



**Arkansas State Council Newsletter**  
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**STATE DEPUTY**  
**JIM NEFF**

Brothers All:

We have much to celebrate and be thankful for as we approach Thanksgiving. We are at 90% of achieving our commitment of sponsoring each Diocese of Little Rock Seminarian at least once through the RSVP Program. On behalf of the Arkansas Jurisdiction, I extend our gratitude and appreciation to each council and assembly that has participated and to the fine efforts of Peter McNulty, our Vocations Director. Nothing signifies the Knights partnering with our priests and church more than the RSVP Program.

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Two articles in this issue of the newsletter, one by District 06 District Deputy Mike Mitchell about our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and one by PR Director Frank Letzig, refer to our new Mexican Martyrs Council in Rogers and do justice to what the combined efforts of many can accomplish. I assure you the teamwork, dedication and leadership that went into making this a success is but the beginning of more accomplishments to come. The Bella Vista Assembly Honor Guard lent dignity to this celebration, and Past State Deputy David Witt, State Advocate Mike Kieffer and past District Deputy Wally Sheldon were there to lend support. Our other new council is Scranton and will celebrate their new charter shortly.

Due to Providence and Bishop Taylor, our State Chaplain Fr. Bill Elser has been reassigned to Our Lady of Fatima Church in Benton. Fr. Bill has requested that the Benton Council be reactivated and District Deputy Newton White is in the process of getting this done. We have good new council opportunities in Ft. Smith, Hope, Little Rock, and Forrest City along with a possible Spanish Speaking Round Table in Berryville. These opportunities did not just fall out of the sky, but have been astutely realized and nurtured by a great group of District Deputies, part of who includes: Charlie Ketter, Tom Smith, Kenny Petty, Charles Reinhart and Mike Mitchell. Other District Deputies are unearthing new council and round table opportunities which will be shared as they develop. And all these activities are being masterfully coordinated by Past State Deputy Jimmy McKinnon who might end up being the most "decorated" New Council Development Director in the history of our Order.

Our State Warden Gerald Krawczynski has coordinated an excellent procession through the state of

the Silver Rose. It came to us from Mississippi and will leave going to Oklahoma. Gerald is also our Fund Raising Director and has the annual fund raising mailing out requesting a donation for our many charitable activities. Please prayerfully consider this effort and let your heart be your guide.

Mike Crimmins has done another magnificent job with our "Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities" drive. He expects record participation this year, the results of which will be announced after all councils have reported. We owe a big thanks to Mike for a great job. His sincerity and persuasiveness are big reasons for the program's success. Another well managed program is "Pennies From Heaven", but needs to be utilized by more councils. This is a great way to respond to the emergency needs of your community, whether or not the individual or family is Catholic. Director Oz Barclay passes a valid request to me immediately and I try to respond likewise. All of the above activities count for attaining the Columbian Award, and the Grand Knight has only to insure the Form SP-7 gets filled out to generate **pride** within his council.

We are 29% of our membership number for Circle of Honor at the end of four months, or one third of the fraternal year. This is 5% below where we need to be to be tracking at 100% YTD. First, thanks for the efforts that have brought us within grasp of Circle of Honor. Let's ramp it up and all accept the responsibility of recruiting new members and asking former members to rejoin. Sharing some of our many charitable good works with prospective members is a proven method for success in attracting the quality of member that belongs in the Knights of Columbus. The men we recruit today will determine the direction and future of our Order.

Thanks to all for the positive differences you are making. Keep your right to vote sacred by exercising it this November 4th and encourage others to do likewise. Finally, have a safe and bountiful Thanksgiving.

Blessings and vote Pro-Life,

Jim Neff

Vivat Jesus

### **MESSAGE FROM SUPREME KNIGHT**

**CARL A. ANDERSON**

Worthy State Deputy:

The U.S. presidential election is now just days away and much is at stake, especially in states where citizens will have a chance to vote to protect marriage (Arizona, California and Florida), to prevent physician assisted suicide (Washington), to protect the unborn (California, Colorado and South Dakota) and to oppose embryonic stem cell research (Michigan). Connecticut, the third state to suffer judicially-imposed same-sex marriage, will decide whether to call a constitutional convention that could give the people the power to amend the state constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

And of course, thousands of candidates will be<sub>2</sub>elected to local, state and federal offices, many of

whom will have a voice in deciding whether to legally protect life and marriage.

