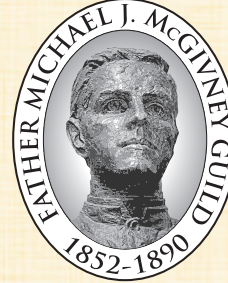


# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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



## **ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL**

### **NOVEMBER 2014**

### **NEWSLETTER**

# Adrian Dominguez, State Deputy

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Brother Knights:

I pray to find you and your loved ones well. With the cold weather upon us and the color of the trees changing, God reminds us of continuous change. We all need to pray and look deep in us to see what we have to offer in change to continue serving our Lord, His church, through the order. I thank you for what you have done and now do for His church through the Knights of Columbus. Although we must look deep into our hearts and ask ourselves if we are doing what Jesus would want us to be doing.

Our jurisdiction will only be as great as we make it to be. This will only be done by what each council does for their parish, serving the needy, by helping our Brothers in Christ. We, Brother Knights, must be active in our parishes and continue to be viewed as the "Right Arm of the Church" as St. John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict and now Pope Frances have called us to be. At each activity we do, wear proudly our emblem of the order and announce all the great things we do. When we do this, others will see your hard work and want to become one of us.

I want to congratulate those councils who have reached Star Council Status by obtaining at least 100% of their intake; Council 6834 Rogers, Council 6942 Arkadelphia, Council 12458 Bentonville, Council 14609 Rogers, and Council 15453 Fort Smith. I encourage all councils to strive for Star Council Status by asking all eligible Catholics to serve our church and priests through the order. What can you change in what you do to make this happen? Change is possible, only if you allow it.

As the Advent Season gets closer and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ reminds us of the wonderful life He has given us, we must thank him by giving back to His church with all we do through the order. We are all blessed with much which we must always praise Him for what we do.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving with your loved ones, for I am truly thankful to our Lord for being blessed to serve you in our jurisdiction. May Our Lady of Guadalupe intercede with our Lord Jesus Christ and keep us all safe and continue to bless us with love to our Brother's in Christ.

Vivat Jesu,

Adrian Dominguez  
State Deputy



# Ed Viera, Membership Director

Brother Knights,

It is a great honor to have the opportunity to write this month's Membership Report to the Arkansas Jurisdiction of the Knight of Columbus as your acting State Membership Director.

Again, I call of you brother knights to take the step and ask the men of your parish to think about joining the Knights of Columbus by visiting Supreme's website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). It has a multitude of information on the benefits of becoming a member of our Order. Change your mind set, do you really want the Knights to be a closed organization? Or do you want it to be a vibrant growing "the right hand of the Church" as Saint Pope John Paul II referred to the Knights of Columbus. Give every eligible Catholic man the opportunity to join, not to follow some quota, but because it the right thing to do.

The following are the numbers as of today, Sunday, October 26, 2014

Districts and Councils that are at 33% or higher of the membership quota for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year:

Council Number & Name	Membership	Council Number & Name	Insurance	Districts
01153 Pine Bluff	83%	02443 Pocahontas	68%	#1 – 65% Membership
01713 Paragould	75%	03998 Slovak	33%	#3 – 33% Membership
02443 Pocahontas	38%	06834 Rogers	125%	#6 – 85% Membership 93% Insurance
06419 Hot Springs	36%	13829 Siloam Springs	33%	#7 – 36% Membership
06834 Rogers	118%	14609 Rogers	167%	#9 – 39% Membership 33% Insurance
06942 Arkadelphia	100%	06140 Batesville	33%	#10 – 67% Membership 45% Insurance
08410 Harrison	33%	08815 Fairfield Bay	33%	#14 – 100% Insurance
10176 Little Rock	91%	10908 St. Vincent	33%	
10208 Hot Springs Village	68%	14774 Fort Smith	33%	
12458 Bentonville	50%	10208 Hot Springs Village	71%	
12778 Heber Springs	75%	06609 Fayetteville	40%	
12875 Charleston	50%	11604 Jacksonville	60%	
14010 Altus	40%	05725 Clarksville	100%	
14609 Rogers	160%	14010 Altus	133%	
15453 Fort Smith	175%	15867 Booneville	33%	

These are outstanding number, but let us not be satisfied and continue the movement to promote, promote, and promote some more.

