

Alabama State Council

2026 State Organizational Meeting

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
511 N. Memorial Dr.
Prattville, AL**



July 18, 2026





Opening Prayer

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Bill Mores, State Deputy

Griffin Shreves
AL District Master



Sacred Heart Holy Hour



Spiritual Remarks

State Chaplain
Rev. Vernon Huguley



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Supreme Representative

JC Reiher, PSD

**Regional Growth
Director**





ORGANIZATIONAL MTG.

THE BIG 4

July 20, 2026





#1 EARLY IS EASY



July 20, 2026





185s and 365s – July
SE Compliance – August
All other forms by the due
date

July 20, 2026





#2 CULTURE OF INVITATION

July 20, 2026





Changing vocabulary – Invite not Recruit

When we invite we evangelize

Where and when can we Invite
anytime - anywhere



July 20, 2026



#3 OPPORTUNITIES

July 20, 2026





COR
Our Programs
Pending Applications List
Prospect Tab
Market Penetration
Men's Conferences
Parish Events



July 20, 2026



#4 PARTNERSHIPS

July 20, 2026





4th Degree Districts

Diocese/Archdiocese

Outside Organizations

Our Insurance Agencies



July 20, 2026

Award Updates



Star District 2026 – 2027

- **Membership Growth (*No Change*)**
 - **Attain 70% of combined council quotas**
- **Insurance Promotion (*No Change*)**
 - **At least 50% of assigned councils earn the Founders Award**



Star District 2026 – 2027

- **Overall District Excellence**
 - **At least two councils in the district earn the Star Council Award**
 - **Districts with one council are not eligible**
- **Submit a *District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status* (#944) for each council in district by September 15**
- **Every council in district must submit forms #185 (officers), #365 (directors), 1728 (annual survey) and #1295 (annual audit)**



Star Council 2026 – 2027

Earn the McGivney, Founders', and Columbian Awards, and satisfy all administrative requirements

2026-2027 Administrative Requirements

- **Be in good standing with Supreme Council (pay assessments)**
- **Safe Environment compliant (U.S. & Canada only)**
- **Submit forms #185 (Report of Officers), #365 (Report of Directors), #1728 (Annual Survey)**
- **NEW: Submit form #1295 (Annual Audit)**



McGivney Award 2026 – 2027

NO CHANGES

- **Attain 6% intake growth based on July 1st council membership**
- **Minimum 5 / Maximum 15**



Founders' Award 2026 – 2027

- **A number equal to 10% of Associate members on the July 1 council roster must meet individually with a field agent for a financial review**
- **Minimum 5 / Maximum 15**
- **To qualify, meetings must be with new or associate members**



Old Columbian Award

- **Time-consuming**
- **Confusing**
- **Subjective**
- **Quantity, not quality**



New Columbian Award

- **Fast**
- **Simple**
- **Quality, not quantity**



Requirement 1

- **Donate \$500 toward any of the following:**
 - **ASAP (cash or item value)**
 - **Food for Families (cash or 1,000 lbs.)**
 - **Coats for Kids**
 - **RSVP**



Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or Coats for Kids. *

- ☒ ASAP - donate a minimum of \$500 (funds or item value) to a pregnancy resource center, maternity home or similar pro-life organization.
- ☐ Food for Families - donate a minimum of \$500 or 1,000lb of food.
- ☐ RSVP - donate a minimum of \$500 to a seminarian, religious postulant or novice.
- ☐ Coats for Kids - donate a minimum of \$500 towards the purchase of coats for people in need.



Requirement 2

- **Complete 4 programs**
 - **1 per category (Faith, Family, Community, Life)**



Complete one Faith program: *

- ☒ RSVP
- ☐ ¡Viva Cristo Rey!
- ☐ Holy Hour
- ☐ Imitating Saint Juan Diego
- ☐ Into the Breach
- ☐ Pilgrim Icon Program
- ☐ Rosary Program
- ☐ Sacramental Gifts
- ☐ Spiritual Reflection



Requirement 3

- **Conduct *Cor* monthly**
 - **Include name and email of EFF Director**

OR

- **3 unique programs/activities**
 - **Build fraternity**
 - **Bring men closer to Christ**
 - **Serve parish or community**



Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen the bonds of friendship between the men of your council and/or parish) and one to support your parish or community. These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirements 1 and 2. Conducting *Cor* at least once a month satisfies all three of the program / activity criteria for this requirement.

Did your Council conduct *Cor* at least once a month during this fraternal year? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Complete a program or activity to bring men closer to Christ. *

Program Name

Catholic Movie Night

Program/Activity Description *

The council hosted a watch party of For Greater Glory for the parish.



