

Arkansas State Council Newsletter  
**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Arkansas**

**100th**

**State**

**Convention**

**April 25, 26, and 27, 2008**

**Jonesboro, Arkansas**

**STATE DEPUTY**

**STEVE BELL**



My Fellow  
Brother Knights,

We have  
completed 9  
months of this  
fraternal year and  
I have a few  
questions that  
need to be

addressed.

1. Have we processed all prospect cards and Form 100's from the Spring Membership drive? If not, we need to contact those Interested Catholic Gentlemen and their families, now. Have we asked all the RCIA men that came in to the Catholic Church during Easter Weekend? Please ask them now if you have not contacted them.
2. Have we offered to all Brother Knights and their families residing outside the council area a listing of nearby councils and are we encouraging them to transfer to become an Active Member of that council.
3. Are we doing everything possible to end this Fraternal Year as a successful year?
4. Finally where can the State Council improve for the next Fraternal Year?

Keep in mind that it takes one Knight to ask a Catholic Gentlemen if He Wants To Join the Knights of Columbus.

Remember the State Convention will be in Jonesboro April 25, 26 and 27, 2008.

Maria and I will be going to Washington, D.C. on April 16, 17 and 18, 2008 to see the Pope Benedict XVII celebrate Mass at Nationals Field. It is truly an honor to be able to represent my Fellow Knights in Arkansas at this Historic Occasion.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for working so hard this fraternal year. I know the Grand Knights have spent endless hours preparing for events, recruiting members and preparing for Council Meetings and other meetings during the month.

I know that it is extremely time consuming job. Thank You!

Vivat Jesus

**PAST STATE DEPUTY**

**DAVID E. WITT**

***JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> STAR COUNCIL DEADLINE***

Grand Knights now is the time to make certain your Councils have met all the requirements for the Star Council Award by qualifying for the Father McGivney, Founders' and



Columbian awards. Among the requirements for these awards are: conducting and reporting at least four major programs in each of the Service Program categories using the Columbian Award Application found in the *Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436)* or at [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms) by

**June 30, 2008**; achieving associate member quota; and achieving insurance membership quota. *(Note: all membership and insurance transactions must be received, processed and recorded at the Supreme Council Office on or before June 30, 2008. In 2006/2007 the processing time for Supreme was 1 – 14 days; however you can call the Department of Fraternal Services and alert them and send faxes if you submit them after June 15, 2008.)*

For more detailed information on achieving these awards, refer to ***Surge...with Service Program Manual (#962) or the Grand Knights Handbook (#915)***.

The Knights of Columbus must “prepare the way” for Pope Benedict XVI during his planned visit to the United States April 15-20, 2008. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson outlined a three-point program of preparation for the pope’s visit tied to membership recruitment.

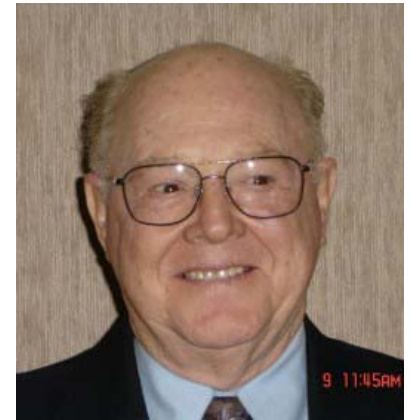
- All First Degree exemplifications through the end of the 2007-2008 fraternal year will be held in honor of Pope Benedict XVI will receive a commemorative certificate.
- Every Knight who proposes a new member between now and April 20, 2007 will receive a small medallion with Pope Benedict’s image.
- Every new Knight recruited between now and April 20 will have his name listed in a special book that Supreme Knight Anderson will present to Pope Benedict.

**TAKE SOMEONE ON A TRIP OF A LIFETIME  
RECRUIT HIM INTO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN

PETER McNULTY

My Brother Knights; Time passes on and when you receive this newsletter, the State Convention will be very close.



All the Councils and Assemblies that are supporting a seminarian can get the forms ready to claim their refunds and plaques from Supreme. HOWEVER, there is still time for Councils and Assemblies who are not participating in the RSVP at present, to do so!

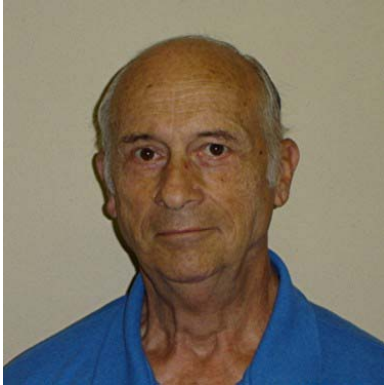
At this time, we (our Diocese) has two (2) seminarians in Mexico: Raul Garduno and German Alegria and three (3) in Rome: Eddie D’Almeida, James Melnick, and Josh Stengel. Eddie Almeida and James Melnick will be Ordained Transitional Deacons on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2008. Eddie’s father is a member of Father Anthony Lachowsky Assembly of Conway. A group of 26 couples from Conway and Russellville will be accompanied by Father Warren Harvey and will travel to Rome to witness this blessed event. Their Ordination to Priesthood will be sometime in 2009.