Gentlemen, be not afraid.

Faithfully submitted,

Godwal "Ed" Viera

Vivat Jesu





# Conrado De La Paz, Program Director

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Brother Knights,

October is almost over and as the fall begins, I hope and pray that all councils are fully engaged and on their way to joining Councils 6834 and 14609 from Rogers, who both recently attained "Star Council" status -- congratulations to both Councils for a job well done.

Please add [arkofcpgmdir@gmail.com](mailto:arkofcpgmdir@gmail.com) to your email address book/file. This account was created to simplify and facilitate information exchange via email between the Arkansas KofC members and the present and future Arkansas State Program Directors. To ensure your messages are received in a timely fashion, direct all email messages to this address - Thank you.

The Supreme Council publishes a list identifying councils that submitted nominations for the Order's Family of the Month program. Although our jurisdiction has not nominated more than four families in any given month over the past year, I'm certain that many families in your councils are doing great works. Council officers should prayerfully consider making an extra effort to recognize and nominate those families who have made significant contributions to their Church, community, and/or council. Just follow the guidelines in the Family of the Month booklet (#1993) provided to each council in its "Surge...with Service" kit. On the 15th of each month 100 nomination forms are randomly selected by the Supreme Council and the families chosen receive a Holy Family plaque and a personal letter of congratulations from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. If I can be of assistance, please let me know; I am willing to help bolster, write, and/or review your nomination packages.

A program that can help your council attain the Columbian Award, which may be the toughest requirement to complete in attaining Star Council but also most rewarding, is the "Coats for Kids Campaign". This Featured Program fulfills the requirement of conducting four programs in Surge with Service "Youth Activities" category. If your council doesn't meet all of the requirements for this Featured Program, it will count as one program in the Youth Activities category; a win/win for everyone--especially the children. Your council's efforts will help keep the needy children in your community warm this winter season.

A case of 12 coats costs \$220; each case will contain either boys' or girls' coats in the following sizes: two Small (8), four Medium (10-12), four Large (14-16) and two X-Large (18) coats. Smaller sizes are available and will be automatically included on orders of 6 cases or more. However if you order less than 6 cases and desire smaller sizes, then you must indicate that on the order form.

The two forms to order coats can be found at: [www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/council.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/council.html) -- submit the online form or print the other version and submit via fax (203-752-4108), email ( [robert.ennis@kofc.org](mailto:robert.ennis@kofc.org) ), or mail to: KofC, Attn: R. Ennis, 12th Floor, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510.

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# Conrado De La Paz, Program Director

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As we approach another holiday season (Thanksgiving and Christmas), we must not lose ourselves in the commercialism and forget the less fortunate folks in our communities. As soldiers of Christ, it is our duty to care for the needy; not only during the upcoming holiday season but throughout the year. A Charitable Service program to consider is "Food for Families"; an excellent and simple program to execute that requires little effort, recurring advertisement (church bulletin, Mass announcements), a medium-to-large box, and a couple of dedicated Brother Knights to collect and deliver the items to the local food bank or charity of your council's choosing.

Another activity that we should begin preparing for is the "Youth Christmas Poster Contest". If your council hasn't ordered the Christmas Poster program kit, then do so quickly--posters are due to the councils on 15 December. So give the children in your parish plenty of time to accomplish their works of art!

I am available to assist all councils in attaining Star Council--please give me a call if you need anything.

Vivat Jesus!

Conrad De La Paz  
Arkansas State Council Program Director  
Knights of Columbus



# Ed and Jennifer Lemerise, Pro-Life Chair Persons

How can the United States possibly sit on a bill passed and sent to them by Congress that is supported by 7 out of every 10 (70%) American citizens?

Our country was founded on the principle that our leaders would be elected and empowered to write laws that would comport with and reflect the way we choose to live our lives, lives formed in the ethics and teachings from within the Judeo-Christian traditions.

Saint Pope John Paul II stated that the Knights of Columbus were the "Strong Right Arm" of the Catholic Church.

We are certainly at this moment in our national history called to action.

Helping us move from a seeming position of helplessness, KofC Supreme is fighting the "good fight" in the U.S. Supreme Court with money and lawyers. We can help from our homes here in the "Natural State."