Columbian Award Outcomes

- **Improved processing**
 - **Fewer applications denied**
 - **Faster approvals**
- **Mission alignment**
 - **More council donations**
 - **More *Cor* participants**
 - **More fraternal events**
- **Happier councils, more members**



2026-2027 Fraternal Mailing

- Fraternal Planner
- Fraternal Excellence Guide
- Protocol, Meetings, and Ceremonials Book
- Faith in Action Guidebook
- Officers Online Access Infographic
- Suggested Training By Office Infographic
- Fishers of Men Guidebook
- *Cor* Leader Guide
- *Cor* Formation Content Guide
- Working with Men's Ministries



State Deputy Remarks

Pat Jackson



2025-26 was a great year!



Membership Goal 417 vs. Actual 563 135.01%
Star Council Goal 17 vs. Actual 33
Star Districts – 11 with D20 achieving All Star
Conducted 3 Holy Hours
Achieved Pinnacle!



Goals for 2026-2027

- COH Membership Intake Goal = 513
 - Pinnacle Intake Goal = 120% of COH
- Star Council Goal = 13
- Faith Formation Goal = 3 Holy Hours



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Goals for 2026-2027

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Alabama / Mississippi Agency Remarks

Cam Ellis, GA



DISCOVER
— THE —
Catholic
DIFFERENCE



President State Ladies Auxiliary



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State Convention Report

Steve Koach, PSD, FDM



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Save the Date!

AL State Convention
April 9-11, 2027
**Wind Creek Hotel &
Casino**



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ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION RAFFLE



**2027 CONVENTION "ALL CASH"
RAFFLE!**



GRAND PRIZE - \$1000 CASH



2ND PRIZE \$500 CASH

3RD PRIZE – WIND CREEK RESORT PACKAGE

4TH PRIZE – WIND CREEK RESORT PACKAGE



TICKETS - \$10 EACH / 3 FOR \$25



DRAWING TO BE HELD ON 10 APRIL 2027



Alabama State Council Raffle Ticket Request Form

Grand Prize - \$1000.00 Cash

2nd Prize - \$500.00 Cash

3rd & 4th Prize - Resort Package

Tickets \$10.00 ea or 3 for \$25.00

I would like _____ Books of 3 tickets

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Council# _____

"Remember Gentlemen you're Responsible for All the Tickets that You Request."

Make Checks Payable to: Alabama State Council Knights of Columbus.

Send all Stubs and Money to: Joe Flaherty III, P O Box 781, Rainsville, AL 35986



The Ladies Are Now Excused



ladies meeting

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5 minute BREAK



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Credentials Report – Emerson Healy, SW

Roll Call – Brian Lagasse, State Secretary

**Minutes/Communications -
Brian Lagasse, SS**



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State Treasurer Report

Brian Lagasse



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Financial Details removed from this copy – please see the password protected slide deck for State Financial details. Contact your District Deputy for the Password.



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2026 Alabama State Pin



- ☐ State pins are \$2.00 per pin if buying 25 or more.
- ☐ State pins are \$3.00 each for up to 24 pins.
- ☐ Payment required with order. May be picked up at the upcoming State Meeting or have them shipped for \$10.
- ☐ Checks payable to: "Knights of Columbus AL State Council"



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Finance & Budget Committee Report

**Steve Koach, PSD,
FDM, Chairman**



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Finance & Budget Committee Report

- **2026-2027 State Finance & Budget Committee Members**

- Stephen Koach, PSD, FDM, Chairman
- Pat Jackson, SD (Ex-Officio)
- Brian Lagasse, St. Sec.
- John Bares, St. Treasurer (Ex-Officio)
- Pete Parrish, PSD, FDM, FVSM
- Bill Mores, IPSD
- Danny Garcia, PSD
- Joe Flaherty, PSD, FDM, Vice Supreme Master
- Jesse Miller, DD#15

- **Provide Oversight Over State Finances and Approves State Council Budget**



STATE ADVOCATE'S REPORT

Randy Duffey, State Advocate



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State Advocate Duties

- **Legal Advisor of the State Council and of the state officers in all matters pertaining to the Order or referred to him**
 - Legal issue of a Council member
 - Practical standing of a Council member
 - Clarifying bylaws
- **Chairman of the resolutions committee at the annual meetings of the State Council**
 - Receive all resolutions and State bylaw amendments
 - Must be submitted digitally in writing not less than ten days before the opening of any State meeting



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State Advocate Duties

- **Safe Environment Training**
 - Track submittals of Forms 185 and 365
 - Grand Knight, Program, Community and Family Directors
 - Only personal email address allowed for registration
 - **30 days to complete training**
 - Required for Star Council
- **Lesson Learned:** Waiting until the end of the year to be SEP compliant is **UNACCEPTABLE**.
 - **Accomplish at start of the year. - Early is Easy!**



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Safe Environment Training

Role	Training	Background Check
Grand Knight	✓	
Program Director	✓	
Family Director	✓	✓
Community Director	✓	✓

Background check is an easy and simple check to assure that your name does not appear on offender list.



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Emerson Healy, State Warden

STATE WARDEN'S REPORT



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Evangelization & Faith Formation

Mike Schultz, EFF Director



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Agenda

- ☐ **Prayer**
- ☐ **Our KofC Identity**
- ☐ **What is Cor?**
- ☐ **Support Structure**
- ☐ **Cor Resources**
- ☐ **Questions**



Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17: Pray without ceasing.

