

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL

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Christmas 2014

To the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Little Rock:

In previous years I have sent out a mass mailing of Christmas Cards to many people, including members of the Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Little Rock—a card with a 3 line message, below which my name was printed. I don't think it was a good use of diocesan resources nor was it an effective way to share with you my heart. And while this emailed Christmas greeting is also sort of impersonal, it provides me with a better opportunity to express to you my gratitude for your prayers and support for me and for your faithful service to the Church throughout the year.

Every time I go to bishops' meetings, I return home glad that I am in Arkansas! You members of the Knights of Columbus work well with your pastors and your parishes, and for that I am very grateful. You respect each other and support each other in times of difficulty. I am also grateful for the unfailing support you have given me on many occasions when I have had to deal with painful issues or address publicly topics that are controversial in the public square. I am especially grateful for your support for our priests and seminarians—your financial support and continual encouragement means a lot to me and to them! This is a “plum” diocese and you are part of the reason—and I am grateful.

I am also grateful for the dedication which you bring to your service to the Church as Knights. I know that many of you and your wives have made significant sacrifices—financial and especially your time—and that you do so because of your own sense of a calling to give yourself fully to the Lord in this way. I admire how well you juggle all the demands you face and while I am also grateful to you for all the extra hours some of you devote to serving the Church, I want to encourage you not to do so to the neglect of your family or other obligations. Many of you do far more than I have the right to expect or demand.

Finally, I would like to ask for your prayers as this year draws to a close. Our world is still a dark place and 2015 will surely bring its own challenges, but on Christmas we celebrate the fact that in Jesus the light that dispels the darkness has come into the world. May that light shine in us and through us ever more brilliantly in the coming year!

Rejoice! Unto us is born a Savior: Christ the Lord!

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



Adrian Dominguez, State Deputy

Happy New Year Brother Knights! May 2015 bring many blessings, health and prosperity to each and every one of you and your families!

The chapter of 2014 in our lives has come to a close. Let us not reflect on what could have been or what should have been; reflect on all the blessings our Lord Jesus Christ has given us through the good times and the not so good times of the year. God knows why things happen and what our future brings to us. Let us always praise Him for all His blessings and ask not why, but ask to give us the fortitude to know it's His will not ours.

We as Knights are charged to evangelize our faith, by what we do for our Catholic church, through the order. We have a responsibility and obligation to reach out to every Catholic man in our jurisdiction to become a Knight and serve our Lord. We must look at those fallen Brother Knights that for some reason have not been involved in our councils, that no longer participate in corporate communion, that no longer are registered Knights, and ask ourselves what are we going to do different to ensure they are engaged and return to our chambers and participate in our activities. We must be responsible for our new Brother Catholics coming into our faith and unit them with our Christian brotherhood as well as our fraternal brotherhood. We must extend our hands to those less fortunate, those who we see each week in the pews and do not acknowledge, those who have offended us and must forgive, those who seem to be different although all made in God's image. We, Brother Knights, must live our lives as Catholic men, as the Catholic meaning of universal.

As 2015 comes to a start, so does our second half of our fraternal year with many responsibilities and reporting which must take place. Please ensure all your forms have been submitted, audits are taking place, and meetings are scheduled to plan the rest of this fraternal year. Those councils who have been working on the many charitable activities and serving our church without being able to schedule degrees, and those councils which have cleared the cobwebs on their registries, our District Deputies and State Officers will be taking a very active roll with your council this coming six months.

Thank you to all those Knights and their families who have generously have given to the "Just Ask" Campaign, for it is our first pillar of charity which we live by. Thank you for all the hours spent doing Knight of Columbus activities and duties, as this time spent away from your loved ones will be paid by our Heavenly Father. Thank you for serving our priests in each parish throughout our jurisdiction, serving them whom speak in first person when consecrating our Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is serving Him and His church. Thank you for being a Knight of Columbus, part of the "right of the church" as Saint John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict and Pope Francis have stated.

I pray, for every Knight and their families, that you are healthy and blessed with all the gifts our Lord Jesus Christ gives us this coming year. May we know how to use His graces wisely for the good of His church and the order. Pray for our Priest and seminarians, for it is in their hands we have and will continue to have our Holy Eucharist. Pray for all those who need our prayers, for prayer is a powerful gift God has given us to be closer to Him.

Socorro, Kristina, Gabriela and I wish you a blessed a prosperous New Year!

