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**STATE DEPUTY**  
**AUGUST 2009 REPORT**  
**JIM NEFF**

We are well on our way to scheduling and completing council training by our District Deputies, assisted by at least one State Officer at each training sessions. We should have our first round completed by the middle of September. This is as much a sharing of ideas as it is formal training. Like anything else in life, we will get out of these sessions what we put into them. I encourage all Grand Knights to get as many of your council officers as possible to attend, but especially yourselves, Financial Secretaries and Program and Membership Directors. Many of our council officers have had no formal training and learned what they do from osmosis.

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This is also a great opportunity to invite those brother knights in the council who have shown leadership potential to learn more about our Order. If they are interested in learning, they are warmly welcome. There is an old Chinese proverb that goes something like: “the one who knows HOW will always have a job, but the one who knows WHY will most likely be in charge”. The more all of us understand the WHY, the better we will become in our faith formation as well as our community involvement.

A hearty thank you for the \$4,700 plus Little Flower Council 06615 collected from their baby bottle campaign for the Voice for the Unborn Program. They, St. Jude Council 11604’s \$8,000 and Little Rock 00812 have put us in the position to place our first ultrasound. We are coordinating with the Diocese of Little Rock Respect Life Office on the placement of the machines. Importantly, our District Deputies and Program Directors and Chairmen took sample baby bottles home with them to introduce the program statewide. This is a great opportunity to introduce or refresh your home parish with the charitable good work of your council.

We are continuing our efforts at new council development and council reactivation with many opportunities, especially in Hispanic council development. I owe special thanks to our New Council Development Chairman and PSD Jimmy McKinnon, our District Deputies and a growing number of Grand Knights who are increasingly committing to offering Columbianism to every eligible Catholic man. The opportunities will only increase as more of our Diocesan Priests start returning from Spanish language

immersion training in Mexico.

The key position that could really expedite this new council development and hasten the spread of the benefits of our Order would be regional Hispanic Coordinators. If you are bilingual in Spanish and English and committed to Arkansas being the best we can be, please call me at 870-425-9647.

We are late in getting out our 2009-2010 State Directory out. The reason for the delay is because of a concerted effort to get the updated directory as accurate as possible. Regardless of how the directory is transmitted, if it is not accurate, it prevents us from communicating effectively. We are going to be able to very economically print this year's directory and it should go to press after the Supreme Convention the first week in August. It will be updated quarterly via a CD to each Council, Assembly, State Officer, Program Director, District Deputy and Past State Deputy with a computer. This will be a tremendous improvement and please join me in acknowledging the many, many hours of hard work and frustration, including a computer crash, to PSD Bob Peters and State Secretary Charles Ketter.

The State Council has ordered 10,000 English and 5,000 Spanish "A Prayer For Our Priests" prayer cards to show our solidarity with our priests in this The Year For Priests, June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010. They are available to each council and we hope to distribute them with the 2009-2010 Directory through our District Deputies. This is but another opportunity for our Grand Knights to establish or improve the local council's relationship with their Pastor.

As you can see, we have awesome opportunities this year to live up to our great tradition of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. This tradition emanated from our councils and assemblies and will continue to expand from the same source. It is important for each of us to support our Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators in their efforts to grow and improve. Yours might very well be the unique talent for which your Grand Knight has been searching!

God bless us one and all,

Jim Neff

**VIVAT JESUS**

# RUNNING OF THE SILVER ROSE

GERALD KRAWCZYNSKI

STATE WARDEN

In 2002 the Knights of Columbus initiated the Running of the Silver Rose. The program *features a sculpted silver rose carried by Knights from Canada, the United States, and Mexico from council to council bringing the culture of life message on its journey. The Silver Rose is received at Councils and Parishes along the way and Mass and prayer services are offered. This is a sign of the Orders unity on life issues.*

The Silver Rose begins traveling May 20th in Ontario, Canada with the planned arrival in December 2009 at Monterrey, Mexico. The Silver Rose will travel through three nations including ten states in the United States of America.

Arkansas Knights receive the Rose from the Tennessee Knights September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Rose will travel through Arkansas until September 27<sup>th</sup> then will be transferred to the Missouri Knights.