Ephesians 6:18: With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones.



Our KofC Identity



***Cor* Connection – Mission Narrative**

Father McGivney had a clear mission:

- Form men in their faith
- Protect the family

Is this mission relevant today?



What Does This Mean for Us as Knights?

- The Church faces many challenges today
- Despite these challenges, there are signs of new opportunities – new reasons for hope
- The Knights must be at the forefront of these positive trends
- *Cor* offers councils the space and the tools to meet the needs – and increasingly the desires – of Catholic men
- Especially young men and fathers



Cor

What is Cor?

“Cor ad cor loquitor. (Heart speaks to heart.)”

- St. John Henry Newman



What is *Cor* ?

***Cor* is a regular gathering of men that uses a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity to foster Christ-centered brotherhood and help men grow closer to Jesus.**



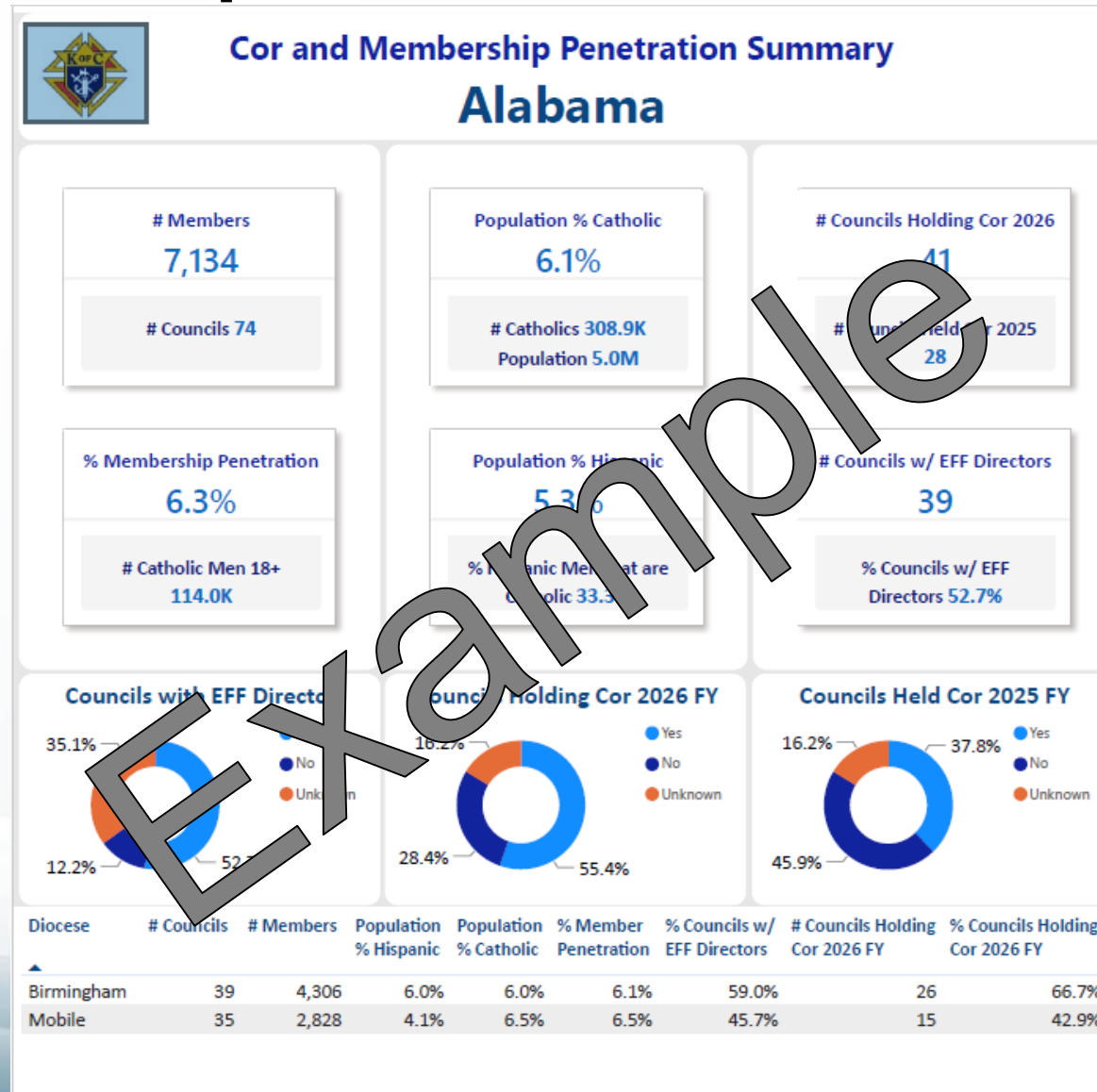
Cor Success

- Long Term
 - *Cor* in every parish
 - Prayer, formation, and fraternity for all men
- **Short Term**
 - Appoint strong EFF leaders – Team
 - Continue the cultural shift through awareness



Study: Is *Cor* good for “business”?