Because these issues loom so large in this year's elections, I ask that you encourage councils throughout your state to schedule a rosary at each local parish on Saturday, November 1, 2008, to pray for divine guidance as these critical choices are made on Election Day and to entrust the outcome to the maternal intercession of our Blessed Mother, particularly under her title "Our Lady of Guadalupe."

This should be done in addition to efforts to remind Knights and their families to pray the "Novena for Faithful Citizenship" encouraged by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Links to more information and novena prayers can be found on <http://www.kofc.org>

Finally, please remind your local councils that if they have not yet completed preparations for their get-out-the-vote activities for Election Day, action is needed now.

Thank you for making these efforts a top priority. Our ability to build a Culture of Life will be significantly affected by the choices we make on November 4, and the power of prayer is surely one of our most important tools.

Fraternally,  
Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
**MIKE J. MITCHELL**  
**FATHER MICHAEL J. Mc GIVNEY GUILD STATE CHAIRMAN**  
**DISTRICT DEPUTY DISTRICT 06**

In October I was privileged to participate in an event that truly signified the benefits of Father Michael J. McGivney.

Irish immigrants came to this country over a hundred years ago looking for a better life only to find themselves looked down upon and most often mistreated. They were given what could be considered poor jobs, often with dangerous working conditions. Father McGivney yearned to find a way to help out as he always did in every situation he encountered during his lifetime. Therefore, one hundred twenty years ago he founded the Knights of Columbus to help those immigrants and their families.

The continuation of his work was evident as members of the Arkansas State Council gathered on October 12, 2008, in Rogers, Arkansas for the birth of Mexican Martyrs Council Number 14609, the first officially chartered Hispanic Council in Arkansas.

As District Deputy of District 06, I was honored to deliver the Charge at the Presentation of the Charter Ceremony. I was also very proud to deliver those remarks to hundreds of Hispanic worshipers and then

present the Charter to the inaugural Grand Knight of Council Number 14609, Worthy Grand Knight Ed Viera.

Very few times do we, as Knights of Columbus, have the opportunity to reflect on an event of such importance. The Hispanic population, much like the Irish, has often been discriminated against and given poor dangerous jobs. The Roman Catholic Church and we, as Knights of Columbus, have reached out, just as Father McGivney did all those years ago, thinking, "enough is enough", because we are all equal in the eyes of God. For just one small snippet of time I was humbled to be able to feel a small measure of what Father McGivney must have felt as he lifted himself in the service of others.

In my own personal service to the Knights of Columbus I have never come as close to feeling what I believe Father McGivney felt as I delivered the Charge to this new Council as hundreds of immigrants looked on in Love of God, Faith, Church and Family. The Love of God, Faith and Church are all part of being a Knight of Columbus.

For all Brother Knights who have never helped someone, do it now! For those Brother Knights who do not know all of the history behind our founder, find out now! Join the Father McGivney Guild, at no cost, and receive free updates about the Guild and the progress towards canonization of our founder. Fill out the attached form or visit [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) to sign up. Most important is not to wait, just DO IT NOW!!

**HISPANIC COUNCIL**  
**FRANK LETZIG**  
**STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR**

On Sunday, October 12, 2008, the first all Hispanic Knights of Columbus Council Number 14609, "The Mexican Martyrs" was presented its Charter by State Deputy Jim Neff.

The Council, which is located at St.Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Rogers, Arkansas, has as its Charter Grand Knight Ed Viera.

The Council resulted from hard work on the part of Brother Viera, who is also the State Hispanic Coordinator; Brother Jimmy McKinnon, PSD, New Council Development Director; Brother Mike Mitchell, District Deputy, District 06; Grand Knight Paul Beauchamp, Council 06834; Brother Jose Jimenez, PSD, Hispanic Development Field Coordinator; and the tremendous support of the Pastor of St. Vincent DePaul, Monsignor David LeSieur.

