State Deputy comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you.

Serving this great fraternal organization has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and that is because of the dedication, passion, and generosity of our membership. Every success we have celebrated, every challenge we have overcome, and every life we have touched has been made possible by your commitment to our Order and its mission.

Your support, through your time, talents, ideas, encouragement, and active participation, has been the driving force behind our accomplishments. Together, we are on the verge of achieving a truly remarkable milestone: back-to-back Circle of Honor recognition with Pinnacle Status. This achievement belongs to all of you, and I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished as a team.

Over the past two years, I have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary faith, charity, unity, and fraternity that define the Knights of Columbus in Texas. From our councils and assemblies to our district and chapter leadership, you have demonstrated what can be accomplished when men of faith answer the call to serve.

While my role is changing, my commitment to the mission and vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, remains as strong as ever. I will continue to support our Order and look forward to seeing the Knights of Columbus grow and thrive under new leadership.



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I am confident that our future is bright because it rests in the hands of dedicated Catholic gentlemen who understand that our work is not simply about numbers or awards, it is about bringing men closer to Christ, strengthening families, and serving those most in need.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me, for your friendship, and for making this journey so meaningful. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your State Deputy.

May God continue to bless you, your families, and the great jurisdiction of Texas.

Vivat Jesus!

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 June is shown below.

Congrats to all for hitting our Circle of Honor goal in May. But we aren't done.

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

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MEMBERSHIP CONT.

Monthly Goals For June					
Division 1		Division 2		Division 3	
Austin	83	Brownsville	29	Amarillo	16
Dallas	62	Corpus Christi	30	Beaumont	20
Fort Worth	65	San Angelo	28	El Paso	25
Gal-Houston	127	Victoria	37	Laredo	12
San Antonio	91			Lubbock	17
				Tyler	22

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 8 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, don't wait until late June to get your new members exemplified. Waiting until the last second is no way to live!

Together, we can make this happen!

VIVAT JESUS!

Vivat Jesus!

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STAR COUNCIL

Brothers,

"Have you not read this Scripture passage: *'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?'*" Mark 12:10-11

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, Get Safe Compliant by June 10, 2026, schedule your FBE's – Contact your General Agent Now! - 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! We are currently ahead of last years' Star Council numbers. Supreme officially has 81 Stars for Texas!!!

Your General Agent or Field Agent is your 1st point of contact for your FBE! Look for Supreme Webinars, (June 8, 2026) do not let this keep you from Star. The GA's & FA's know they have to 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 – Columбина 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 1st.

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, 2026 – Form Sp-7 - Columбина Award due (Star Council)- **HARD DEADLINE!**

July 1, 2026 – 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 plenty of time. Our team will continue to contact the Diocesan & 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.



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STAR COUNCIL CONT.

Let us know how we can help you! That council that has not achieved Star Council Award in a while, can earn it and become the cornerstone of the District from now on!

I want to thank each of you and your councils for the hard work you have done and continue to do. Texas is only as good as our local councils. You make Texas look good!! We will get to 300!

Vivat Jesus!

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CHARITY

"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 have reached the mark for a winning year by hitting our Texas State Council Charity goal of \$822,420.00 by \$838,373.00 putting us at 101.94%, Thank you all who have contributed!

The next milestone of 15 of 15 Diocese at 100% is very achievable with your help. Especially because Texas is currently maintaining a 2 year 15 of 15 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, Corpus Christi, San Angelo and San Antonio.

Special thanks to the councils that have answered the call to contribute 120% of their goal. You are recognized as the Elite. Many 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.



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CHARITY CONT.

- Achieving 120% of our state goal will bring TSC near the \$1MM mark.
- The AMI program has lowered our fraternal 2025/2026-year goal to a current total of \$822,420.00.
- 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 \$986,904.00.

If you would like to view the latest Charity report as of May 20th, 2026,
Click link below.

[Charity Goal Report](#)

Thank you all for another great year!

Joe Jacobo
Texas State Council
Charity Director



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PROGRAMS

Greetings to all my brother Knights throughout the Great State of Texas.

At this time of the Fraternal year all the Programs at the State Level have been completed. However, if there are any Programs in which anyone needs assistance, feel free to call, text or email me. It has been an Honor serving Worthy State Deputy Ron Alonzo and the State Council these past two years as the State Programs Director. I learned a lot about Programs and had fun collaborating with my Team and traveling around the State, thus conducting training, visiting, breaking bread, and occasionally playing golf and signing some songs with my fellow Knights.

Special Thanks to all the Brother Knights and their Wives who served with me on the Texas State Programs Team:

- Tom Clark, Pro-Life Chairman
- Hector Guterrez, Pro-Life Chairman
- Andrew Clark, Pregnancy Resource Chairman
- Greg Dutchover, Pregnancy Resource Chairman
- Edvardo "Eddie" García (In Memoriam), Silver Rose & Pilgrim Icon Chairman
- Dan Stoffel, RSVP & Texas KofC License Plates Chairman
- Jesse Aguilar, State Free Throw Chairman
- Ricky Meyer, State Golf Tournament Chairman
- Mike Cook, State Bowling Tournament Chairman
- Angel Luna, Veterans Affairs & Services Chairman
- James Halfmann, State Cornhole Tournament Chairman

Special Thanks to my lovely wife Lady Telsa, and our four sons Anthony, Jonathan, Agustin & Adrian.

Remember, always do God's Will and be the Leader God wants you to be.

Let's Finish Strong and Let's Go for Pinnacle!

