



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL

August 2014 Newsletter



Adrian Dominguez, State Deputy

Brother Knights of the Arkansas Jurisdiction:

Thank you Worthy Knights for all you have been doing and what you do for the Knights of Columbus here in our jurisdiction. We are blessed to have such great families serving our church through the Order. Councils have started planning their fraternal year with First Degree Exemplifications, church activities, fundraising events and other events to help their parishes. Thank you for being so active.

Our Worthy State Ceremonial Director Max Nutt, PSD has informed us of upcoming 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications. The first will be held on September 14th in Fort Smith and the second will be held on September 28th in Morrilton. Please schedule as many First Degree Knights to these two while we schedule more throughout the jurisdiction.

Our Just Ask Chairman John Hertzog will be sending out letters soon on our yearly Just Ask Campaign. This campaign funds the resolutions you voted for at the last state convention. Please consider helping fund these again this year.

As we work through our councils in the month of August, please take time to pray for all Knights who are having difficult times. We must always be UNITED with our Brother Knights and let them know we are here for them. Pray for our church and priests who are in the process of being reassigned throughout the diocese, that we as Knights are welcoming them with open arms to their new parishes. Pray for the unborn, the mothers to be, the fathers to be, and those who have lost a child, may their hearts be filled with love and with the Holy Spirit for it is through our Lord Jesus Christ that all things are possible.

Our daily lives tend to be filled with many tasks. Our daily lives tend to have time against us as the days go by faster and faster. One thing we must do as Knights is always be God centered. With God first, our daily lives will be filled with blessings. Take time to thank God for our blessings.

Fraternally,

Adrian Dominguez
State Deputy





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Dear State Deputy Dominguez:

I want to thank the Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Little Rock for the generous donation presented to Msgr. Friend and me in support of seven diocesan ministries. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your spiritual and material support for the work of the Church. Besides all you have done to make our House of Formation a reality, you continue to give additional witness by supporting:

\$500.00 for Vocations Ministry,
\$1,000.00 for Hispanic Encounter,
\$3,000.00 for seminarians,
\$2,000.00 for the diocesan website,
\$1,400.00 for Arkansas Catholic, our diocesan newspaper
\$2,500.00 for the Bishop McDonald Golf Classic, and
\$500.00 for tornado relief

Once again, thank you for all that you do and please be assured of my continued prayers and support. May God bless all the Knights and his families with happiness and good health.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock

copy: Mr. Greg Wolfe



Mike Kieffer, Round Table Chairman/New Council Development

The start of a new fraternal year signals the reaccomplishment of many forms. One that we have kind of forgotten about in the past few years is the Form 2629, "Report of Round Table Coordinator". Supreme let this form go by the way side for a year but has found we need it again.

Every Council that supports more than one Parish or more than one ethnic group needs to have a Round Table Coordinator. Many of our Councils are made up of members of more than one parish or mission parishes. At minimum the Round Table Coordinator can be the point of contact between the Council and the Parish. A round table may meet separately from the Council when it is beneficial or if there might be a language barrier. Form 2629 has to be resubmitted every year even though there are not changes. One coordinator cannot head more than one Round Table.

One other form is required. That is Form 2630, "Annual report of Round Table Activity". This is due June 30th. Round Tables will help us take care of our Parishes. Taking care of our Parishes will help us grow! We are Universal! One Member per Council per Month!

Vivat Jesu!

Mike Kieffer, IPSD

Round Table / New Council Development



Ed Viera, Membership Director

Brother Knights,

It is a great honor to have the opportunity to write my first monthly report to the Arkansas Jurisdiction of the Knight of Columbus as your acting State Membership Director. With that said, I would like to let each of you know that you will continue to hear, "One Member, per Council, per Month" on a constant basis, and not just from me, but from everyone from our State Deputy down to the individual council officers.

This may sound like a quota from Supreme, but the reality is that every Catholic man should be given the opportunity to join our Order. Not just because of need for increased numbers, but because it is the Catholic thing to do. One of Saint Pope John Paul II's greatest statements was, "Be not afraid", and I understand in a part of the world where we are outnumbered it is easy to be hesitant, I say to you, be not afraid.