The new Council is named for the six Priests, who were murdered by authorities for practicing Catholicism in Mexico during the early 20th century. Pope John Paul II canonized them in 2000.

At the ceremony was a silver cross containing the relics of the six Priests who were also members of the Knights of Columbus.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**



## Caballeros de Colón / Knights of Columbus

Consejo 14609 Los Mártires Mexicanos /  
The Mexican Martyrs Council 14609

Parroquia San Vicente de Paúl / St. Vincent de Paul Parish  
1416 West Poplar Street  
Rogers, Arkansas 72758 USA  
(479) 636-4020

Rev. Msgr. David LeSieur, Pastor & Rev. Salvador Vega

### **Chartering Ceremony of Council 14609** **Sunday, October 12, 2008 @ 1:00 PM Mass** **Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**

- 12:15 PM Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard and other dignitaries assemble in the Church lobby to practice the procession.
- All seats in the front rows around the altar will be reserved for Knights and their families.
- 12:55 PM Procession into Saint Vincent the Paul begins.
1. K of C Assembly 1783 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard
  2. Cross with Altar-servers
  3. Council 14609 Charter  
Two members of Council 14609
  4. Painting of the Mexican Martyrs  
Two members of Council 14609
  5. Relics of the Mexican Martyrs from the K of C Museum  
PSD Jose Jimenez, Supreme Council  
SD Jim Neff, Arkansas State Council
  6. Father Salvador Vega
- 1:25 PM During Father Salvador's sermon after the Homily he will read a letter from Bishop Taylor to the congregation on the importance of this day and invite the men of the parish to join the Knights.
- 2:00 PM After Communion, District Deputy Mike Mitchell will read the charge granting Council 14609 The Mexican Martyrs its Charter.
- Grand Knight Godwal "Ed" Viera will thank the dignitaries for their attendance and participation in ceremony and present the painting of the Mexican Martyrs to Father Salvador Vega and the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish.
- 2:15 PM Procession exiting the church.
- Saint Vincent de Paul Cafeteria / Gymnasium**
- 2:30 PM First Degree Exemplification followed by a with social with refreshments





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### **Ceremonia de Inicio del Consejo 14609** **domingo, 12 de octubre del 2008 durante la misa de la 1:00PM** **Iglesia Católica San Vicente de Paúl**

- 12:15 PM Miembros de la Guardia de Honor del Cuarto Grado de los Caballeros de Colón y dignatarios se reúnan en la entrada de la iglesia para practicar la procesión.
- Todos los asientos alrededor del altar serán reservados para los Caballeros de Colón y sus familias.
- 12:55 PM Comienza la procesión de entrada a la iglesia.
1. La Guardia de Honor de Cuarto Grado de la Asamblea 1783
  2. La Cruz con los Monaguillos
  3. La Carta Constitutiva  
Llevada por dos miembros del consejo
  4. La Pintura de los Mártires Mexicanos  
Llevada por dos miembros del consejo
  5. Las Religias de los Mártires Mexicanos  
PSD José Jiménez, Representante del Consejo Supremo  
SD Jim Neff, Consejo Estatal de Arkansas
  6. Padre Salvador Vega
- 1:25 PM Durante el sermón del Padre Salvador después de la homilía, el va a leer una carta del nuestro Obispo Antonio Taylor expresando la importancia de este día e invitar a los hombres de la parroquia en hacerse miembros de nuestra Orden.
- 2:00 PM Después de la comunión, el Diputado del Distrito va a leer la Presentación de la Carta Constitutiva del Consejo 14609 Los Mártires Mexicanos.
- El Gran Caballero, Godwal "Ed" Viera la dara las gracias a todos los dignatarios por sus asistencia y participación en nuestra ceremonia de inicio y presentarle al Padre Salvador y la parroquia de San Vicente de Paul la pintura de los Mártires Mexicanos.
- 2:15 PM Procesión de salida de la iglesia.
- Cafetería / Gimnasio de la Escuela San Vicente de Paúl**
- 2:30 PM Ejemplificación del Primer Grado y una merienda.