Write, call or email your displeasure and demands to:

Senator John Boozman  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
202.224.4843

[www.boozman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me](http://www.boozman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me)

and

Senator Mark L. Pryor  
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
202.224.2353

[www.pryor.senate.gov/contact](http://www.pryor.senate.gov/contact)

C.S. Lewis once wrote:

"The descent to hell is easy, and those who begin by worshiping power soon worship evil."

M. Lloyd-Jones commented:

"The teaching of the New Testament is that the whole time the world has been 'lying in the wicked one.'"

## CIRCLE OF LIFE

**Calling all Knights and their families: TIME TO WITNESS!**

On January 28, 2014 the United States 113<sup>th</sup> Congress passed a bill entitled:

**H.R.7 – No Taxpayer  
Funding for  
Abortion and Abortion  
Insurance Full Disclosure  
Act.**

**This bill passed the House  
because many pro-life  
Congressmen and  
Congresswomen were  
aware that the prohibition**

**against spending federal tax dollars on elective abortions was, in  
large part, simply being ignored by a great many insurance  
providers included in Obamacare.**

**The bill, created to protect the life of the unborn from destruction  
in the womb using American taxpayer dollars was first introduced  
in May of 2013. It has been stalled in the Senate now for 18 months  
and has not even been called to the floor for a hearing!**

**The Obamacare bill passed into law on a bi-partisan rail only  
because President Obama had given an absolute assurance that no  
federal monies would be used in the procurement of elective  
abortions. This did not turn out to be true and has recently been  
thoroughly exposed as false, hidden in the shadow of fine print, by  
the non-partisan Government Accountability Office (GAO). If it  
would have been known that federal monies would have been used  
for abortions the Obamacare act would have never had a chance of  
passing in this country in this or any other time in history.**

**All Arkansas Knights and family members need to send a message  
to Senators' John Boozman and Mark Pryor letting them know that  
this cannot stand. We are a country of people that believe it is right  
to follow a moral compass, God first, the rest follows.**

**Vivat Jesus**

**Ed and Jennifer Lemerise**

**Arkansas KofC Pro-Life Chairpersons**

Take a moment and  
Google: "GAO Report  
Proves the Senate Must  
Act To Stop Abortion  
Funding In Obamacare."

Offered by: Mary Therese Drury  
at Americans United for Life.



# Calvin Webb, Community Activities 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. With the Christmas and winter season fast approaching there will be lots of opportunities to help in the community such as conducting a canned food drive to restock a local food pantry, Coats for Homeless or Coats for Kids and you could always help out at a local shelter.

Remember the elderly and handicapped in your areas; assist them where possible as they may be unable to get out during bad weather.

God Bless,

Calvin Webb

Community Activities Director

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# Peter McNulty, State Vocations / RSVP Chairman

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My Brother Knights All:

There is good news and sad news to report.

The good news: since my last report we have had several seminarians sponsored. We still have two (2) not sponsored. Their names have been submitted to councils to be considered. Prayerfully , by next month, ALL will be sponsored. Several Councils have contacted me to sponsor new candidates since the seminarians they were sponsoring are now priests.

Further good news for our Diocese and for the quality of our in total: The Supreme Council has awarded scholarships to three (3) of our seminarians, they are Stephen Gadberry, studying in Rome; Stephen Hart, studying at St. Meinrad Seminary, and William Burmester also at St. Meinrad.

The sad news is that two (2) of our candidates have been removed from our Seminarian roles. May God guide the paths of their future journeys.

With Thanksgiving being this month, let us all give thanks for our blessings both spiritual and material. Remember all our servicemen and women wherever they may be. Pray for all the Christians being persecuted (killed) throughout the world. May God have Mercy on their souls.

Remember DC Jack Sidler, Sr. who will be Ordained to the Priesthood at Subiaco Abbey December 20, 2014.

God bless you all and have a joyous Thanksgiving Day.

VIVAT JESU !

Peter  
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Home: 479-331-2341





# Francisco Olguin, Hispanic Coordinator

Pics of Saturday's Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID). Formerly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. Divine Mercy Council # 13829 St. Mary's, Siloam Springs. At our new Neighborhood WalMart.

Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am a sinner.

Francisco Olguin  
Knights of Columbus  
Hispanic Coordinator  
(479) 228-3149 Cell



# John Bodensteiner, Communications

Hot Springs Village Council 10208 Raises \$23,359 in 2014 Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID).

Under the leadership of co-chairs Milt Spaniel and Chris Gleason, the knights set a fundraising record in the 2014 campaign. While the knights themselves supported the campaign with personal contributions in addition to soliciting donations at gates and stores, an emphasis this year was placed upon personally contacting over 80 area businesses and challenging them to give \$250.

A summary of donations and beneficiaries follows: knights - \$5,575; public with Tootsie Rolls - \$6,913; banks & businesses - \$9,871; and anonymous - \$1,000. The net amount of \$22,155 will be distributed to: the State Council (15%); First Step, Abilities Unlimited, and The Caring Place in Hot Springs; Special Olympics of Arkansas; and Camps for the Blind.



# **Paul M. Leonard,**

## **State Director - Persons With Intellectual Disabilities**

The annual Knights of Columbus Campaign for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities is currently underway. A few councils have already completed their fundraiser, others are in the midst of theirs, while some councils are set to begin. So far, the preliminary results from those councils which have completed their campaign have been excellent.

In the past two months, I have been able to visit a few councils “in action” and have had the pleasure of assisting them in the fundraiser. In some cases, I felt like I was witnessing a well oiled machine. Mostly, what I enjoyed was just “meeting the guys” and getting to know my fellow brothers.

Remember, what’s most important is that your council is able to participate in this annual endeavor. Not only is it for a worthy cause but it also fulfills three Knights of Columbus goals...those being charity, fraternity, and unity. If you have not yet had that chance, please feel free to contact Paul Leonard, Chairman, Campaign for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities @ [razorback100@att.net](mailto:razorback100@att.net) and I will help get your council started.

Below are some pictures which I took while “out on the campaign trail.”

Vivat Jesu,

Paul M. Leonard  
State Director, Campaign for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities





# Pictures from Hot Springs Village Council 10208



## Pictures from Jacksonville Council 11604





# Pictures from Hot Springs Council 6419



# Exemplifications

Fourth Degree Exemplification Scheduled for Bentonville at St. Stephen Catholic Church on Saturday, January 24. The fee per candidate is \$70.

For information, contact Newton White, Arkansas District Master, 501-622-0191 cell, [nwhite@isiequip.com](mailto:nwhite@isiequip.com)

We have a 2nd-3rd Degree Exemplification scheduled at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3045 Spring Street, Hot Springs, Ar., for Sunday, February 22, 2015. Registration/Lunch begins at 11:00 AM.

The fee is \$10 per candidate and \$5 per observer. For information, call Grand Knight Andy Anderson 501-425-9368 or District Deputy Jimmie Rogers 501-940-0482

Searcy Council will be hosting a 2nd/3rd Degree on Jan 25th.



# Father Bill Elser, State Chaplin

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As we celebrate "Respect Life" Sunday (October 4-5), I am grateful to be in a parish that speaks in many ways for human life as a precious gift of God from the moment of conception until natural death. In Hot Springs Village, we are involved in a joint effort (with two other churches) to display a total of 4,000 crosses on our properties which signify the terrible reality that on average 4,000 babies die each day in the United States from abortion.

We leave the crosses up for a month, in the hopes that it might touch some people to change their minds and hearts against the taking of innocent lives from the mother's womb. We are also participating in October in the "Baby Bottle Campaign" where we give baby bottles out to parishioners after the weekend Masses and ask them to fill them with money and return them to church within a month's time.

This is a Knight's of Columbus project that last year raised almost \$6,000 to help support women during their pregnancies and/or after they give birth to their children. Finally, our parish is taking hours over at the abortion clinic in Little Rock to pray on the sidewalk for women to change their minds before having an abortion.

I encourage my brother Knights and all Catholic parishes to get involved in ongoing efforts to protect innocent children and help, especially through prayer to change minds and hearts so that we might live more and more in a culture of life and NOT a culture of death.

Vivat Jesus



# Newsletter Submissions

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

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