



# Fraternal Leader Advisory

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## **KnightCast Returns November 11**



KnightCast is a groundbreaking new video series from the Knights of Columbus with the aim of engaging today's Catholic men in a compelling conversation about the Catholic Faith and their own, personal growth as they lead their families in service to the Church. Featuring host Jonathan Reyes as well as guests and subject matter experts in each episode, KnightCast seeks to cover topics ranging from sports and marriage to evangelization and the Saints. New episodes premiere each month, with a new episode coming on November 11.

This new series is now free to share with all the Knights in your councils, their families, and friends. KnightCast shows the real-world impact the Knights have on our society and culture and can be used as a tool to inspire more men to join the Order. Learn more at [KofC.org/KnightCast](https://kofc.org/knightcast)

For more tools and resources to share KnightCast, please [click here](#).

**Join the KofC Faithful Citizenship Program**

The Knights of Columbus Faithful Citizen Program gives members a way to voice their Catholic beliefs and values on important public policy issues. Members of the program will receive a special e-newsletter that provides insight on various federal legislative, regulatory, and legal issues. Join your voice with 2 million fellow members. With Knights, you never act alone. [Sign up here](#).

We encourage you to share this program with the members of your councils. Simply direct them to [kofc.org/faithfulcitizen](http://kofc.org/faithfulcitizen).

## Fraternal Operations

### Raising Your Council's Profile

Successful councils are well known in their parishes and communities. These councils conduct meaningful programs that are both impactful and distinctly Catholic. Join us on November 18th for a special fraternal training webinar in which we'll discuss practical ways that your council can raise its profile in both the parish and greater community. We'll also discuss specific program opportunities that will help you do this. All fraternal leaders should attend this important webinar. [Register now](#).

## Programs

### Food for Families

Knights step into the breach by ensuring as few people as possible go to bed hungry through the Food for Families Program. This program supports food pantries, food banks, and soup kitchens in local communities. For more info, visit [kofc.org/food](http://kofc.org/food).



### Free Throw Championship

Start ordering kits and planning a free throw event within your community. The free throw competition is designed for young people ages 9-14 to demonstrate their skills in shooting free throws. This program is a great way to get the entire community involved. For more information, visit [kofc.org/freethrow](http://kofc.org/freethrow).

### Special Olympics

Support people with intellectual disabilities and give them opportunities to discover their God-given strengths, abilities, and skills by supporting Special Olympics. To learn how to get involved,

visit [kofc.org/olympics](https://kofc.org/olympics). Be sure to report all Special Olympics participation by your council for the 2021 calendar year by Jan. 31, 2022, using the online [Fraternal Programs Report Form #10784](#).

### Programs to Begin Planning:

- **Holy Hour** - Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled **Holy Hour** is a simple, direct, and meaningful way councils and pastors can work together to encourage brother Knights and parishioners to develop a deep personal relationship with their Lord, fully present in the Eucharist.

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

## Invite & Engage

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

The goal for district deputies in our quarterly incentive is to be at 70% of goal or better by December 31. Also, your 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 [kofc.org/membership](https://kofc.org/membership) for ideas that may help, and [kofc.org/membershipincentives](https://kofc.org/membershipincentives) for the details on our entire program of membership incentives.

### Online Membership - A Tool for Council Growth

Online membership benefits the Order in many ways. It offers the benefits of membership to Catholic men who are – for whatever reason – not yet ready for council-based membership. As COVID restrictions continue to fade, it offers men the ability to join in advance of participating in an Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. And for councils, it can be a tool to minimize paperwork. Remember, men can join the Knights of Columbus online for free, between now and December 31, 2021, by using the promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

## District Deputy Corner

- Review the Faith in Action [program forms reference guide](#) (#11172) and share this valuable resource with your councils.
- Make plans to attend your jurisdiction's midyear meeting.
- If your councils' accounting period ends June 30, then November 15 is the deadline to submit the proper IRS Form 990 (US Councils only). Ensure that this paperwork is filed.

## Council Officer Corner

## Grand Knight

- Plan a Christmas event such as [Consecration to the Holy Family](#) or [Keep Christ in Christmas](#). Invite all families of the parish to participate and identify new men that could strengthen your council.
- Review the resources available on our [Ceremonials webpage](#). You will find invitations to online exemplifications, everything needed to host an in person or virtual exemplification, and much more.
- Complete the [Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form](#) (#11077) and submit to your General Agent as soon as possible after participating in an approved seminar.
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## Financial Secretary

- The Member Billing section of [Officers Online](#) provides an easy and cost-effective way for councils to process dues assessments. Your council can save time and money by using this tool. Learn more by watching this [short video tutorial](#).

## Important Links

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