Cor Reports – Sharepoint Folder – Alabama



Cor is growing in Alabama, but I don't have the numbers. Despite my best efforts, I could not get access to our State Sharepoint folder - EFF - "Cor and Market Penetration Data."

Support Structure



State EFF Infrastructure

State Level

- State EFF Director
- Mike Schultz

- State Chaplain
- Very Reverend
Vernon F. Huguley

Diocesan Level

- **Diocesan EFF Coordinator(s)**
 - **Birmingham**
Orlando Garcia
 - **Mobile**
Hayden
Scarborough

Council Level

- Council EFF Director(s)
www.kofc.org/forms -
Council EFF Dir.
Submission Form



EFF Director Support

- Ongoing Training and Formation for leaders.
 - New *Cor* Startup Training Videos
 - New onboarding emails for Council EFF Directors (when submitted on Council EFF Dir. Form) www.kofc.org/forms
- Communication:
 - *Cor* Quarterly Newsletter
 - Fraternal Leader Advisory email



• WhatsApp, Text, Email, Phone

• www.kofc.org/cor

Action Items:

- **District Deputies**

- Accurate reporting of *Cor* activity in #944 Form
- Ensure reporting of Council EFF Director

- **Grand Knights**

- Identify or reappoint your Council EFF Director and submit the Council EFF Director Form – www.kofc.org/forms
- Please share my email with your Council EFF Director – 2pet35@gmail.com



Attend *Cor* yourselves and share your personal testimony!

• Most compelling story

Council EFF Director Submission Form



Please enter your council number: *

Jurisdiction: *

Diocese: *

Parish(es):

Council Category: *

Please enter contact information for your EFF director below:

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Email Address: *

Is this a new EFF director or someone who has held the position before? *

I consent to receiving communications from the Knights of Columbus. * ☒

Cor Resources

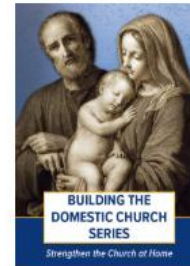


Catholic Information Service – KofC.org/shopcis

**Catholic Information Service
provides faithful, accessible low-
cost faith formation resources for
individuals, families, councils,
and parishes.**



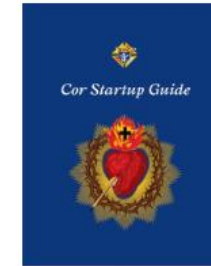
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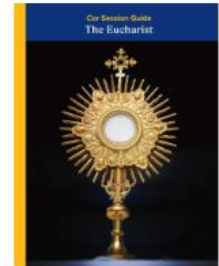
Building the Domestic Church Series



