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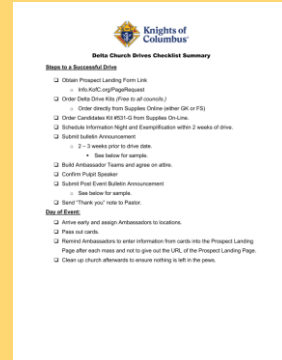
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## Church Drives

The fall is a great time to host a Delta Church Drive in your parish and invite to men to join your council. Below are a number of resources, including a checklist summary for hosting a successful drive. Be sure to reach out to your local [training director](#) for more information.



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# Fraternal Operations

## Church Drives & Member Engagement

September 16, 2021 | 8:00 PM EDT

Join us for our monthly fraternal webinar as we discuss how to hold a successful Church Drive this fall and also how to engage (and reengage) your members throughout the year. All **webinars** are available live and on demand so you can watch at your convenience if you cannot make the original broadcast.

[Register Now!](#)

## Programs

### 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.

## 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](#).

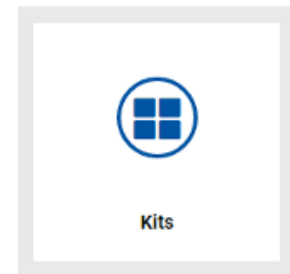


For important dates, action items and resources, visit our Overview and Highlights page [here](#).

## Inviting Men to Join

### Church Drive Kits

Reminder – All council supplies, including program, candidate, and Church drive kits, must be ordered by the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary from [Supplies Online](#) via [Officers Online](#). Supply orders are not accepted at the Supreme Council.



### Council Growth is Critical

Men join active councils, so if your council is struggling to find your footing coming out of COVID, the Order's [COVID Recovery Plan](#) (CRP) can serve to increase overall activity and attract new members. The CRP is a straightforward, field-tested way to re-engage the members of your council.

### District Deputies – Are You On-Track?

The goal for the first quarter of the fraternal year (July 1 – September 30) is 30% or more of your annual district intake goal. Each state council has a goal of one Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity per district per quarter. Are you on-track to meet those goals? Visit [the Membership Incentives page](#) for details.

### Programs are Recruitment Opportunities

Fall is a great time to conduct outdoor programs open to the families of your parish and community. [Programs](#) are a great way to introduce men to the Knights of Columbus and ask them to join your council.

## District Deputy Corner

- Remind your councils that all [fraternal webinars and “How To” videos](#) are available to view on-demand.
- Confirm that all of your councils have submitted the [Report of Officers Chosen for the Term](#) (#185), [Service Program Personnel Report](#) (#365), and [Semiannual Council Audit](#) (#1295).
- If any of the councils in your district are “inactive” or “dormant” please work with your state officers on a corrective action plan. If you need additional support, contact [councilreactivation@kofc.org](mailto:councilreactivation@kofc.org).

## Council Officer Corner

### Grand Knight

- Review the Safe Environment Member Status Report on the Reports Tab of [Officers Online](#). Make sure all required positions are filled and the members will remain compliant through the end of the fraternal year. Members must take refresher training every three year. Contact [youthleader@kofc.org](mailto:youthleader@kofc.org) with [Safe Environment Compliance](#) questions.
- Review the [Public Relations and Publicity Guide](#) (#2235) for tips on promoting the good works of your council and attracting new members. This is a great way to expand the impact your council can have in the parish and community.
- Build a strong leadership bench by identifying future leaders of your council, empowering them to run initiatives, and mentoring them on [fraternal operations](#).

### Financial Secretary

- View the short [training videos](#) on how to get the most out of Member Management and Member Billing.

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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