**CABALLEROS  
DE COLÓN**  
EN SERVICIO A UNO. EN SERVICIO A TODOS.

**JIM PALMER**

Fellow Knights, this is my first submission of a State Membership report to the monthly news letter. I like all of you have many activities going on and time for written reports is limited.

I can take the “glass is half full or the glass is half empty” approach to our membership growth. I choose to take the half full approach as I see a lot of good signs for our future. I am however impatient and I wish it would go faster and only you can help.

Please take 10 seconds to stop reading and think of what you as a devoted Knight can do to bring another gentlemen into our fold.....

The fall membership blitz is in full swing and it will continue through deer season. Then it will be time to remember the birth of our Lord, do our income taxes, organize superbowl parties, Lent, and prepare for the spring drive. Do you want to wait for a drive to invite a friend to join or do you want to bring him in today? There are many drives going on now but you do not need a drive to invite ONE friend to join. Make it a point to invite one new member THIS WEEK. I believe that if everyone who reads the news letter invites one person we will attain our annual goal by Christmas.

Please contact me if you need any help and I will respond.

Jim Palmer  
State Membership

**APPOINTMENT OF PRO-LIFE CHAIR-COUPLE**

**JON AND MARTI HAUSLER**

**VOTE PRO-LIFE**

Worthy Pro-Life Chair-Couple Jon & Marti,

I would like to join my fellow Knights and Ladies in the Arkansas State Council in extending my personal congratulations. Your mission will be challenging and rewarding, I know this because my wife Barbara and I once held that same position. The enemies of Life are many and varied. Some appear pro-life socially while supporting pro-abort politicians in the voting booth. This kind of hypocrisy is, sadly, all too prevalent among cafeteria Christians. The Fourth Degree of our order as well as the entire Knights' Family Members are seriously engaged in promoting the “Vote Pro-Life” campaign. Currently there is a “Vote Pro-Life Trailer” touring the Arkansas Knights of Columbus Council Halls and Church Property's. For the sake of Life this election is absolutely critical because the next President will decide the Supreme Court Justice who will either overturn or continue abortion at all times during a pregnancy. We pray that we will elect a President that will appoint a Pro-Life and not a Pro-Death Judge.

Fighting for the most innocent is definitely the Good Fight. If you need any advice or just a word of

encouragement please do not hesitate to contact us. Sometimes just knowing that you are not alone is comforting. As Program/Community Director my door is always open to Pro-Life Service Programs. Your Financial Secretary has already received a packet from Supreme with some very helpful Pro-Life material and you may want to ask to see it.

Let me also encourage you to contribute a monthly Pro-Life Chair-Couple Message to our State Web Site Newsletter so that we can all share your love for the babies on-line. Jesus said that whatever we do for the least of His children we do for Him. What better reward then to work for Jesus? There will be discouraging times and not everyone will receive the message of Life enthusiastically. Please, be strong and know that you both are the heroes and heralds for the little ones who have no voice. May God richly bless both of you and your mission sacrifice.

Vivat Jesus  
James W. Cunningham, Jr.  
AR Program/Community Dir.

**VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN**  
**PETER McNULTY**

My Brother Knights, as your State Vocation Chairman, I am most pleased with our State's results in our effort to support our seminarians. We have 26 of 29 seminarians receiving RSVP Awards, as of this writing. We have a goal of ALL seminarians receiving an RSVP Award by the Christmas season. There remains only three (3) to be supported. Those councils and assemblies who are already participating are to be congratulated and THANK YOU for doing so. I want to thank those councils and assemblies who called and e-mailed me for information and requested names to consider for support. We have the following three (3) who are not confirmed as being supported, at this time: Joshua Hart, Jacob De La Paz, and Luis Miguel Pacheco. Each of these men are enrolled in Seminaries in the U.S.A.

I want to now report on our four seminarians enrolled in the North American Pontifical College in Rome. Two of these were Ordained as Transitional Deacons on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>: James Melnick and Eddie D'Almeida. It was indeed a most spiritual experience for me and my wife, along with approximately 28 others in attendance from Russellville and Conway. Father Warren Harvey, pastor of St. Joseph in Pine Bluff was also in attendance and added much more enjoyment to our group's activities. The other two from Arkansas were Andrew Hart and Josh Stengel. Each of these impressive young men expressed their special thanks to all the Knights of Columbus and their families for the prayers and support through the RSVP. The four of them were able to travel to Assisi with our group.