Cor Ecclesiae Series



Cor Resources



Cor Session Guides



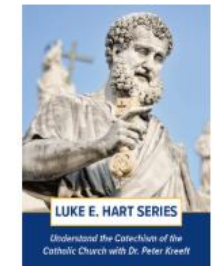
Devotionals



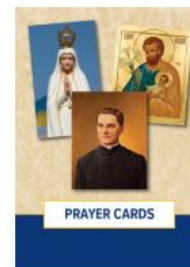
Eucharistic Revival



Into the Breach



Luke E. Hart Series



Prayer Cards



Resources for Lent



Sacred Heart Resources

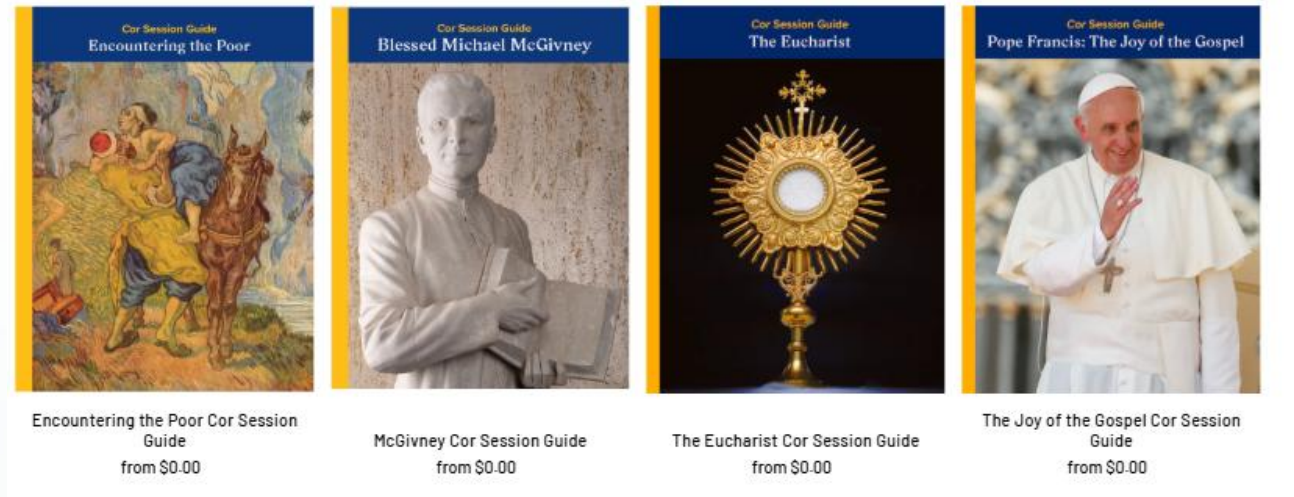


Veritas

CIS Content for *Cor* – KofC.org/shopcis

Cor Session

Provides councils with faith formation guides made to seamlessly fit in *Cor*



Cor Ecclesiae Series

The Cor Ecclesiae Series provides study and discussion guides for Church documents so groups can grow closer to Jesus Christ in the heart of the Church (Cor Ecclesiae)



Augustine Institute's "Formed" Streaming Service

- **Formed's award-winning content is available to support formation in *Cor***
- **All State Deputies, State Chaplains, State EFF Directors, and Council EFF Directors have free access to Formed**
- **Recommended *Cor* content on K of C content page**
- **To sign up: kofc.org/formed**



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About this collection

The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ. An initiative of the Knights of Columbus through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. These incredible resources are available to you. [View more](#)

Collections

Symbolon: The Faith of the Church

The Search

Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well

Into the Breach



Encountering the Poor: A Knights of Columbus Training Series

- Three-part video series
- Equips Knights with insights and practical tools for serving the poor
- Developed with Christ in the City, a Catholic ministry dedicated to forming volunteers to serve the poor
- Invites Knights to go deeper in the charitable work they already do
- Companion study guide for *Cor*
- [Kofc.org/encounteringthepoor](https://kofc.org/encounteringthepoor)

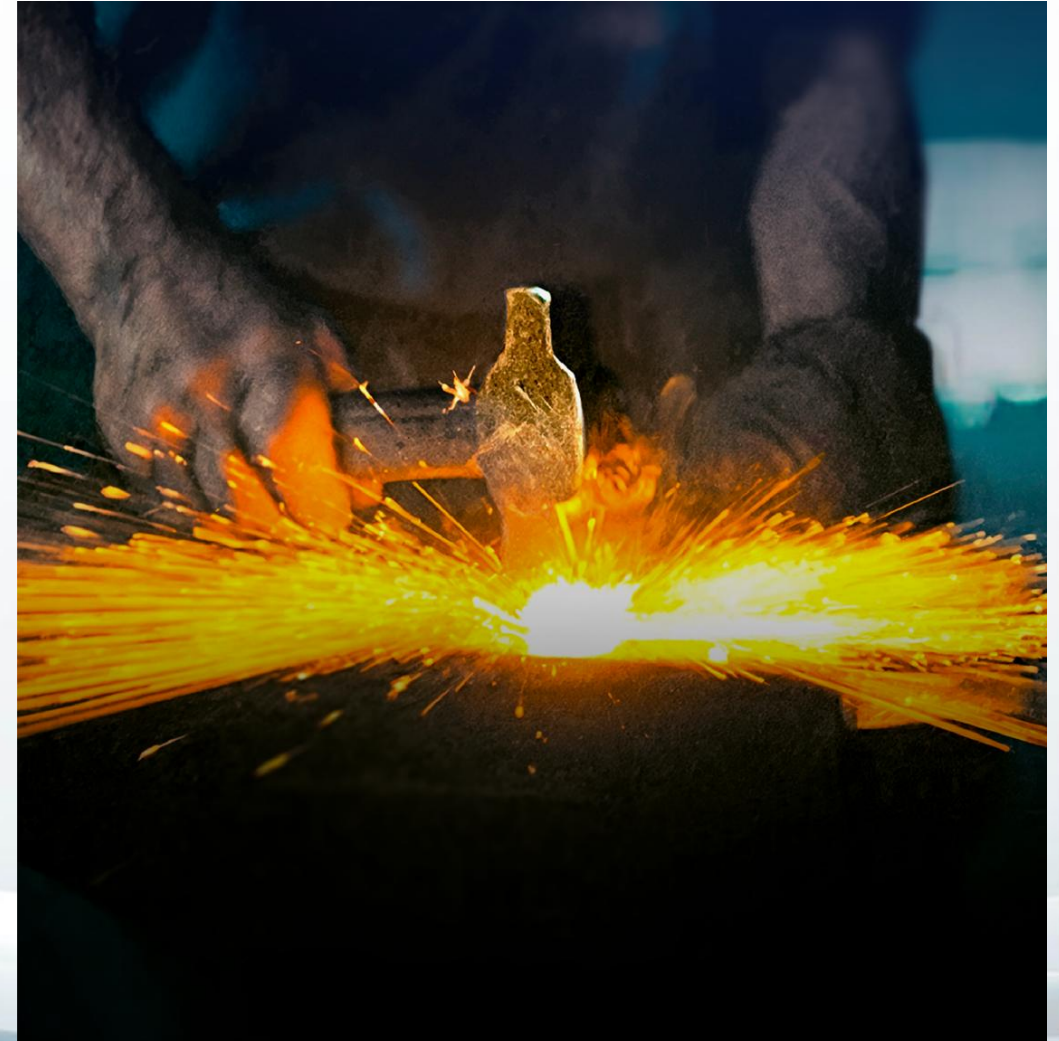


Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work

- Latest entry in the Into the Breach video series
- Explores the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world, focused on the role of work
- Five episodes
- Optimized for *Cor*
- Companion study guide
- Promotion resources