Look around at the beginning and at the end of the Mass that you attend and look for potential members, especially those with young children. Those are the families that need the Knights of Columbus more than anyone. Do not be afraid to speak to the wives, because we are a family based fraternal organization, which was created by Father McGivney to help entire families. It is important to include wives in our membership drives. Do not be afraid to ask your wives to help recruit. Have them ask the other ladies, "Why is your husband not a member of the Knights of Columbus?" The more informed we are the better service we can provide and the better our local recruitment will be. Get our wives more involved, I am sure that they would love to help in our efforts to have every eligible man in our parishes to be members of our Order.

As I complete this report, I would like congratulate you, our membership, on the excellent start to 2014-2015 fraternal year. As of today, we are at 7% of our state membership goal. We have four districts that have already reached over 10% of their yearly goals, and District 10 has reached a whopping 33% of its yearly goal in one month.

As a high school coach, I always tell my players that it's all about effort. No matter what the score is, if you give your best effort all the time we will be successful. Everyone can give their best effort and lead by example.

Gentlemen, be not afraid.

Faithfully submitted,

Godwal "Ed" Viera
Vivat Jesu



Conrado De La Paz, Program Director

The Works of The Knights of Columbus

The battle between “faith alone” vs. “faith and works” for salvation is perhaps the most important controversy in all Christian theology and was the cause of the Reformation, when Martin Luther changed the understanding of the Bible to fit his own particular theology. Not only did he throw out seven complete books of the Old Testament and parts of two other books, he also implied that Christians are saved by faith alone, because in Romans 3:28, “For we consider that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the law,” he inserted the word “alone” when he translated it. The only time you actually see the words ‘faith’ and ‘alone’ together in a sentence is in James 2:24, where Saint James says, “See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.”

Are we saved by just believing in Jesus or must we believe in Jesus and do certain things? The book of James says that “For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead” (James 2:26). This is because a lack of works reveals an unchanged life or a spiritually dead heart. Many scriptures make it very clear that true saving faith will result in a transformed life, which is demonstrated by the ‘works’ we do. How we live our lives reveals what we believe and whether the faith we profess to have is a living faith. Works are not the cause of salvation; works are the evidence of salvation and the Knights of Columbus live and demonstrate our faith in the works that we do.

We often fail to recognize the true meaning of our works, which may be because we spend the majority of our time and efforts raising money. However our works encourage spiritual development (Church), promote civic involvement (Community), foster fraternal spirit (Council), support life in all stages and build a society of love (Culture of Life), strengthen families (Family) and mentor tomorrow’s leaders (Youth); all good works of our faith. Our works help the least of our brothers and sisters and many of our works are addressed by the Apostle Matthew in Chapter 25, 31-46. In these verses, Saint Matthew articulated the absolute necessity of performing the good works of feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming strangers, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and those in prison.

Faith and works alone will not save us: the simple fact is that “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8). However, we must remember that it is not enough to simply say “I believe” and then do nothing. Matthew 7:21 says, “Not everyone who says Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father.” Therefore, it must be assumed that works are indeed a necessary component of one’s faith. Too many Christians think that faith means giving God lip service only “This people honors me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me” (Matthew 15:18) rather than actually doing good deeds for others.

We, Knights of Columbus strive to live our Catholic faith. We perform works that please God and He in turn bestows his grace upon us. In doing so, we prayerfully ask that God will one day say to us “Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me” (Matthew 25:34-36). Our works help the poor, sick, and those in distress and if we truly live a Christian life, one day we will hear God say to us, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). God’s grace will get us to heaven. What work has your council done for the least of our brothers and sisters today?

Conrad De La Paz
Arkansas State Council Program Director



Kevin Pierce, General Agent #14093

The Knights of Columbus always strive to listen to the members' needs and develop products that cover them as our world is changing. What we have found is people are carrying more and more debt into their retirement years. These range from medical bills, mortgages, and credit cards. Most debt situations should be temporary. People should always work to pay these off with the goal of eventually being debt free. Until the addition of our Accelerator Term insurance, our temporary (Term) only lasted until the age of 70.

