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## A New Opportunity to Support Ukraine this Easter

Easter is almost here, and we are teaming up with brother Knights in Poland to assemble and distribute 10,000 Easter baskets—containing meat, pasta, chocolate, flowers and an Easter candle—to displaced Ukrainian families.

A gift of \$50 sponsors one of these Easter baskets and supports one family in their celebration of the Resurrection. That is why we are running a special, time-sensitive campaign to raise money to put these baskets together.

This is a digital-only campaign, so please share this link and encourage your brother Knights to sponsor an Easter basket: [donate.kofccharities.org/Easter](https://donate.kofccharities.org/Easter)

*\*Please Note: Donations already made to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund cannot be repurposed for this campaign. Councils may claim program credit for contributing to both the Ukraine Solidarity Fund and the Easter basket campaign. For questions, please contact [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org) or 203-752-4270.*

## New Council Resources to Promote Ukraine Relief

Continuing our Orderwide program of solidarity with Ukrainian families and refugees, new council resources are now available to help you tell the K of C story and promote these efforts with your councils and parish communities. Reference the new [Ukraine Relief Efforts toolkit](#) for guidance and to access talking points, social media posts, bulletin announcements and posters for your immediate use. All materials are available for download by going to [kofc.org/Ukraine](https://kofc.org/Ukraine) – ‘Council Resources’ or by clicking below.



As a reminder, councils who donate at least \$1,000 to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund may submit and claim program credit in any program category on the Columbian Award (SP-7) application. Councils who donate at least \$4,000 may claim 2 program credits in any program category.

Inquiries on the Ukraine Solidarity Fund can be sent to [helpukraine@kofc.org](mailto:helpukraine@kofc.org)

## Council Resources

### Important Webinar for Fraternal Leaders

Do you know we have councils in Ukraine and Poland that are helping refugees? We will show you Knights providing shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, and spiritual support to victims. You will hear testimonials from survivors who escaped. We will tell you how you and your council can help.

In addition, we will highlight some recent operational developments that will help you finish the year strongly and meet the challenging requirements for the Founders' award (Insurance) and Columbian award (Programs).

Join us on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00pm EDT for this important and informative webinar.

[Click Here to Register](#)

### Employment Opportunities

The Fraternal Operations Department has openings for two full time positions. These employees will be responsible for providing richly satisfying member experiences. These are great opportunities for rewarding careers that have a positive impact on the lives of members and their communities. Please tell potential candidates about these positions.

[Online Member Coordinator](#)

[Member Engagement Associate](#)

### Fraternal Operations

#### Is your council on track to earn Star Council?

There are already 22 councils that have earned the Star Council Award. [Review the criteria](#) and finish the year strong so your council can join this list of high performers.



#### Food for Families and RSVP Refund Applications

Ensure quick processing of your [Food for Families](#) and [RSVP](#) refund applications by submitting them now, before the end of fraternal year rush.

#### NEW ARGTD Training Webpage

We redesigned the "Associate Regional Growth & Training Directors (ARGTDS)" webpage to make it easier for you to find the Training Director for your region. Registration for online training sessions can be completed directly on the Supreme Council website by visiting [here](#) to explore the updated pages and get the latest fraternal training schedules and contact information.

## Programs

### Good Friday Family Promotion

As we approach Holy Week, your council should encourage families to attend the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. This is a perfect way to spiritually enter into the passion and death of Jesus as well as an opportunity to support Christians in the Holy Land through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. For Good Friday Family Promotion resources, visit [www.kofc.org/goodfriday](http://www.kofc.org/goodfriday).

### Rosary

May, the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the perfect time to host a council or parish rosary service. Visit [kofc.org/rosary](http://kofc.org/rosary) for resources and start planning today.

### Form Due Date Extension

Free Throw Winner Score Sheets are now due by May 6th to the Supreme Council. Extending the due date of jurisdictional winners will allow more councils to participate in the program. We hope that more will hold the competitions outdoors once the weather improves. For Free Throw resources, visit [www.kofc.org/freethrow](http://www.kofc.org/freethrow).

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

[Click here](#) for the 2021-2022 International Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners.

### International Soccer Winners

[Click here](#) for the 2021-2022 International Soccer Challenge winners.

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

## Invite & Engage

### St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

This Knights of Columbus-produced film, now available in Spanish, features interviews with leading experts and theologians, in addition to powerful firsthand testimonials about the Guardian of Jesus and of the Holy Family. [WATCH NOW](#)

## District Deputy Corner

- Encourage your councils to submit the [Columbian Award Application](#) (#SP-7) as soon as they earn 16 [program activities](#). This ensures timely processing. They should continue to file the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784) for all additional programs conducted.
- Confirm that all councils in your district submitted the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728). Every dollar and hour count towards telling the [collective story of our Order](#).
- Make preparations to attend your jurisdiction's annual State Convention. Ensure that each of your councils plan to attend as well.

## Council Officer Corner

### Grand Knight

- [Confirm council Safe Environment compliance](#) on the Reports tab of [Officers Online](#).

- Hold your **council officer elections** between May 1 and June 15 and submit the Report of Officers Chosen for the Term, **Form 185** by June 30.
- **Contact your Associate Regional Growth & Training Director** for assistance in planning a spring Church drive.

**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**.

## Important Links

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