• www.kofc.org/intothebreach



Heart of the Gospel Retreat

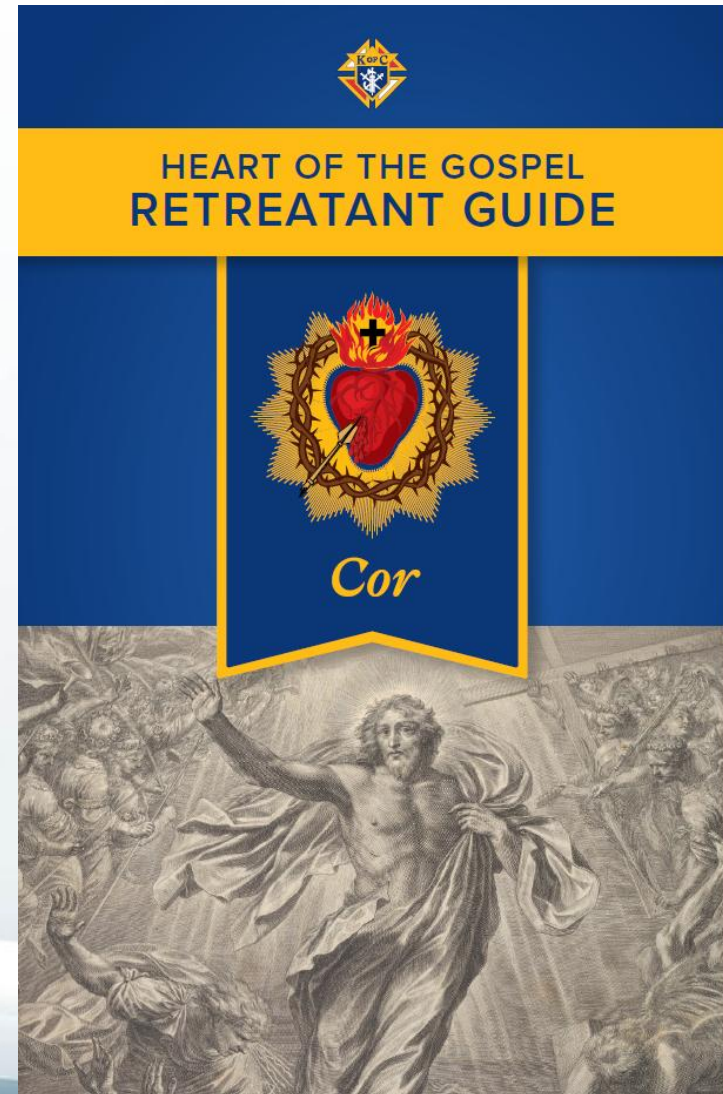
- “Retreat in a box” in partnership with Acts XXIX
 - Dynamic presentation of Kerygma – Gospel basics
- Day long, little to no cost for parish
- Cor pre- and post-retreat sessions
- Retreat resources
 - Leader and Retreatant Guide
 - Designed as a plug-n-play



• Website – www.kofc.org/gospel

Heart of the Gospel Retreat

- **Supports Faith Programs – Spiritual Reflection**
 - Must fulfill regular requirements
- **Available now in English – Spanish and French in development**
- **Jumpstart, reinvigorate, or supercharge *Cor***
 - For all men of the parish; introduction to the Order



Cor Creates Leaders, Members, and Momentum

1. Encourage Council EFF Director Reporting

1. www.kofc.org/forms

2. Identify and invite Diocesan EFF Coordinators

3. Promote *Heart of the Gospel* to be used for Spiritual Reflection Program

4. Promote *Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work* – Use this to kick off *Cor*

5. Share www.kofc.org/shopcis to order formation content





Cor



The Heart of our Mission

Thank You



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Emerson W. Healy, FDD, State Membership Director

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW



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State Membership Director

Emerson W. Healy, FDD

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Phone: (251) 605-4360



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Where Did We Finish?

