

# New Council and Parish Round Table Development

## Ontario State Council - Knights of Columbus

- Assessing the Need for a Council or Round Table
- Developing a New Council
- Setting up a Parish Round Table

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# Goal

## A Council in Every Parish

“Father McGivney's dream was to have a council in every parish and every Catholic man a member of the Knights of Columbus”

# Responsibility

New Council Development is primarily the responsibility of the District Deputy in close cooperation with:

- The Director of New Council Development at Ontario State Council and
- The Field Agent.

A parish Round Table is initiated by the Grand Knight of the council overseeing the parish.

# Council or Round Table?

Determined by the size of the parish.

Guideline from Supreme is that if there are more than 150 families in a parish then the possibility of a new council should be explored first.

Round Tables operate as an extension of an existing council.

# New Council Requirements

To start a new council requires the permission of the Pastor of the parish and 20 members. The members may be new members or transfers.

New Councils typically attract 20 to 30 new members in their first year. ***Meeting our New Council quota helps us achieve our Membership Intake quota!***

# New Council Award

Supreme Council recognizes those District Deputies responsible for the development of a new council with a special award.

Miniature replica of the Council Charter inscribed with the DDs name and signed by the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Knight.

Ontario State also recognizes the District Deputy with a Knights of Columbus watch.

# Round Table Requirements

Applies to councils serving more than one parish. One parish is the Home Parish and Round Tables are established at the others.

Members of the council belonging to the Round Table parish are asked to join.

Grand Knight completes Form #2629 – Parish Round Table Coordinator

# Round Table Example

Council 12345 with 45 members serves Parishes A, B, and C.

Parish A is where they meet and has 32 of the 45 members. Parish B has 8 members and Parish C has 5 members.

Parish A is considered the Home Parish and the Grand Knight of Council 12345 establishes Round Tables at Parishes B and C.



# Round Table Example

Grand Knight appoints one of the 8 members at Parish B to be the Parish B Round Table Coordinator and one of the 5 members of Parish C to be the Parish C Round Table Coordinator.

Grand Knight completes Form #2629 – Parish Round Table Coordinator which lets Supreme know the Parishes being served and the Coordinators who are responsible.

# Round Table Example

Under the direction of the Coordinators, the members of Parish B and C Round Tables meet regularly with their Pastors to address the needs of their Parishes.

Round Table meetings are not formal like Council meetings, do not transact business, and may include non-members.

Members of the Round Table still attend Council meetings at Parish A where all business decisions are made.

# Reactivating a Council

Inactive or suspended councils can be reactivated.

20 members are required to reactivate.

Follow the Guidelines for recruiting as described earlier.

Complete the Notice of Intent to Reactivate a Suspended Council form and submit.

# Resources

The Supreme web site has a page dedicated to New Councils and Round Tables:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/membership/ncd/guideline.html>

New Council Development Guidelines #2119

New Council Development Initiatives #4520

Parish Round Table Guidelines #2632

Parish Round Table Initiatives #4519