For more information go to [www.runningoftherose.org](http://www.runningoftherose.org)

## SILVER ROSE CALENDAR

Jonesboro Council 01702 will receive the Rose from Tennessee Knights September 6<sup>th</sup>

September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup> .....	Council 01702 .....	Jonesboro
September 10 <sup>th</sup> .....	Council 12778 .....	Heber Springs
September 12 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> .....	Councils .....	Little Rock area
.....	Council 00812 .....	Little Rock
.....	Council 06615 Little Flower .....	Little Rock
.....	Council 10167 Christ the King .....	Little Rock
.....	Council 11097 .....	Marche
.....	Council 06253 .....	North Little Rock
September 18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Council 10208 .....	Hot Springs Village
September 18 <sup>th</sup> evening .....	Council 06419 .....	Hot Springs
September 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> .....	Council 13829 .....	Siloam Springs
September 22 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Council 14609 .....	Rogers
September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> .....	Council 09514 .....	Bella Vista

The dates of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, are reserved for Council in northwest Arkansas  
Bella Vista Council 09514 will transfer the Rose to Missouri Knights September 27<sup>th</sup>

## STATE SECRETARY

CHARLES KETTER

Thanks to all who sent in their council officers list for the directory. I know there was some confusion about the form I sent and form 365. I will try to work out a better way so you will have to send only one form next year. I will try but not guarantee. I know it can be confusing but we have the info and the directory will be out soon. We had a good organizational meeting with a lot of info for your district deputy to digest. When your planning meeting is held please take the time to attend and your district deputy will give you a running start on this fraternal year. There are plans for a state officer to be at your meeting. We need for everyone to work together for the greater glory of God. Thanks for all your help. Also thanks to all the Jacksonville Knights and wives for your very special hospitality during the organizational meeting.

Fraternally  
Charles Ketter  
State Secretary

## CIRCLE OF HONOR

JIM NEFF

I want to share your accomplishments for last fraternal year. We finished at 117% of our Circle of Honor goal. This was a team accomplishment so the whole team should share the pride. We came in at Number 25 of all jurisdictions in membership percent.

Equally significant is that ten (10) councils have achieved **Star/Double Star Council**. This assumes that the Columbian Award was achieved via the submission of the SP-7. This number might well go to twelve as two of our new councils, Rogers 14609 and Scranton 14619, are not included as they are not shown at Supreme with quotas for membership or insurance.

These are great accomplishments and a great testament to the power of teamwork. Thanks to all for your prayers and support, and I trust all are as excited as I that 2009-2010 will be even better.

Jim  
Vivat Jesus

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATE A COW

Brother Fred and my Brother Knights at Bentonville St. Stephen Council. Congratulations. This is a great project. Keep up the great work!

Blessings,  
Jim

## **Knights of Columbus donate a cow**

Benton County Daily Record  
Posted on Saturday, July 11, 2009

The St. Stephen Council of the Knights of Columbus has donated a heifer through Heifer International. Heifer International is a nonprofit humanitarian organization dedicated to improving the lives of resource-poor families in 125 countries. The \$500 donation was made from the proceeds of pancake breakfasts held by the K of C.

### **FOURTH DEGREE**

**MAX NUTT**  
**ARKANSAS STATE MASTER**

As the fraternal year ended we fell short of our goal set by supreme council, but I am happy with the 77 new sir knights we added at exemplifications at Jonesboro, Ft. Smith and Conway, and I want to thank the faithful navigators for all your efforts in working on membership and the good patriotic events your assemblies are involved in.

I still have not received the final report from supreme council on the Dome Fund we participated in but hopefully I will have that report to share with you soon. I do know we came close to getting 100% of our goal.

Our next 4th degree Exemplification is at Hot Springs Village on Sept.26. I will be sending out a schedule in the near future when all details are worked out. Please help us get candidates for that date.

I am still short of all the officer report forms for the new year. If your assembly is one of these, please take care of sending it in.

Max Nutt  
Arkansas State Master

### **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DRIVE**

**GEORGE KNOX**  
**DISABILITY DRIVE DIRECTOR**

A cool autumn morning, the smell of bratwurst on the grill, sounds of jovial voices near the tailgate, the sight of colorful leaves framed by a soft blue sky, and the anticipation of kickoff and visiting old friends lights your heart. Quite a contrast from the hot August days we're now experiencing.