The State of Alabama Achieved the Following:

- Circle of Honor (4/12/2026)
- Pinnacle (5/21/2026)
- 2% Reduction (6/9/2026)
- Best New Member Gain of **563** In State History (6/30/2026)
- Best % Intake of **135.01%** In State History (6/30/2026)
- Finished #11 in the Order



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Goals for 2026-2027

COH Membership Goal = 503

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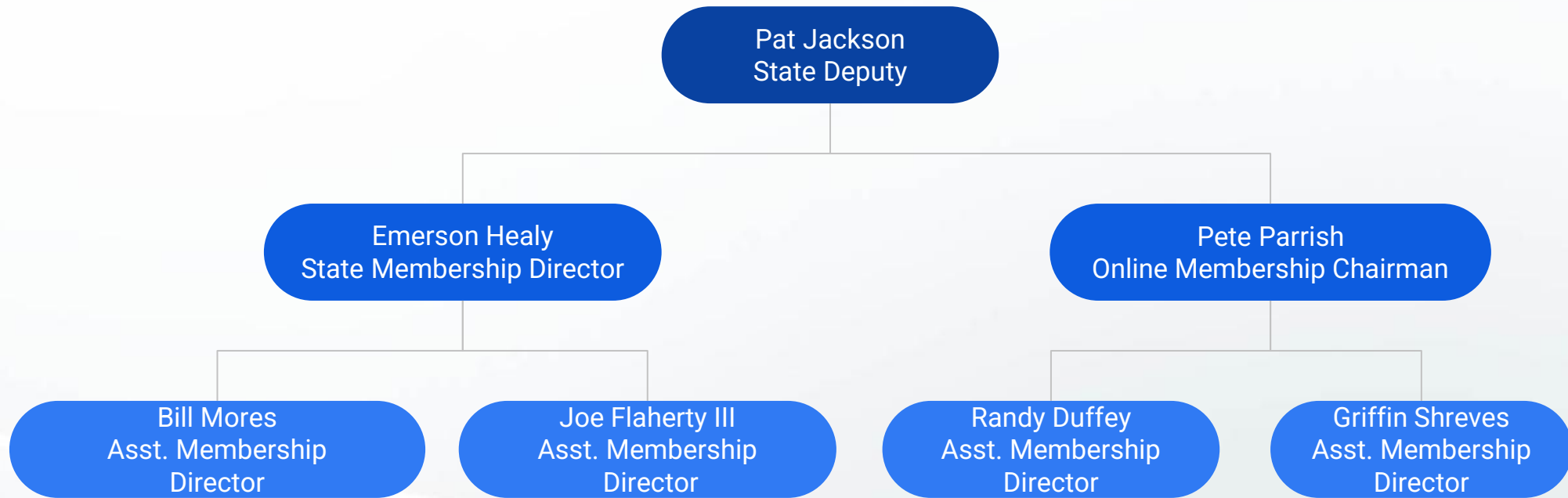
Overall Goal

Gentlemen, our goal for FY 2026–2027 is not to go out and "recruit." Instead, we want to **cultivate a culture of invitation**—encouraging the men in our parishes to become part of the largest brotherhood of Catholic laymen in the world



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Meet the Team



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive

We have decided to utilize a proven method of membership growth, first instituted by the State of South Carolina. The Parish Outreach Drive (POD) is a system in which each District, Council, and Parish is presented with a series of activities targeting membership growth. They are simple but must be followed exactly.

Everyone should have received a packet on the table in front of you. The State is providing sample packets to DDs and GKs initially..



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive

1. Locate a Parish
2. Receive permission from your Pastor
3. Obtain support from your Council
 - Man All Doors Before Mass
 - Every Man Gets a Packet
4. Get Materials – Pamphlets
 - 10100 ‘Why you Should Become a Knight’
 - 10209 ‘Why We Offer Insurance
 - 10099 ‘24 Hours to be a Knight’
 - 4862 ‘Here Today, Here Tomorrow’
5. Add the Informational Gray Card – English/Spanish
6. Paperclip all Together
7. Attach a Pen, so no Excuses



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive

8. Give a Speech During Announcements. The Speech is Prewritten and can be adjusted based on Your Parish

9. Stand Outside After Mass and Collect Cards. Ensure that they are filled in completely

10. Retrieve Pamphlets, Cards, and Pens From the Pews

11. Thank Father Again

12. Start to Call Men and Invite Them to Become Knights
Immediately



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive

13. If All Information is Provided on the Card, pre-fill out the Online Invite at www.kofc.org/joinus and email it to them. If They Say Yes When You Call, Instruct Them to Confirm Membership, and a Welcome Ceremony Will be Scheduled For Them and Their Family. If They Say No, Then No Harm. Just Ask to Delete the Email.

14. Do Not Let Them Off the Phone Without at Least Signing up Online Because of the Informational Emails They Will Receive. If After 1 Year They Still Don't Have Time or Aren't Interested, Then No Harm, No Foul. Their Membership Will Expire

15. Track Your Progress With the Scorecard

16. Provide your scorecard to the ALMD and SD so we can collect results from every POD to evaluate the efficiency of the Program.



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive Resources



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Proof of Concept/Parish Outreach Drive Gray Card



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____ YES! Please sign me up for free membership (a \$30 value)!