With a look to the future — in my conversation with Msgr. Friend, our Diocesan Vocation Director, he is looking at a possibility of **40** seminarians for the **2009 – 2010 class**. What a gift that would be for our Diocese! He has asked me to continue with the efforts for **each seminarian** to receive an **RSVP Award**. We, Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies, will be asked to look at a deeper effort to coordinate our efforts. I can tell you, at the present time, there are between the Councils and Assemblies a total of 37 RSVP Awards among 26 seminarians. Thus, we can see that some seminarians receive more than one



From left to right--Andrew Hart, Eddie D'Almeida, Father Warren Harvey, James Melnick, Josh Stengel and Father Thomas Brown

award. With an increased effort to coordinate awards, we can reduce the number of duplicate awards and successfully cover all those who are enrolled in our various seminaries.

My Brothers, our Bishop Anthony and Msgr. Scott have created a treasure for our Diocese – we have 29 seminarians at present. In my talking to seminarians from other Diocese, I found **WE** in ARKANSAS; a mission region, can be very proud. Most other Diocese represented at the N. American College have 1 or 2 seminarians and their home Diocese do not have as many Total Seminarians for the future as we here in Arkansas. The future of our Faith in the Diocese of Arkansas is in very good hands.

God bless you all and keep all our fine young men in your daily prayers.

An update of Councils and Assemblies participating in the RSVP are listed below.

### COUNCILS

- 00812 ..... Little Rock
- 01702 ..... Jonesboro
- 01713 ..... Paragould
- 01713 ..... Paragould

02650 .....	Texarkana
04147 .....	Wynne
05209 .....	Morrilton
05725 .....	Clarksville
06253 .....	North Little Rock
06398 .....	Russellville
06609 .....	Fayetteville
07258 .....	Mena
07353 .....	Mountain Home
08815 .....	Fairfield Bay
09514 .....	Bella Vista
10167 .....	Little Rock
10208 .....	Hot Springs Village
10908 .....	St. Vincent
11604 .....	Jacksonville
12458 .....	Bentonville
13829 .....	Siloam Springs

### ASSEMBLIES

1703 .....	Conway
1783 .....	Bella Vista
1892 .....	Hot Springs
2060 .....	Mountain Home
2116 .....	Fairfield Bay
2316 .....	Hot Springs Village
2642 .....	Jacksonville

### PENNIES FROM HEAVEN REPORT

OZRO N. BARCLAY

It is very hard to keep writing the same item for the newsletter month after month without knowing whether the information about the State Council's "Pennies From Heaven" is reaching throughout the state or only within the few Councils that have applied for funds to give a helping hand to a brother Knight, a member of their Parish, or even a member of their communities that are in dire distress and need a helping hand within a few days.

We are rapidly approaching the season of Our Lord's Birth—The season when we all endeavor to spread goodwill and happiness to all our relatives, neighbors and friends, thus bringing happiness and goodwill to ourselves. But what about the other times of the year? Should we not be on the lookout for those in need because of a sudden fire, accident or devastating illness who can use our helping hand. Remember, the Lord does move in mysterious ways and the one you help today just might be someone in

the future that you can point to with pride and say “I remember him”. “We gave him a hand up when a disaster over took him (or his family).”

Ozro N. Barclay, Director  
Pennies From Heaven Fund  
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**DISABILITY DIRECTOR REPORT**  
**MIKE CRIMMINS**

Has your council ran or scheduled your fundraiser for this worthwhile State Program?

Dates were October 13-19, 2008, but your program can be run on your timetable if necessary. Please be sure that your results are sent to the State Treasurer before the end of 2008 so they can be counted in this year’s program.

To the councils that have run a program and to those that have scheduled theirs, THANK YOU from your state officers and myself, but most of all THANK YOU from the young men and women that will benefit from the ARC camp and all that happens there to improve their lives. THANK YOU from all the local needs that will be met with your successful program.

To the councils that still need to respond there is time. Plan a fundraiser or pass the hat, but each of us must do something to have a successful state program. I look forward to seeing results posted from each council in the state.

