



District Deputy Reminder

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Encourage each council in your district to utilize the Member Management/Member Billing Applications located in Officers Online.
- Supreme Council Office staff are here to assist you by keeping you informed about Order-wide news, council reminders and membership initiatives. Should you have any questions or comments during your term as district deputy, please send an e-mail to dd@kofc.org.
- Ensure that councils submitted the *Semiannual Council Audit* (#1295). Submission is required to retain bonding on the offices of the financial secretary and treasurer.

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

One of the greatest accomplishments for you as district deputy is the formation of a new council during your tenure. If you have a potential new council in your assigned area, strive to have it instituted as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding the procedures for starting a new council, please contact the Supreme Council office at councilgrowth@kofc.org or 203-752-4270.

COLLEGE COUNCILS & YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH

The College Councils & Young Adult Outreach team can assist you by sharing best practices for recruiting young people and by offering tips on how you can effectively engage young leaders in your district. These practices apply not only to college councils, but to established parish councils as well. The team can also assist you with New Council Development at your district's colleges and universities. Please contact college@kofc.org with any leads so the team can work with you to form new college councils.

For those districts that already have a college council, the support you provide to them is critical in keeping that council active. We encourage you to visit kofc.org/college to be up to date with initiatives and programs for college councils and to direct your college leaders to these resources.

To learn more about Young Adult Outreach initiatives and best practices or to share your success stories from your district, we encourage you to contact youngadult@kofc.org.

AN ACTIVITY-PACKED OCTOBER

Councils should begin planning for a busy October. Beginning with September 30 and continuing through October 8, 2017, the **Charitable Service Outreach Week** is a time for council participation. Suggested programs for that week include:

- **Conducting a Coats for Kids program.** Councils should order coats now for distribution during the week in October, by visiting knightsgear.com. Additional information on the program is available at kofc.org/coats.
- **Conducting a Food for Families program.** Councils should begin announcing in their parishes and communities that the collection dates will be during the service week in October. Once the program is complete, councils should report their participation in the program using the *Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund and Plaque Application* (#10057) available on kofc.org/forms.

During the weekends of October 7-8 and October 14-15, 2017, councils should conduct a **Church Drive**. Councils should begin preparing by meeting with the pastor of their parish to ask permission to conduct a membership drive at all Masses that weekend. For a successful drive, the council should:

- Submit a bulletin announcement for the drive during the two weeks leading up to the Church Drive
- During the weekend of the drive, post teams of brother Knights at the entrances of the church to hand out informational flyers and *Prospect Cards* (#921A)

For complete information on how to conduct a successful Church Drive, consult the *Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual* (#10237) or visit kofc.org/drive.

Following the **Charitable Service Outreach Week** and the council **Church Drive**, councils should welcome new members during the Order-wide **First Degree Week** being held October 16-22, 2017. This is a perfect way for councils to complete an activity-filled start of October.

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Make sure you are ready for the district level Soccer Challenge. In most cases, this competition between council level winners in your district will take place in October. Be sure to schedule it before the Regional and State contests. Award medallions are available free of charge (12 total – one each for a boy and a girl in the 6 age categories). Call 203-752-4901 or email mariola.piecuch@kofc.org to order.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT Kofc.org OR CALL (203) 752-4270

USCCB PROGRAM MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is Respect Life Month, and every council should be planning special culture of life activities in their council, parish and community during this special time.

To help prepare for Respect Life Month, state and local council culture of life directors and culture of life chair couples in all U.S. councils should soon be receiving sample materials from this year's Respect Life Program kits. The kits were published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

Based on the theme of this year's program – *Be Not Afraid* – the new materials include flyers on abortion, assisted suicide, building a culture of life, conscience, the death penalty, and end of life care.

The flyers, posters and other kit resources are for use throughout the fraternal year, but especially during Respect Life Month, around the time of the March for Life on Friday, January 19, 2018, and for the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child on March 25, 2018.

All kit materials may be viewed at www.usccb.org/respectlife. Materials for individual or council use may be ordered by calling toll-free 866-582-0943.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

For the past several years, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has sponsored the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. This program allows children, ages 5-14, to engage their creative talents and imaginations while understanding the true meaning of Christmas. Over six thousand young people have participated in the opportunity to showcase their artistic skills while learning about the importance of why we celebrate Christmas. The Supreme Council is again encouraging councils to take part in this program to get even more young people engaged in keeping Christ in Christmas and not just participating in the commercial aspect of the holiday. For more information and to order the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Kit (#CPC-Kit) visit kofc.org/Christmas or call 203-752-4270.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STAR COUNCIL AWARD FRATERNAL YEAR 2017-2018

To be eligible for the Star Council Award in the United States and Canada, councils must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements.

This means that the grand knight must complete the *Praesidium* safe environment training and the council youth director must complete both the safe environment training and background check. If the council sponsors a Columbian Squires circle, the council Squires chairman and all circle counselors must complete the training and background checks.

For more information on the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program please visit kofc.org/safe.

Questions regarding this award policy may be directed to the Fraternal Mission Department at 203-752-4270 or fraternalmission@kofc.org.

Questions regarding safe environment program compliance of state or local Knights of Columbus councils may be directed to the Office of Youth Protection at 203-800-4940 or youthleader@kofc.org.



NEW COUNCILS INSTITUTED LAST MONTH

District	DD Name	Jurisdiction	Council #	Location
		New Mexico	16804	Pojoaque
C95	Joseph Montejo	Mindanao	16805	Pahindong, Medina
C95	Arturo Bondoc	Mindanao	16806	Ladtingan, Pikit
A10	Orlando Gregorio	Mindanao	16807	Buenavista, Curuan
K19	Valeriano U. Estores	Mindanao	16808	Cebuano Group Wao Lanao
R13	Leonardo R. Caspe	Mindanao	16809	Brgy Sto Nino Bagumbayan
Q11	Bonifacio F. Alegre	Mindanao	16810	Alabel, Sarangani
R11	Nonito J. Legas	Mindanao	16811	President Quirino, Sul. Kud.
R13	Leonardo R. Caspe	Mindanao	16812	Brgy. Masiag, Bagumbayan
P45	Lope M. Hidalgo	Luzon South	16813	Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig
R14	Juanito C. Porras	Mindanao	16814	Buenaflores, Se. Ninoy Aquino Sultan Kudarat
R14	Juanito C. Porras	Mindanao	16815	Langgal, Sen. Ninoy
M05	Carlito E Failma	Mindanao	16816	Basiawan, Sta. Maria, Davao Occ.
6	Kenneth J. Reid	Nova Scotia	16817	Halifax
V54	Andres L. Dano	Visayas	16818	Tiptip, Tagbilaran City, Bohol