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## Fraternal Operations

### WEBINAR: Revised Criteria for Council, District and Assembly Awards

Did you miss our webinar about the revised criteria for the 2020-21 Council, District and Assembly Awards? [Click here](#) to view all the resources and watch on-demand!

Visit [kofc.org/webinar](https://kofc.org/webinar) to view past Fraternal Training Webinars.



### Emails Needed for Safe Environment Compliance

Email addresses unique to each member will be mandatory for a council's safe environment compliance for Fraternal Year End 2020-21. Generic emails, e.g., [gkcouncil1@gmail.com](mailto:gkcouncil1@gmail.com), will no longer work. Personal emails are required as user ids to earn full credit for completing training and background checks.

[Learn More](#)

## Webcasts

### **KnightCast Episode 2**

#### **Watch On-Demand**

Episode 2 of the new KnightCast series aired last week! Watch on-demand to see interviews with the President of the March for Life, Jeanne Mancini, Former NFL Player, Matt Birk, and Daniel Schachle, father of Mikey Schachle who was the recipient of the miracle leading to the beatification of our Founder. [Sign-up here](#) with your membership number to receive the link to watch!



### **Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center: The Cause Begins**

**Wed., April 7, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. EDT**

Father Michael McGivney died August 14, 1890, at age 38. His cause for sainthood opened more than a century later, December 18, 1997. Dominican Father Gabriel O'Donnell was the initial postulator of the cause and authored the official position supporting sainthood for Father McGivney. Father O'Donnell, who serves now as a vice postulator and director of the McGivney Guild, will recall his research efforts to introduce the cause and reflect on the October 31, 2020, beatification.

[Register Now!](#)

## Membership Growth

### **Free Online Membership**

In honor of Blessed Michael McGivney, men can join as online members for free at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) using promo code **MCGIVNEY2020**.

### Conduct Local Virtual or In-Person Exemplifications

Hold a local or [in-person or virtual exemplification](#) to personally welcome new members into the Order. The Supreme Council continues to offer the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity [on-demand](#). This is a great opportunity to welcome online members to council participation.



### RCIA Candidates Are Prospects

As you work to plan and host the required number of programs to achieve the [Columbian Award](#), invite prospects, including the RCIA candidates that will receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, to your council programs. This is a great way to introduce men to your council and invite them to put their Faith in Action by joining the Order.



### Fraternal Benefits Seminars Present Great Opportunities

Educate each prospective Knight about the [benefits](#) offered to him and his family when he joins. Build your partnership with your [Field Agent](#) and schedule a Fraternal Benefits Seminar. Extend the invitation to prospective members, so they learn more about the Order's top-rated insurance products. These events help your council achieve the [Founders Award](#) and promote the good of the Order.



[Promote a Fraternal Benefits Seminar](#)

## Evangelization and Faith Formation

### Good Friday, Tomorrow, April 2

Tomorrow is Good Friday! Be sure to encourage council members and parishioners to participate in the Good Friday Liturgy. Send out a reminder tonight and, if possible, be present at the Liturgy yourself. Include in your reminder these [Stations of the Cross](#) and this [Stations of the Cross Coloring Book](#) for those unable to attend in person.

### NEW Resource: Faith in Action Program Forms Reference Guide

As councils prepare to submit state program award entries and end-of-year program reporting, we have a new resource to help simplify and clarify these processes. Please reference the new [Program Forms Reference Guide](#). This resource lists all existing

program forms and processes while providing links to the most current forms and online submission links.

### **Community: Leave No Neighbor Behind**

Knights stepped into the breach everyday during this pandemic to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities with our Leave No Neighbor behind program. For more info on this program, please visit [here](#). Report council Leave No Neighbor Behind activity [here](#).



### **Life: Christian Refugee Relief**

In just the last year, over 4,761 Christians have been killed for their faith (Open Door USA, 2021). Meet with your council to discuss how you can raise both awareness and funds for persecuted Christians. For more information, visit [kofo.org/refugee](http://kofo.org/refugee).

For more information about this month's highlighted programs [click here](#).

## **District Deputy Corner**

- [Revised district](#) membership quotas were emailed to all District Deputies. If you did not receive your new quota please email [fraternalmission@kofo.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofo.org).
- Remind your councils to submit the [Columbian Award Application](#) (#SP-7) as soon as they earn 10 [program activities](#). They should continue to file the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784) for all additional programs conducted.
- Encourage councils to appoint a nominating committee to recommend officers for the next fraternal year. Have the committee look beyond the usual volunteers to find a good mix of candidates representing fresh ideas and sound council practices. [Virtual election guidelines](#) are available to assist councils still dealing with pandemic restrictions.

## **Council Officer Corner**

### **Grand Knight**

- Council purchases from Supplies Online and Knightsgear can no longer be charged to a council account at the Supreme Office. Purchases require the use of a credit/debit card. Please review the [policies and procedures](#) for

obtaining a council credit / debit card in the Financial Issues section of the Officers Desk Reference.

- Please review the new [Program Forms Reference Guide](#) and share with all relevant leaders in your council. This resource lists all existing program forms and processes while providing links to the most current forms and online submission links.
- Complete the [Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form](#) (#11077) and submit to your General Agent as soon as possible after participating in an approved seminar.

#### Financial Secretary

- Timely processing of member additions and changes is critical as we approach the end of the fraternal year. If your council is on track to earn Star Council, all form 100s need to be processed by June 30. You can submit a paper form 100 or use the [Candidate Tab on Officers Online](#) for immediate processing.

Thank you for your service to the Order. If you have any questions or suggestions during your term, please email [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org)

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