We listened to our members and would like to tell you about our new product that offers term coverage until the age of 85. We have also included an automatic acceleration feature to help offset inflation which makes death benefit worth less over time. This feature will automatically increase the death benefit by 5% each of the first 5 years. We will continue to offer guaranteed convertibility to our Whole Life policies.

The release of the Accelerator Term Series comes amidst a year of records and firsts for the Knights of Columbus Insurance program. The program founded by Venerable Father Michael J McGivney in 1882, topped \$94 billion of insurance in force early in 2014, while also earning its 39th consecutive year of the highest possible ratings for financial strength (A++, Superior) from A.M. Best. The Knights were also named a 2014 "Worlds most ethical" Company by the Ethisphere Institute.

To learn even more about the Knights of Columbus Insurance program and the new Accelerator Term Series please contact your Field Agent.

Sincerely,

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Roy Anderle, State Church Director

The September Knights of Columbus Retreat at Subiaco Coury House will be held the weekend of Sept. 5-7, 2014.

The Retreat Director will be Fr. Mauricio Carrasco.

Room rate is \$120 per person (\$ 240 a couple)
Private room is \$170

This price includes room and six meals.

To make your reservations contact:

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Respectfully Submitted
Roy Anderle
State Church Director



Craig Vrabel, State Warden

Worthy District Deputies,

Following is the schedule of the two Pilgrimages:

	East Districts	West Districts
August	District 5	District 6
September	District 2	District 12
October	District 7	District 9
November	District 11	District 16
December	District 13	District 15
January	District 1	District 4
February	District 8	District 10
March	District 14	District 3

After you pass on the Image, please e-mail a small report about how many people and church services you held in the month in your district.

I will be following up with each District at the beginning and end of each month to ensure that we are on schedule or if the schedule needs adjustment for more time in a given month for Districts needing more time with the Immaculate Conception Image.

Our mission is to have both images at our State Convention in April, at which a prayer service will be held on Sunday morning.

Please ensure all the Prayer Books are placed back into the traveling case with each of our Immaculate Conception Images.

If you need more prayer cards you can email me at craig568@centurytel.net or call me at 479-964-0063.

May our Beloved Mother Mary keep you safe and watch over our pilgrimage of her image throughout our Arkansas Jurisdiction.

You set your schedule, please notify your Grand Knights so they can coordinate with their Parish Priest about possible services with the Image.

God Bless,

Craig Vrabel
State Warden



Father Bill Elser, State Chaplin

As all of us seek to grow in our relationship with the Lord, Jesus Christ as Catholics and as brother Knights, it is good to have daily resources to help us do just that. One of the resources available that I would recommend is "Give Us This Day" which is put out by Liturgical Press.

It comes out monthly and contains all of the Mass readings for each day of the month, a reflection on the readings of the day, and a biographical sketch of a saintly person whose example can inspire us to grow closer to the Lord as they did in their lives. This monthly periodical can be ordered individually for about \$34.00 a year, or if you get a bulk subscription that will be delivered to a single address each month, you can pay even less. At this point we have around 140 parishioners at Sacred Heart Church in Hot Springs Village who participate in a bulk order and have therefore paid \$20.00 each for their subscription for one year.

I would invite you to encourage your pastor to call Liturgical Press (800-858-5450) and ask for some sample copies. They provided a large number for our parishioners, and I believe many liked it and are now blessed to have God's Word and the other things I mentioned touching their minds and hearts each day of the year. I hope you, my brother Knights, will consider opportunities such as "Give Us This Day" and of course read the Order's monthly publication, "The Columbian", to become stronger disciples of Christ and members of the Order who strive to know Christ and represent him faithfully in thought, word and deed.

Vivat Jesus



Newsletter Submissions

Please submit newsletter articles by the 15th of the month to:

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