

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.**



## **ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL**

### **April 2015 Newsletter**

# Adrian Dominguez, State Deputy

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Brother Knights and families of the Arkansas Jurisdiction:

What a blessing to come into the month of April. The month where we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; the reason why we are Catholic. The risen Lord who suffered and died for our sins so we may be able to live our lives the way He wants us to, not the way we want to. In this month, with all the changes in the air, the challenges we have in life, the busy tasks we have each day, and for the many times we forget to say Thank you Lord for carrying your Cross and dying for us, let us stop for one minute a day, one hour per week, to reflect on the cross we carry and thank God for allowing us to carry our own cross. God knows why we have them and He is always there to help us through the times we fall, as He did on the road to Calvary. Thank you Lord Jesus Christ for giving us our lives to live in your glory.

April is also the month to reflect on how we have been doing in our own councils. To see if we are Building the Kingdom of God in our own parishes. To ensure we have asked every eligible male in our parishes to join our order for they are the future of our councils. To ensure we have submitted all our reports and have turned in all outstanding debts we may have. Time to think about the future leaders in our councils with the elections coming. Time ensure you are meeting your needs to become Star Council.

April is also the month of our Arkansas Jurisdiction Convention, being held in Little Rock on April 24th, 25th and 26th. Please ensure your council is represented at your convention and are registered at both the hotel and by credentials. This year's convention will be very interesting and exciting as the Arkansas Knights of Columbus Builds the Kingdom of God. We will ensure our future Church at this convention and are instrumental in supporting our youth.

The Arkansas Jurisdiction is blessed to have each and every Knight and family grow in our faith with the order. Each time we give our time, talent or treasure to an activity or individual, we are serving our Lord Jesus Christ through the order. Each time we respect and help our Bishop and priests, support financially or in prayer to our seminarians and religious, we are Building the Kingdom of God in Arkansas. Thank God we have the Holy Eucharist weekly if not daily. Thank God we have those whose hands are able to consecrate the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God for our Bishop, priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and seminarians, who heard the calling and serve our Church through their holy lives.

Thank you for all you do in Arkansas for our Lord Jesus Christ, His church, through all the wonderful actions you do through the order.

Vivat Jesu

Adrian Dominguez  
State Deputy



# Phillip Savage, State Secretary

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Brother Knights,

I pray you and your families are doing well. Have you seen the spring flowers open into full bloom in the sunshine filled days? I pray our hearts have opened in the same way to our Lord and Savior this Lenten season and our hearts will remain that way all the days of our lives.

Thank you to my home council 12875 in Charleston for hosting the State Budget meeting on Saturday March 14th. GK David Wewers, Jack Soller, Ronald Arroyo and Larry Carson did a great job hosting this event. The budget committee took care of the business matters, and the ladies had a great time on their ladies outing. Thank you to my lovely wife Cindy. After the budget meeting, we attended Mass together and shared a great meal. Father Patrick and Father Stephen joined us.

The State Convention is just around the corner. Please remember each council must be current with per capita on the Supreme and State level to seat delegates at the State Convention.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you April 24-26th in Little Rock and I pray Little Rock is ready, because in the infamous words of IPSD Mike Kieffer, "Knights of Columbus ROCKS!"

God bless,

Philip A. Savage  
State Secretary



# Calvin D. Webb, Community Director

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Each one of us has a voice in shaping the world around us; as members of the Knights of Columbus we must make our voices heard. We need to do more than give up in despair over what is wrong, instead; we need to make a difference, One Person, One council at a time. Our communities offer limitless opportunity for action that can be seen, felt and judged for its true worth. Look for something that's needed and workable in your community and get involved.

Collect and distribute food to needy families or help restock local food pantries, check with your local shelters to see if you can assist or if you know someone in Church in need help them to get the assistance they need. Always remember your elderly and handicapped; no matter what time of year it is they may need some assistance.

If you have a community related activity you would like to see in this newsletter please email with the information. God Bless Calvin Webb Community Activities Director [calvin\\_webb@att.net](mailto:calvin_webb@att.net).

God Bless,

Calvin Webb



# Peter J. McNulty, Vocations/RSVP Chairman

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Worthy State Deputy, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and All Brother Knights

There is an apparent necessity for a REVIEW of the RSVP requirements.

