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Pray a Novena for the Consecration of Russia, Ukraine

The Knights of Columbus today calls on its members worldwide to join a nine-day novena beginning March 17, 2022. Led by Ukrainian Catholics, this novena will conclude on March 25 when Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in St. Peter's Square in Rome. This date is historically significant, as on March 25, 1984, St. John Paul II consecrated Russia and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"During this time of immense suffering in Ukraine, I call on our more than 2 million Knights to devote themselves in prayer to our Blessed Virgin Mary," said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. "Together, we'll ask Our Lady to intercede on behalf of those directly impacted by the conflict, to give strength to our Ukrainian and Polish Knights working so hard to deliver relief, and to help bring peace and healing to the region."



"I also call upon all Knights to refocus their devotion to the Holy Eucharist," said the supreme knight. "The more we devote ourselves to the Eucharist, the more we will understand what it means to be a Knight — to live a life of service and sacrifice for others and to live a life of true unity, centered on the 'source and summit of the Christian life."

Download Novena Prayer

Fraternal Operations

Convention Resolutions

Review the <u>Supreme Advocate's guidelines</u> for the presentation of resolutions at state and supreme council meetings. Contact your State Advocate for more information on Jurisdiction specific procedures.

Programs

Step up to support Ukrainian Refugees!

In just three weeks, the Order has raised over \$5 million for those affected by the war in Ukraine. All Knights and all councils are strongly encouraged to donate to, and raise funds for, the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. Lenten fish fries are a great way to raise awareness and support for this worthy cause. 100% of donations will go directly to those in need.

Councils that donate at least \$1,000 to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund may claim a program credit in any program category for the Columbian Award (SP-7). Councils that donate at least \$4,000 may claim 2 program credits in any category.

Date Tags Now Available on Supplies Online

Notched and Rectangular date tags for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 are available on Supplies Online through Officers Online on both the RSVP and Food for Families pages.



Item Number 2019-2020: Plate-19-R Item Number 2020-2021: Plate-21-R



Item Number 2019-2020:
Plate-19-N
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Holy Hour

As we continue through Lent in preparation for Easter, let us consider spending time 'watching and praying' with our Eucharistic Lord. To learn more about leading a Holy Hour at your parish in the future, visit www.kofc.org/holyhour

Family: Food for Families

Plan a Food for Families food drive this spring to help food banks and food pantries that may be struggling to keep the shelves stocked, keeping in mind that whenever we feed the hungry, we are truly serving Christ. For more info on how your council can participate in this program, visit www.kofc.org/food.

For important dates, action items and resources, visit our Overview and Highlights page here.

Invite & Engage

Enhancement to Online Join Verification Process

We are excited to announce a significant enhancement to the Order's Online Member Verification Process. When a man joins the Order online and enters his unique email address, we will send to that email address a web link that the prospective member will click on to complete the join process. The prospective member will then have 24 hours within which to take this action. We are confident that these enhancements will greatly minimize the possibility of user error (incorrectly entering a verification code) and will give prospects ample time within which to complete the join process. Click here for a handout that takes you through the process.

District Deputies - Are You On-Track?

The goal for district deputies in our quarterly incentive was to be at 70% of goal or better by December 31, and to be at 100% of goal by March 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 for ideas that may help, and kofc.org/incentives for the details on our entire program of membership incentives.

District Deputy Corner

- 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.
- Check on each of your council's progress toward earning the <u>Star Council</u>
 <u>Award</u>. Work with the field agent to conduct a district Fraternal Benefit
 Seminar. Confirm council <u>Safe Environment compliance</u> on the Reports tab
 of <u>Officers Online</u>.
- Help your councils plan a Spring Church drive and then conduct a district Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Council Officer Corner

Grand Knight

- Plan <u>Leave No Neighbor Behind</u> activities for the Spring season. <u>Supporting a food pantry</u> and coordinating a <u>blood drive</u> are two ways your council can stay active. These are also great opportunities to invite men of the parish to join your council.
- Complete the <u>Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form</u> (#11077) and submit to your General Agent as soon as possible after participating in an approved seminar
- Ask each member of your council to invite a prospect to the next virtual or in person council activity.

Financial Secretary

 Take some time to familiarize yourself with our <u>Fraternal Video Library</u>. There are short videos to help you submit forms online and use the software programs for Member Management and Member Billing.

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