Our next Ordinations will be in 2010 when Josh Stengel, Jason Sharbaugh and Tony Robbins will be raised to Priesthood.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention, please keep up the prayers for Vocations.

## **FAMILY DIRECTOR**

**DICK STEMPLE**



As we begin to approach the end of this fiscal year, we should reflect on this past year and what we have (or haven't) done to strengthen our family ties. When I speak of family

ties, I'm referring to not just our immediate family (husbands, wives and kids), but our cousins, aunts and uncles, grandparents, grandkids, brothers and sisters-in-law, the whole kit and caboodle. Have you had or are you planning a family reunion? If you aren't and it's because of problems between you and other family members, resolve them or at least give it your best shot. I know that in Arkansas it's rumored that everyone is related, but that's not true and you only have one family be it large or small.

We attend the Schmitt family reunions in Ohio once every few years (my mother was a Schmitt) and each time there is a smaller turnout. Mom and eight of her brothers and sisters (there were 11) have all passed away and a number of my cousins are no longer with us. The reunions are a time to reminisce and bring one another up to date with the latest happening in our lives. My dad was an only child. He and his parents are gone. I'm here, my sister is in Toledo Ohio, my son, his wife and three boys live in Marlborough, Mass, and my brother and his whole family live in Virginia Beach, Virginia. We are the last of this branch of the Stemple family and getting together is not easy, but certainly well worth the effort and expense.

If all is well with your family, the fences don't need mending, and you haven't already done so, contact the other members and plan a get-together this year. Who knows what the next year (or day for that matter) will bring. If not, be the bigger individual, bury the hatchet and contact your other family members to arrange the time and place for a reunion. I'm confident you just might be surprised at the welcome reception you'll receive. If not, you will at least feel better knowing you did the right thing. At the very least, the blame for the rift will be lifted from you. It truly is a "win win" situation!

## **FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD**

**MIKE J. MITCHELL**

**STATE CHAIRMAN**

## **THE GREAT ORGANIZER**

A short 125 years ago a Great Organizer worked his God given talents for the good of many Irish C a t h o l i c immigrants. Father McGivney had a

dream to provide security and Fraternity for Catholic men and their families. Today this dream lives on in all of the Brother Knights who march in his footsteps. Every year there are State Council meetings in all states where the Knights are present. It is with great honor that I am able to represent our founder on behalf of the entire state. As we come together for our 100<sup>th</sup> annual convention let us continue the work we have done in the past for the good of all mankind and continually look for new ways to be of Service to One and Service to All. Brothers, Father McGivney lives on in our lives as we continue to walk in his



footsteps and carry out his vision for the Knights of Columbus. If you have knowledge of any favors granted though Father McGivney's intercession please notify the Father McGivney Guild as we work to assure his sainthood. Please join the Guild for updates on these efforts towards sainthood at [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) or mail in the attached form. It's free so join now.

<p><b>PLEASE ENROLL ME IN THE GUILD</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Mail to: The Father McGivney Guild Knights of Columbus 1 Columbus Plaza</p>
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**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**  
**APRIL NEWS LETTER**  
**ART BRANNEN**



The March Blitz is over and all of Blitz reports should have already been submitted to the Membership Director. If you have not submitted your reports they

are delinquent and I would appreciate you sending them in even if your council did not have a Blitz.

The Arkansas State Convention is upon us (Apr 24 thru 27) and it would be great to report that we had obtained 100% membership. We still have until June to meet our goals and I am confident with the outstanding Grand Knights and Membership Directors we can achieve our goals.

Bringing twice the energy, enthusiasm, knowledge and persistence to any endeavor doubles the likelihood of success.

Organize two-man recruitment teams from the membership committee and additional recruiters.

Conduct personal visits at prospect's home, emphasizing local council activities/opportunities for involvement by prospect, wife, and the entire family.