Financial times are hard on everyone right now, but some are in greater need than others. Please do your part.

May I be of assistance?

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**GOOD OF THE ORDER**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.**  
**BOB PETERS, PSD, FVSM**

Keep your requests coming.

**LORENE GLANCY**

Please pray for the return of good health for Lorene Glancy, wife of Joe Glancy, Little Rock Council 00812. Lorene has been in intensive care for some time.

**MOTHER OF KNIGHT TOM SKAHAN**

The mother of Knight Tom Skahan, Council Recorder of St Bernard Council 09514, Bella Vista, AR, has passed away. Please include her and the Skahan family in your prayers.

Tom Skahan message is:

My mother passed away October 7th at about 8:00 PM. My dad, Tammy, & I were there. Our priest gave her the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick earlier that day at about 1:00 PM.

Funeral services were held on Friday October 10th at 10:00 AM at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Columbus, KS.

Thanks for your prayers.

Warren S. Smith, Grand Knight  
Council 09514

**ROSE MILLER AND ELIZABETH JONES**

My mother-in-law, Rose Miller, widow of Henry Miller, Past Grand Knight, Little Rock Council 00812, is at Baptist Hospital with pneumonia, and my sister-in-law, Elizabeth Jones, is undergoing her third round of Chemotherapy for stomach cancer.

Thanks, Pete Stabnick, Past Grand Knight  
Little Rock Council 00812

**BOB KENNEY**

I just received a copy of your memo regarding publishing the loss's and needs for prayers. What welcome news!

I am the Grand Knight for the Siloam Springs Council 13829. One of our charter members passed away October 12th. His name is: Bob Kenney and he was a 3rd degree Knight.

The wake was Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Wasson's Funeral Home on Hwy 412 west

in Siloam Springs. A 7:00 PM rosary prayer was at the same place. The funeral Mass was October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at St. Mary Catholic Church in Siloam Springs on Hwy. 412 east.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Jackson, Grand Knight  
Siloam Springs Council 13829

**PAUL C. RAUSCH**

Brother Knight Paul C. Rausch, Bella Vista Council 09514 and Assembly 1783 passed away on September 29th. Burial was in Minnesota. Please keep Paul's family in your prayers.

Al Smith, Grand Knight  
Eureka Springs Council 06454

**JOAN WITT**

Joan Witt had her surgery October 24th which lasted 4 hours. The news is mostly good. The cancer did not spread to any other organs and the limp nodes looked cancer free. The pathologist will confirm early next week. If the limp nodes are cancer free Joan will not need any more chemo therapy. The down size if that they could not reconstruct the colon and Joan will have a permanent bag. Sure beats the alternative. Joan will be in the hospital for another week.

Thanks for your best wished and prayers. They provided more hope to Joan and I than we know how to explain in words. All our Brother Knights and Past State Deputies were great.

This is the best birthday present I ever received. Its one I will never forget.

Fraternally Yours,  
David E. Witt, PSD

**W. DON RENNOLDS**

Brother W. Don Rennolds is failing due to his Parkinson's Disease. His balance is poor, his strength is diminished and his faculties are failing. Don is also a Fourth Degree Knight and a member of Assembly 2060 Honor Guard. Please also keep his wife, Marilyn in your prayers.

Ozro Barclay, Grand Knight  
Council 07353

**LARRY KIMBROUGH'S FATHER**

Please keep Larry Kimbrough in your prayers. His dad passed away this past weekend. Larry is the Grand Knight of Council 01702 and PFN of Assembly 1426, Jonesboro.

Clif Quick, Faithful Navigator  
Father Eugene Weibel Assembly 1426 Jonesboro

**JAMES NOURY**

James Noury, Past Treasurer of Council 06454 Eureka Springs, is in need of our prayers. Jim has pancreatic cancer and only has 2-4 weeks to live. Please keep his wife Margaret and family in your prayers.