However, seasons seem to pass with great speed and October will be upon us in a blink of the eye. As Knights, the pursuit of our prime virtue throughout the year is the thread that binds the seasons in a fabric of charity that touches many.

October is the month we designate for our trademark campaign to aid those facing physical and mental challenges, the Tootsie Roll Drive.

I am proud to be a Knight and serve as this year's Disability Drive Director. I hope to assist you in your efforts to help those who face obstacles in their lives that through the blessings of the Good Lord we never encountered in ours. Informational materials on the Campaign will be received by the Councils in the near term.

It's Charity, it's what God wants us to do, it's what helps us sleep better at night, and it's why we're Knights.

God Bless your efforts,

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## **DISTRICT 05 AUGUST 2009 REPORT**

**JAMES W. CUNNINGHAM, JR.**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY**

**DISTRICT 05**



Conducting the Officers Installation Ceremonies for our Councils has given our District Warden, Dean L. Beardslee and I a wonderful opportunity to meet the many outstanding brothers and their wives. From what we have seen I personally believe that our goals for membership and service activity awards are well within our reach.

We have set the date for our District Organizational and Informational Meeting for August 8, 2009 at St. Peter the Fisherman Church Hall in Mountain Home. Our State Advocate Mike Mitchell, PSD Phil Hahn and Pennies from Heaven Chairman Ozro Barclay will all take part and address the important issues that make for a strong and successful Council.

Thank you State Deputy Jim Neff for having confidence in me. I will do my best not to disappoint you.

Reminder: Please make sure that the Council #365 Service Personnel and Semi-Annual Audit Forms have been completed and sent in to Supreme, State Deputy and District Deputy.

Vivat Jesus

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## PRAY TO END ABORTION



## VOCATIONS DIRECTOR PETER McNULTY

My Brother Knights;

First thing – allow me to thank all of you and your families for the many prayers and acts of kindness during my daughter Maureen’s illness and her going home to our Heavenly Father.

I was able to attend the State Organizational meeting and asked all our District Deputies to help you and myself in this year’s effort to **Support ALL our seminarians.**

I have been gratified, so far, with the requests from several councils that want to increase their support of the RSVP. I want to remind the Assemblies that they are an important part of our effort to get ALL our seminarians sponsored with an RSVP award.

I cannot, at this time, state how many councils fulfilled their commitment because only 10 councils and 2 assemblies have sent me their refund request forms. For those councils and assemblies who have not, **PLEASE DO SO.** This helps Msgr. Scott Friend, our Diocesan Vocation Director and me. There are occasions when, because of family circumstances, one or more seminarians need some additional help. Msgr. Friend advises me of these situations and I try to best advise a council or assembly to help remedy the condition.

I ask all councils and assemblies to consider our Bishop's plea, relative to our Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. The fund has about nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) for the education of all our seminarians. When we consider the cost - \$32,000.00 to \$35,000.00 PER seminarian PER year; one can see the fund has a limited life. If our Diocese reaches its goal of **40** seminarians, it will take \$1-million 280-thousand dollars (\$1,280,000.00) per year.