Vivat Jesus

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN**  
**OZRO N. BARCLAY**

The Pennies From Heaven Program is for the benefit of our Knights of Columbus members and who suffer losses as a result of a disaster, disabling sickness/injury or similar misfortunes. An annual Resolution approved by delegates at the State Convention authorizes the Pennies from Heaven Program. It reads as follows: ***“Be it resolved that each subordinate council be encouraged to establish a “Pennies From Heaven” for the benefit of members and others in their local area who suffers losses as a result of a disabling sickness/injury or similar misfortune. Fifty percent (50%) of the annual collection by the councils is to be turned into the “State Pennies From Heaven Fund” prior***

***to the State Convention. Expenditures from the fund are to be requested by the Grand Knights in writing through the “Pennies From Heaven Chairman”. Mandatory contribution by the council is not required but it is recommended. Final distribution is at the discretion of the State “Pennies From Heaven Chairman and the State Deputy. Contributions are to be up to a maximum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per individual/ family per occurrence.***

Grants are to be requested by the Grand Knight of the council to the State “Pennies From Heaven” Chairman in writing (E-mail preferably) when, in their knowledge a member of the council or others in their local area suffer such a loss. This request should include the name of the family or individual, the factors that caused the loss, the name of the individual to whom the check should be made payable, and the correct name and home address of the Grand Knight so the check may be mailed to him for presentation.

The request for funds will be reviewed by the State “Pennies From Heaven” Chairman and approval then requested of the State Deputy. Upon receiving his approval, the proper letter of Approval will be sent to the State Secretary and the State Treasurer so that the funds may be dispersed without delay. Every attempt will be made for the checks to be mailed within 24 hours for all approved awards. The Grand Knight will receive a copy of the letter of authorization with a reminder that he is to notify the State “Pennies From Heaven” Chairman of the date he received the award and the date that it was presented.

As the State “Pennies From Heaven” is funded by contribution from the councils, every Grand Knight is encouraged to see that his council does contribute to this fund. For the period from July 1,

2007 to March 25, 2008, the State has disbursed \$7950 in approved awards from 27 requests from Grand Knights from 16 Councils. We encourage the councils to publicize it in their local papers when this program is used in their community.

## **STATE DISABILITY DRIVE**

**MIKE CRIMMINS**

### **SPRING HAS SPRUNG, HAVE YOU?**

Every year about this time spring shows up and most everyone I know is happy about it. Being cooped up all winter is no fun.



Being cooped up year round with a disability might be classified as no fun but a lot of our neighbors through out the state have this problem

Just like spring our State Disability Drive comes around in October every year and just like spring a lot of good people in Arkansas need our help.

Now is the time to schedule your fundraiser and form your committee to see that it happens. I look forward to working with each of you in any way I can and in return I would ask that your council participate in our STATE disability drive this year. This can be by a program, donation, or by just digging deep, in any case WE need your participation. I am at your service.

“CHARITY” is our buss word. MAKE IT YOURS.

## STATE SECRETARY

DUDLEY WELLS



At the present time the following Knights have announce there candidacy for state office for the 2008-2009 year:

## STATE DEPUTY

Steve Bell  
Jim Neff

## STATE SECRETARY

Dudley Wells

## STATE TREASURER

Mark Morgan  
Henry "Art" Sellers

## STATE ADVOCATE

Michael Kieffer

## STATE WARDEN

Larry Lisko  
Gerald Krawczynski

The State Council needs Knights that are willing to give of their time to help the councils of the State as State Officers, Directors and District Deputies. If you are interested, please contact the State Deputy – Steve Bell.

The State council Web Site has the duties and responsibilities posted for our State Program Chairmen/Directors. You will also find the duties

and responsibilities for our local council officers including an in-depth guide for council membership directors. For our Grand Knights we have included a direct link to Supreme's DVD.

If your council did anything for the tornado relief please let me know. This includes any money; time, etc spent even if it was for friends, churches or other organizations. This helps on our report to Supreme on works being performed in the State by Knights and there families.

If your council or assembly has a slate of officers for the 08 – 09 year, please send to me. This does not relieve you of the responsibility to notify me of the officers once they are elected. It just gives me a head start on the directory for next year.

Please check the state website ([www.arkofc.net](http://www.arkofc.net)) for forms and information on council awards and the convention.

If there is anything that you think I should be doing to help the State that is not being done, please let me know.

Dudley Wells  
State Secretary

## DATES TO REMEMBER 2007/2008 FRATERNAL YEAR

### APRIL

- 10 Suspensions of Councils for non-payment of Per Capita
- 13 World Day of Vocations
- 16 Pope Benedict XVII United States visit
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- 25 State Convention in Jonesboro
- 26 State Convention in Jonesboro
- 27 State Convention in Jonesboro

- 27 National Fraternal Week
- 28 National Fraternal Week
- 29 National Fraternal Week
- 30 National Fraternal Week

**MAY**

- 01 Feast of Ascension
- 01 National Fraternal Week
- 02 National Fraternal Week
- 03 National Fraternal Week
- 11 ***Happy Mother's Day***
- 26 Memorial Day