Al Smith, Past Grand Knight  
Council 06454

**CLEMENT OKERE BROTHER OF FR. BARTHOLOMEW 'BARTH' OKERE**

I was informed, that my eldest brother in Nigeria, Clement Okere slumped while attending morning mass and went into coma, Friday October 31st. He was rushed to the hospital where he was later pronounced dead. He has been suffering from kidney problem.. He was 53 years old. Survived by his wife Rosaline and six children. His funeral arrangement is still under way. I'll keep you posted when the whole information is given me.

Please do remember his gentle soul in your prayers.

Thanks and happy All Saints Day.

Fr. Bartholomew 'Barth' Okere.

Please remember Clement Okere and his family in your prayers.

Father Barth is a member of Little Rock Council 00812 and Bishop Byrne Assembly 0024, Little Rock. Father Barth is also the Chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital, Little Rock.

Danny Naegle, Grand Knight  
Council 00812

**KEN PETTY**

Sir Knight Ken Petty will have back surgery on Wednesday November 5th at St. Vincent Infirmary Hospital at 3.00 PM which is the Hour of Divine Mercy (as those of you acquainted with the devotion are aware.) Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. JFH

Please remember Ken Petty, District Deputy 01 and member of Little Flower Council 06615 and Bishop Byrne Assembly 0024, Little Rock, in your prayers for a successful operation and speedy recovery.

**ARNOLD A. MALHAM**

Brother Knight Arnold A. Malham, Msgr. Charles B. McCoy Council 06814, Brinkley passed on to His Eternal Reward Saturday, November 1, 2008, in Little Rock.

Visitation 4:00 - 6:00 PM and Rosary 6:00 PM was Sunday, November 2, 2008, at Bob Neal & Sons Funeral Home Chapel, Brinkley.

Mass of Christian Burial was 10:00 AM, Monday, November 3, 2008, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Brinkley.

Please keep Arnold Malham and and his family in your prayers.

**JOSEPH R. BEDNAR**

Brother Knight Joseph R. Bednar, Bishop Albert L. Fletcher Council 03998, Slovak, passed on to His Eternal Reward Thursday October 30, 2008.

Rosary service will be 7:00 pm, Sunday, November 02, 2008 at the Westbrook Funeral Home Chapel, Hazen with visitations 5 – 7 pm prior to the Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 am Monday, November 3, 2008, at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Slovak.

Bothe of these Knights were Fourth Degree Members, please remember Arnold, Joe and thei families in your prayers.

Please keep Joseph Bednar and and his family in your prayers.

**INSURANCE CORNER**

**FRED WARD**

**GENERAL AGENT**

**SIX GREAT REASONS TO HAVE INSURANCE ON CHILDREN  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE**

- 1) **Protecting Insurability:** With a Guaranteed Purchase Option (GPO) rider attached, Knights of Columbus plans guarantee the child the opportunity to purchase more protection at various dates in their future without having to prove insurability. Our GPO rider allows children to increase their insurance up to seven times between the ages of 17 and 40, regardless of health. The GPO rider also enables them to get coverage with one of the top rated insurance companies in the world. They don't have to join the Knights or (in the case of a female) marry a Knight. They do it through your membership.
- 2) **Financial Protection:** When we lose a loved one, especially a child, the financial loss is often not just the cost of a funeral. It's not uncommon for parents to lose time from work to care for a dying child and to lose even more time after the child's death because of a bereavement period. Many companies limit bereavement periods to three days. Also, medical expenses incurred during an

illness oftentimes cause financial stress. Beyond paying funeral costs, a policy on a child can help to supplement income while loved ones deal with this devastating loss.

- 3) Lower Cost: The rates will never be any better than they are right now. Plus, if you consider the amount of coverage that your children will likely need given inflation, a juvenile policy could literally save them thousands of dollars.
- 4) Encourages Saving: Knights of Columbus plans offer terrific cash and dividend values to help supplement cost of future likely expenses, such as the purchase of a home or a wedding. Plus, with more and more companies no longer offering pension programs, the cash values can help supplement the child's retirement.
- 5) Qualifies for Orphan Benefit: If the father is in good standing with his local council and at least one of the parents is insured with the Knights by a policy of at least \$5,000 permanent coverage (minimum coverage required may be higher for new plans) or \$150 annual premium, each insured child would receive a monthly benefit of \$80 to age 19 (age 23 if they attend college) if both parents were to die.
- 6) Creating a Legacy: The plan is also in place to protect your child's future family and your grandkids!

