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Fraternal Operations

Plan for October Church Drives

Finalize your Church Drive plans - continue talks with your pastor and get bulletin announcements ready. Be sure to [register](#) for this month's training webinar on this topic.

Reminders:

1. Conducting a [Fraternal Benefits Seminar](#) helps your council earn the Founders' Award, which is a component of the Star Council Award. Continue discussions with your General Agent to help support membership growth.

Trainings & Webinars

Church Drives & Member Engagement

[Register Now!](#)

September 16, 2021 | 8:00 PM EDT

Fraternal 'How To' Video Library

There are many short tutorial videos at kofc.org/training that walk fraternal leaders through essential Knights of Columbus tools and procedures.



Evangelization and Faith Formation

ANNOUNCEMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

This year the Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay contest prompt is

“Describe some everyday obstacles to living a life of authentic faith, and how to overcome them, while providing examples from your own life.”

[Click here](#) for more information about this program.

Important Updates:

- All [Supplies Online](#) and [Knights Gear](#) purchases require real time payment using a debit/credit card. Consult the [Officers Desk Reference](#) for guidance.
- [Family of the Month](#) submissions will **ONLY** be accepted through online submissions made through the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784) beginning this fraternal year.

PLANNING AHEAD

Early and proactive planning is key to a successful year. Consider important dates (mentioned above) and key seasons to ensure you're prepared ahead of time for events and programs.



- Click [here](#) for all necessary Program Resources to aid your planning.
- Use these tools and tips alongside your [Fraternal Planner](#).
- Don't forget to [Work with your Pastor](#) to plan events with your parish.

Programs to begin planning now!

- Faith: [Holy Hour](#) and Pilgrim Icon. Be sure to assign an Icon Chairman.
- Family: [Family of the Month](#), [Family Prayer Night](#) and [Food for Families](#).
- Community: [Disaster Preparedness](#), [Coats for Kids](#), [Global Wheelchair Mission](#) and [Catholic Citizenship Essay](#).
- Life: [Mass for People with Special Needs](#) and [Novena for Life](#).

For important dates, action items and resources, visit our Overview and Highlights page [here](#).

Membership Growth

Congratulations to our Top Recruiters

[Congratulations to the 643 recruiters](#) who won a Blessed Michael McGivney medallion by recruiting 5 or more new members during the 2020-21 fraternal year. To illustrate how critical those 643 Knights are to our success, they combined to recruit a remarkable 9,208 new Knights during the fraternal year, accounting for 21.7% of the new member joins in Canada and the United States. Texas led the way with 67 top recruiters, followed by Florida with 50 and California with 43.

Online Membership – A Tool for Council Growth

Use Online Membership to maximize council membership growth while minimizing administrative tasks:

- Schedule regular Exemplifications of Charity, Unity & Fraternity
- Recruit new members to join during those exemplifications
- Encourage the candidates for membership to join online in advance of the Exemplification...whether it be a week, a day or an hour in advance

- Immediately after the Exemplification – using the [Prospect Tab on Member Management](#) – transfer the member into your local council.

District Deputy Corner

- Make sure all the officers and directors of your councils are [subscribed to the Fraternal Leader Advisory](#).
- Coach your grand knights on working with their pastor. Share the [Working with your Pastor](#) guide sheet and [sample agenda](#) from the Covid Recovery Program.
- Ensure all your councils have a [fall membership drive](#)

Council Officer Corner

Grand Knight

- Ensure all the eligible officers and directors of your council have access to Officers Online. Review this [infographic](#) for details.
- Review the [Program Forms Reference Guide](#) for the what, when and where on program forms submission. Share this important resource with all the program chairmen in your council.
- Confirm that your council has submitted forms [Report of Officers Chosen for the Term](#) (#185), [Service Program Personnel Report](#) (#365) and [Semiannual Council Audit](#) (#1295).

Financial Secretary

- Review [Leadership Resources](#) for the latest information on council operations and the role of Financial Secretary.

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

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