After discussions with several Grand knights and Financial Secretary's have come to see a need to review: what is required when a Co. or ASM agrees to sponsor one or more seminarians.

This requirement also points out that in some cases the NECESSITY for IMPROVED communications. The change of OFFICERS should-MUST-communicate to the new officers what are the commitments of the Co. or ASM that will continue!!!

Remember That the RSVP is based on the FRATERNAL YEAR!! That will possibly require TWO administrations fulfilling a commitment. This is especially true for those Co.'s and ASM's that send their checks not as a one time gift BUT two or more times during the Fraternal year. If the proper communications are not achieved this could cause a situation where no refund check would be forthcoming

Whenever your Co. or ASM completes its commitment you can send in the Refund request form (2863 or 2863A) to Supreme. Be sure to indicate the requirement for a PLAQUE or sticker or BOTH.

Also importantly be sure the checks are in the proper year for your requested refund. Supreme does monitor the dates on each request.

When you submit your request please note the form requires a copy be sent to the State Vocations Chairman. A couple of councils send copies by e-mail, this saved postage and time. That's great!! Here's mine again [pmcnulty@centurytel.net](mailto:pmcnulty@centurytel.net).

Please accept my remarks as they are made to help each Co. and ASM to avoid oversights that can slow or in some cases prevent the refund as expected.

Thank you all for your cooperation and help, God bless you always and pray for all our seminarians daily.

Vivat Jesu

Peter



# The Arc of Arkansas

Fellow Brothers:

Because of all of your hard work during the 2014 campaign drive for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities (aka: the Tootsie Roll Drive), the state councils were able to raise more money than last year and more than in many years. 85% of what your council was able to raise went to the local charities of your choice while the other 15% went to The Arc of Arkansas. On March 3, 2015, the State was able to present The Arc of Arkansas with the highest check the organization has ever received from us. That check was in the amount of \$11,089.79 and will be used to fund their one-week summer camp. The campers in attendance were gracious and presented to us with a handwritten letter stating "Dear Knights of Columbus, Thank you for helping all of us at The Arc for camp. We appreciate your thoughtfulness for camp."

No one knows more than I do the exhaustive effort our councils expended during this year's fund drive. I sincerely appreciate your effort.

Paul M. Leonard  
Chairman,  
Campaign For Persons With Intellectual Disabilities

Pictured from left to right shows Mike Kieffer - Past State Deputy; Paul Leonard - Chairman For Persons With Intellectual Disabilities; along with campers for The Arc of Arkansas.





# 2015 Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Champs

2015 Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Champs....Russellville Hughes Center hosted the 2015 Knights of Columbus Arkansas State Free Throw Championship Sunday March 8, 2015. Pictured are first place (front row), second place (middle row) and third place winners in age groups 9-14 (left to right). Awards were presented by Russellville Mayor Horton (back row right) and Knights of Columbus State Deputy Adrian Dominguez. Each year over 120,000 kids participate in Knights of Columbus free throw contests throughout the US.

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## 2nd & 3rd Degree

L. to R. are Bob Allen, SD Adrian Dominguez, and Bill Allen in Heber Springs. Special 2nd & 3rd Degrees on March 15, 2015. Thank you Worthy SD! Ron





# "Right-to-Life" March

The "Disciples of the Springs" Columbian Squires led the "Right-to-Life" March from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church to Calvary Cemetery after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, January 18th. Chief Squire, Dayton Myers, organized the event and eleven of his Brother Squires participated. The "Disciples of the Springs" Columbian Squires, organized in 2013, is sponsored by Hot Springs Council 6419 and Centennial Assembly 1892. The Squires have been a tremendous asset to St. John's Parish – as well as St. Mary of the Springs Parish.

This year the Squires have assisted the Knights in Charity Golf Tournaments, Rummage Sales, Pancake Breakfasts, Baby Bottle Campaigns, and Tootsie Roll Drives. They also impacted their community by raising over \$800 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (see article ran in December 2014 Supreme Knightline). On March 13th they will assist Father George Sanders and Kay Warren, an International Known Speaker and Author, during a Mental Health symposium at the First Baptist Church in Hot Springs.