Life Insurance for your child is truly a lasting gift, which they will look on later in life as one of the Six Great Reasons To Have Insurance on Children.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP RETENTION**

**PHIL HAHN**

**STATE RETENTION DIRECTOR**

First, a correction. In the last newsletter I put in the word "not" when I should have not done so. Referring to withdrawal cards I stated erroneously that this would not count against your council's quota. Sorry! The issuance of a withdrawal card does count against the quota because the council is losing a member, even if for a short time.

Here are some facts from the First Quarter Report I received from Supreme.

As of 10/01/2008 we have a total of 57 councils in the state. Two are in suspended, three are pending suspension for non payment of *per capita* tax and Catholic advertising and fifty two councils are considered active.

Of the fifty five councils (not including the suspended councils), Council 06609 Fayetteville is already 160% of quota, eighteen councils show at least one new member initiated with thirty seven councils not having a new member initiated. The report shows seven councils have suspended at least one member.

Five of these councils have not initiated a new member.

There have been a total of ninety six new members initiated and thirty nine suspended. Of the 96 new members, forty four have come from the two new councils. Of the 39 suspended (or withdrawal card issued by Supreme) 29 have come from two councils. However, not all Intent to Suspend have been finalized by Supreme for I know that eleven councils have submitted the Form 1845.

But as of 10/01/2008, were it not for the two new councils our record would be fifty two new members and thirty nine suspensions / withdrawals. You can see how one council can affect the District quota and State quota and thereby affect Star District and Circle of Honor recognitions. Councils that release members without bringing in new members and councils that hold members for years and then have a “mass” suspension are not doing their District or State any service. If a council is going to suspend members, do it judiciously. Try to bring in as many new members as you release delinquent members. At least keep the *status quo*. Don't hold on to members for years and then dump them. You're paying *per capita* each year you hold them and then a State Deputy, who is trying to do a good job, is hit with your “mass” suspensions. Suspend, if necessary, and after all attempts to retain have failed, annually and reasonably. That process helps your council, the District and the State.

## **NOTICE:**

**Please try to send your newsletter reports and messages to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by November 19, 2008, for the November 2008 Newsletter. Please e-mail to [johnh911@conwaycorp.net](mailto:johnh911@conwaycorp.net).**

# Reports Due

<b>FORM</b>	<b>REPORT</b>	<b>DUE BY</b>
1295-1	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Aug
1295-2	SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT	15-Feb
1598	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP SCORE SHEET	AS NEEDED
1728	INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT	31-Jan
1728A	SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET	AS NEEDED
1831	RELIEF FROM COUNCIL DUES AND PER CAPITA TAXES	AS NEEDED
185	REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Jul
1993A	FAMILY OF THE MONTH GENERIC REPORT FORM	AS NEEDED
2629	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR	1-Sep
2630	ANNUAL REPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROUND TABLE	30-Jun
2863	RSVP REFUND/PLAQUE APPLICATION	30-Jun
2935	COLUMBIAN SQUIRES INQUIRY KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
365	SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT FOR THE TERM JULY 1-JUNE 30	1-Aug
4001	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST PARTICIPATION FORM	31-Jan
4348	YOUTH LEADER	AS NEEDED
4371	FATHER PRIOR	AS NEEDED
4567	SOCCER CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM	1-Dec
4584	PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS	31-Jan
532	REQUISITION FOR FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIALS	AS NEEDED
CR	OFFICIAL ORDER FORM FOR RECORDED COLUMBUS DAY PROGRAM	15-Sep
EA-Kit	ESSAY CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	AS NEEDED
FT- 1	FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION REPORT	31-Jan
FT-KIT	FREE THROW COUNCIL COMPETITION KIT ORDER FORM	1-Nov
SA-KIT	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST KIT ORDER FORM	1-Sep
SC-KIT	SOCCER CHALLENGE KIT ORDER FORM	15-Aug
SP-7	COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION	30-Jun
STSP	STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM	AS NEEDED

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