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Lord Lead Me Where You Need Me.



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EDUCATION, TRAINING & COMMUNICATIONS

Fraternal Benefit Events

Brothers, there another Fraternal Benefit Event coming up to help your councils with their requirements for the Founders Award. It will be held Monday June 8th.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Fraternal training continues year round. Council Elections will be coming up sooner than you think. There is no better time to get a prospective officer the information they need to succeed in their next Council Role. The Supreme Council offers training for every officer role. These training sessions take usually no more than 30 minutes. Share the following link with your Councils ahead of the election season.

Training For Prospective Officers

Here's what you need to know for the next 30, 60 & 90 days.

June - 4th Quarter is Ending---FINISH STRONG

- June 15th - Last day for council elections.
- June 21st - Father's Day
- June 26th -28th - Organizational Meeting - Houston, TX
- June 30th - Columbian Award - Form SP-7 Due --**CANNOT BE LATE**
- June 30th - Report of Service Personnel Report (Form 365 For '26-'27)

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 1 - Form 185 Deadline (Report Of Council Officers)
- July 4 – Independence Day
- ·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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EDUCATION, TRAINING & COMMUNICATION CONT.

August - Off to a Fast Start

- August 4-6 - Supreme Convention (Denver, CO)
- August 12 - Blessed Michael J. McGivney Birthday
- August 13 - Blessed Michael J. McGivney Feast Day
- August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 15 - Form 1295 Council Audit Due

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EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION

Grace and Peace Worthy Brothers,

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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EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION CONT.

Grand Knights, please take a brief moment to fill out the [Cor Quarterly Report](#) for Jan-March. This report can be submitted by either the GK or the Council EFF Director.

Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work

"Men, in particular, are struggling to find their mission and meaning in life. Knights of Columbus 'Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work' video series can help Catholic men understand God's mission for them on Earth, and how work brings them closer to God and builds virtue."

-Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

This compelling five-episode series exploring the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world and the nature of work is now available.

New Cor Ecclesiae Series - The Gospel of Life

A small group study of Pope Saint John Paul II's Encyclical Evangelium Vitae. Great for men who are wanting to learn about John Paul II's vision for a culture of life rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ passed down through the Church <https://shopcatholicinfo.com/products/the-gospel-of-life-cor-study-guide?variant=48956781232436>

Cor Central Newsletter

Fraternal leaders, sign up for the quarterly COR Central Newsletter.

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/HQX4QQ7?source_id=202c84f8-4855-47dd-b3a9-9c1ce47f9ef7&source_type=em&c=Evi_EA8cOa2PQ8ITgSjJ-OONM0HzuFkg0uR-lc3HRhJoz90JJBZUsQ== Each quarter receive updates from the Supreme EFF Director, new resources published by Supreme, and tips and ideas for the 3 elements of Cor (prayer, formation and fraternity). In addition, you will hear testimonials from Cor success's throughout the Order and lessons on being a Missionary Disciple. Join the community as we build the Evangelization and Faith Formation of the Knights of Columbus.

2025-2026 Fraternal Year Council EFF Director Submission

Grand Knights and District Deputies, please assist us with our goal of all active councils with an appointed EFF director. <https://info.kofc.org/EFF-Onboarding-LP.html> Please take 2 minutes and submit your Council Evangelization and Faith Formation Director.



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EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION CONT.

If you need assistance in choosing/appointing a EFF Director, please reach out to me or your Diocesan EFF Coordinator. Your Pastor would also be a good resource.

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, your Diocesan EFF Coordinator or myself assist your council.

Diocesan EFF Coordinators:

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Laredo - [Hector Chapa](#)
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Tyler - [Pat Farquharson](#)
Victoria - [Eloy Bonuz](#)

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- [Jose Ramos](#): Laredo, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, San Antonio
- [Will Britten](#): Austin, Galveston-Houston, Victoria





EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION CONT.

[Gregory Brown](#)

Texas State Council Knights of Columbus
Evangelization and Faith Formation Director
Vivat Jesus

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

STATE INSURANCE LIAISON

Brothers,

A consistent income brings financial stability and well-being to your family. If it were to vanish unexpectedly — whether because of death or disability — consider what might happen next:

Would your loved ones need to sell or downsize their home? Would your children need to change schools? Would it impact retirement savings?

Insurance from the Knights of Columbus can help replace that crucial income, protect savings and prevent major lifestyle disruptions.

Depending on your stage of life, there are products designed to fit your needs.

If you're a young man, you may be working hard to pay rent or cover basic living expenses. As you age into your prime working years, there may be mouths to feed, a mortgage and a car payment. Then finally as you approach or enter retirement, you might be looking for supplemental income or to protect what you've built.

If you're supporting a family, term or permanent life insurance can help give you peace of mind that they will be financially protected if you or your wife should pass away.



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STATE INSURANCE LIAISON CONT.

Even amid tragedy, it helps give the people you love stability and time to adjust without the added weight of financial hardship.

Term life insurance, which gives you coverage for a specified time period, can be a great option if you have a young family with temporary needs. It's an affordable choice that typically provides coverage for 10, 15 or 20 years.

Later, you could choose to convert your policy to whole life, which can provide coverage for your entire lifespan and accrue cash value. This can be helpful if you want a potential way to supplement retirement income or if you're interested in using insurance as part of your estate plan.

Not sure what coverage is right for you?

Please be sure to schedule a time with your agent to sit down and talk about your needs. We are here to help you protect your family and the life you've built.

Thank you!

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