**JUNE**

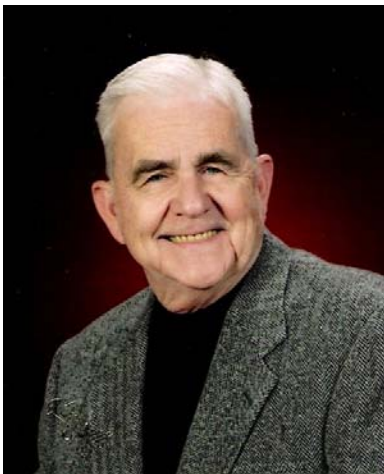
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 ***Happy Father's Day***
- 30 ***Application for Columbian Award (Must be received in Supreme Office – SP7)***
- 30 ***RSVP Applications Due (Form 2863)***

happen to them? Usually the insurance at work is term and is temporary – it will go away – either due to age or severance from the company. That is why it is always a great idea to have insurance **AWAY** from your place of employment be it term or whole life. Did you know that the Knights of Columbus Insurance, your company, sells term? Give your field agent a call or if you do not know who he is give me a call. I can be reached at 501-327-3904 business; cell 501-733-1346 or you can e-mail me at [frederick.ward@kofc.org](mailto:frederick.ward@kofc.org) and let us show you what the Knights have to offer in protection for your family.

**INSURANCE NEWS**

**FRED WARD**

**FROM THE GENERAL AGENT**



I was reading the newspaper today and saw another business was closing its doors due to the slowdown in the housing market, as well as everywhere else, and could not help but wonder what

happened to their insurance that the company provided. Did they get to keep it? Did it go the way their jobs did?

What about their families if something should

# District Deputy Corner

**DISTRICT 01**  
**LARRY LISKO**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY**  
**DISTRICT 01**



No report this month.

**DISTRICT 02**  
**FRANK DIGAETANO**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY**  
**DISTRICT 02**



No report this month.

**DISTRICT 03**  
**WILLIAM E. BERG JR.**  
**DISTRICT 03**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY**

No report this month.



**DISTRICT 04**  
**JAMES T. SMITH**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY**  
**DISTRICT 04**

No report this month.

**DISTRICT 06 NEWS**  
**WALLY SHELDON**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY**  
**DISTRICT 06**

Council's are hosting the Our Lady of Charity Icon during the last part of March. The Icon will then be presented to the churches in District 12.



Bentonville Council 12458 and Bella Vista Council 09514 concluded their Lenten Fish Fry's on March 14.

## **DISTRICT 07 NEWS**

**JIM PALMER**  
**DISTRICT 07**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY**

No report this month.

## **DISTRICT 08 NEWS**

**CHARLES J. BOIS**  
**DISTRICT 08**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY**

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**



District 08 has been very active this past month. Most of the councils have actively and successfully sought out candidates for the 2nd and 3rd

degree to be on March 30 in Conway. The Grand knights and others have put forth much effort in making this a great class. As of tonight there will be greater than 110 candidates. It is hoped that many Knights will attend in support of the candidates.

### **COUNCIL 04143 FISH FRY**

The Lenten Fish Fry's have ended with a huge success this year. The council served out 1284 adult meals, 155 kid's meals and 149 takeouts. This great task would have not been possible if it were not for all of the Knights, wives of Knights and children of Knights for all of their hard work and efforts. The number of helpers this year was outstanding but as always we welcome any one new member that is interested in helping. There

are many other volunteer opportunities so please don't be a stranger. We would especially like to thank all of the Families and Friends that came out to eat and the fellowship and fun they provided us.

### **YOUTH ACTIVITY**

Council 04143 sponsored the State Free throw contest at the St. Joseph Family Activities Center on Sunday March 2nd The event was attended by youth from the 12 districts across the state.

Council 04143 sent thanks to the many volunteers who made this event a success. Mike Sartain, Eddie Nabholz, Steve Thessing, Marty Strack, Kevin Briggler, Rick Lachowsky, Steve Dayer, Mark Bailey, Randy Welch, Troy Marshall, Shawn Moix, Steve Massa and Danny Kordsmeier. And a special thanks to Chris Kordsmeier for setup up the gym for the free throw events this year.

## **DISTRICT 09 NEWS**

**CHARLES E. KUEHL,**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY**  
**DISTRICT 09**

No report this month.



**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

**NEWTON WHITE  
DISTRICT DEPUTY  
DISTRICT 10**



No report this month.

**DISTRICT 11 NEWS**

**UNASSIGNED  
DISTRICT 11  
DISTRICT DEPUTY**

No report this month.

**DISTRICT 12 NEWS**

**DENNIS N. CRAWFORD  
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DISTRICT DEPUTY**



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