Adrian Dominguez
State Deputy



Calvin D. Webb, Community Director

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



Michael Heathcott, Good fo the Order Chairman

On Saturday December 20, 2014, the Ordination of Rev. Jack Sidler, Sr. was celebrated at Subiaco Cathedral. A Knights of Columbus Honor Guard was requested for the event. Our State Fourth Degree Knights fulfilled this request dutifully and respectfully. Several attendees to the occasion remarked that the Guards participation was very sharp and well done. Those Sir Knights that participated were:

Former State Master - Philip Hahn
State Secretary – Philip Savage
State Treasurer – Roy Anderle
Commander – John Hertzog
Jerry Warren
Charlie Digiacomio
Mike McCombs
Jacob Bates
Art Sellers
Matt Hutchinson
Mark Urban
Tony Reith
Michael Heathcott
Peter Le

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Helena KofC 100th Anniversary



Mid-Year Meeting

With the New Year approaching, so does our Mid-Year Meeting being held on January 10th and 11th at the Subiaco Coury House. Attached you will find an updated tentative agenda. Please call 479-934-4411 to reserve your room. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner for Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday, will be covered by the State Council. Friday night social will not have a meal included.

We have a lot to cover and request a written copy of your presentation for our State Secretary on the attached State letter head.

I look forward in seeing everyone at this meeting.

Adrian Dominguez
State Deputy



**Knights of Columbus
Arkansas Jurisdiction
2014-2015
Mid-Year Meeting
January 10th & 11th, 2015
Subiaco, AR**

7:30 AM Chaplet of Devine Mercy/Opening Prayer – Father Bill Elser, SC
(With Family)

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Call to order and Credentials Check
Prayer Father Bill Elser
Pledge of Allegiance - Master Newton White
Welcome – Adrian Dominguez, SD
Daniel Echelhoff, DD District 14
Introductions of Officers and Guests - Adrian Dominguez, SD
Introduction of Past State Deputies – Mike Kieffer, IPSD
Thank you for Serving – Adrian Dominguez, SD
Secretary Report – Philip Savage
Treasurer Report – Roy Anderle
Advocate Report – Alan Halman
Warden Report – Craig Vrael
4th Degree – Newton White, DM
Supreme Membership & Program Consultant – Joe Pietruszynski, PSD

9:30 AM Star Council Requirements – Conrad De La Paz, PD

9:40 AM Supreme Programs – Conrad De La Paz, PD

9:50 AM Community Programs – Calvin Webb

10:00 AM Council Programs – Larry Lisko

10:10 AM Family Programs – Marc Rios

10:20 AM Squires Program – Michael Bowman

10:30 AM **Break**

10:50 AM Retention - Wally Sheldon, C&M RC

11:00 AM Ceremonials – Max Nutt, PSD, FM

11:10 AM Public Relations – Charles Ketter, PSD

11:20 AM College Councils – David McCall

11:30 AM Father McGivney Guild – Bob Peters, PSD, FVSM

11:40 AM CERT - Alan Halman

11:50 AM Insurance - Kevin Pierce

12:00 Noon **Lunch**

1:00 PM Good of the Order – Michael Healthcott

1:20 PM Church Director - Roy Anderle

1:30 PM Pro-Life – Ed Lemerise

1:40 PM Pennies From Heaven – Gerald Krawczynski

1:50 PM Fund Raising - John Hertzog

2:00 PM Special Olympics - Dub Green

2:10 PM Persons with Disabilities - Paul Leonard

2:20 PM Vocations/RSVP - Pete McNulty/Mike Heathcott

2:30 PM State Convention - John Lett, DD #1

2:40 PM **Break**

2:50 PM Membership Review by District/Council – Ed Viera, MD
3:10 PM Membership Goals, Incentives – Ed Viera, MD
3:20 PM Membership Recruitment - Adrian Dominguez, SD
3:50 PM New Council Development and Roundtables - Mike Kieffer, IPSD
4:00 PM Hispanic Growth Opportunities – Francisco Olguin, HC
4:10 PM District Deputy Administrative Duties: Action Planner, Reports Council Status
4:30 PM Wrap up – Adrian Dominguez, SD
4:45 PM Adjourn

5:30 PM Prayers with Monks
6:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Social with Monks

Sunday

8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Rosary - Roy Anderle
9:30 AM Motivational Video
9:45 AM Closing Remarks – Adrian Dominguez, SD
10:00 AM Closing Prayer

NOTE:

The Ladies program will be held at the Subiaco Academy from 9:00 AM to Noon and from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

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