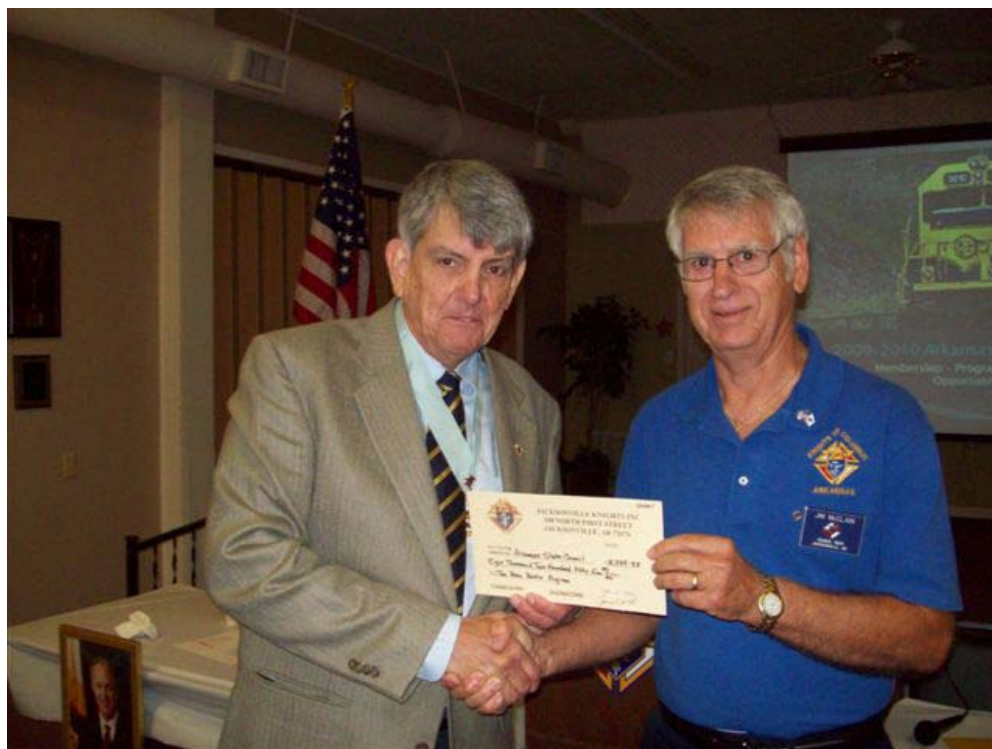
Holy Thursday has been designated as a fund raising day to help replenish the fund (somewhat) We knights should nourish the seed that Bishop Taylor planted last Holy Thursday and help each parish to fully support this effort (collection).

The last, but very important thing is: Let us all rejoice in the gifts from two families and from God - - - two new priests to use their hands blessed by our Bishop to bring us the Eucharist: The Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ – to sustain each of us in our daily lives.

God bless you all.

**\$8,255.33 BABY BOTTLE PROGRAM**  
**JOHN HERTZOG**

Grand Knight Jim McClain of Council 11604 in Jacksonville Arkansas presents a check to Arkansas State Deputy Jim Neff for \$8,255.33 for the Baby Bottle Program. This program was set up to provide ultrasound machines to Abortion Crisis Centers throughout the US and Canada. Once a woman sees a picture of the Baby, 75% take the pregnancy to term, thus saving a life. The cost of one of these machines is \$25,000 with Supreme matching the State Council donation of \$12,500. At this time Council 11604 has put Arkansas over the top and a machine will be place soon.



## **GENERAL AGENT**

**FRED WARD**

This time I want to talk about a career with the Knights of Columbus as a Field Agent. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to do good for other families? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to lay your head on your pillow at night knowing you have made the world a better place? Have you ever wondered if there is more to your working life than just showing up and working? Have you ever wondered what it's like to work in a position that pays you for your successful efforts, with no limit? Have you ever wondered? Have you?

If you have please contact me for an interview and see if you qualify to be a field agent with the Knights of Columbus – Fred Ward, 501-327-3904 or e-mail me at [frederick.ward@kofc.org](mailto:frederick.ward@kofc.org)

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**BOB PETERS, PSD, FVSM**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER CHAIRMAN**

## **MAUREEN SIPLES**

We are sad to here that the daughter of Peter and Betty McNulty, Maureen Siples, has gone to her heavenly reward. She fought a long and diligent battle but has finally gone to her just reward. She is survived by her 8 children and husband.

Funeral was Thursday, July 16, 2009, at St. Joseph Church, 244 S. Main St., Winchester, Kentucky, followed by her interment in Winchester, Kentucky.

Please pray for their family and grandchildren. The McNulty family, as we all know, is one of our strongest pillars of strength of the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and has been for countless years of service to the Knights. GOD BLESS THEM ALL.

Fraternally Yours  
Mike Gosnell  
Past Faithful Navigator  
Assembly 1703

## **NOTICE:**

**Please try to send your newsletter reports and messages to John Hollender, Newsletter Editor, by Friday, August 21, 2009, for the September 2009 Newsletter. Please e-mail to [johnh911@conwaycorp.net](mailto:johnh911@conwaycorp.net).**

# Reports Due

FORM	REPORT	DUE BY
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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