____ YES! I am a baptized Catholic!

____ YES! I am a practicing Catholic!

Full Name: _____

Email : _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Preferred Language: _____

Parish: _____ Former Member: ☐ YES ☐ No

Signature: _____



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Thank You !!

Thank You !!

Thank You !!

Alabama State Council

2025-2026 Pinnacle

Membership Goal of **135.01%**



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Membership Incentives

“At the end of the day, you are the only one that is limiting your ability to succeed or to execute on your success. Don't let yourself get in the way of that”



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FY 2026- 2027 Incentive Medallion



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1st Quarter Incentive

30 for 30

\$30 for any council that achieves 30% of membership goal by the end of the first quarter.



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Fast Start Incentive

\$5 for every new member brought in during the month of August.



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A word from your fellow Grand Knights

- Mark Proper Co. 3227 Anniston
- Kirk Wimsett Co. 4080 Huntsville





Online Membership

Pete Parrish, PSD, FDM, FVSM, Chairman

peteparrish1984@gmail.com

(205)531-3515



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Online Membership Program

<http://kofc.org/joinus>

Promo code: **“BlessedMcGivney”**



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Congratulations to all who make up the Alabama State Council

- That includes everyone who had any involvement and duties that they carried out at the council level, district level, and/or state level.
- Past State Deputy Mores had a great team assembled and he proved to be an excellent leader as evidenced by our accomplishments.



Thank you very much!

Congratulations to all who make up the Alabama State Council

- We achieved goals and set benchmarks that may take us a while to reach again.
- However, it is my hope and my personal goal to exceed those accomplishments this fraternal year.
- There is no sitting still.
- If you are not growing, you are backing up.



Council Accomplishments Last Year

135% of New Member Goal

Brought in 579 New Members

Lost 158 Members

Net Growth of 421 Members

33 Star Councils

One Five Star, One Four Star, Three Three Star,
One Two Star

**37 Councils Had Their Form SP-7 Approved by
Supreme**



Council Accomplishments Last Year

- 37 councils achieved 100% or more of their new member goal, but four of these did not qualify for Star Council.
- 38 councils met or exceeded the Fraternal Benefit Nights goal.
- 45 councils were Safe Environment Compliant at June 30, 2026.



Many Great Achievements
Thank you!

Unofficial Star Council List

10731 - Five Star	4080 - Four Star	16400 - Three Star
11480 - Three Star	3227 - Three Star	2737 - Two Star
17519 - Two Star	8959 - Star	10232 - Star
17202 - Star	764 - Star	11537 - Star
13125 - Star	8696 - Star	13152 - Star
13415 - Star	13163 - Star	3568 - Star



Unofficial Star Council List

1484 - Star	10903 - Star	12618 - Star
11215 - Star	3986 - Star	11672 - Star
3989 - Star	7584 - Star	8740 - Star
9550 - Star	12011 - Star	13339 - Star
13466 - Star	13513 - Star	17040 - Star

- Unofficially 33 Star Councils from the tracking that we did all year! Great Job!!!



Every Council Star Council for Fraternal Year 2026-2027



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Requirements for Star Council 2026-2027 Fraternal Year

Form 185

Form 365

Annual Audit Form 1295

Form 1728

Safe Environment Compliant

FBN's Replaced by Required Meetings of Associate Members with
Their Field Agent (10% of 7/1/2026 Membership, Min 5, Max 15)

Membership Goal 6% Intake (same as last year)

Form SP-7 before June 30, 2026



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New Member Recruitment

1. Culture of Invitation 24 Hours per day, Seven Days each week, 365 days per year.
 - a. Ask qualified Catholic men to join us.
 - b. Volunteer to be his sponsor.
 - c. Walk with him through the process.
 - d. Mentor him through joining and after he joins.
 - e. Support him in his journey.
 - f. You may recruit a state deputy, a supreme officer, supreme director, who knows? The sky is the limit.



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Ways to sign up a new member.

1. Preferred: Online join process at kofc.org/join
 - a. Can be done by anyone using smart phone, tablet or computer
 - b. Must reply to a confirmation email sent by Supreme to confirm application
 - c. Quick process
 - d. Supreme begins engaging the new member
 - e. He is an eMember only at this step
 - f. Can transfer to local council at any time after necessary steps



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Ways to sign up a new member.

2. Enter candidate's information on the Candidate Tab in Member Management
 - a. Can be done by Grand Knight or Financial Secretary Only
 - b. Must have viewed combined ceremony and gone through council's admissions process
 - c. Very easy and quick process if above requirements are met
 - d. No Form 100 required, no scanning, no USPS Mail required, avoids chance of loss or being misplaced



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Ways to sign up a new member.

3. Enter candidate's data on a Form 100, scan and email to membership@kofc.org
 - a. Least preferred method and proposed to be phased out
 - b. Can be done by anyone with proper signatures on Form 100
 - c. Candidate must have viewed combined ceremony and gone through the council's admissions process prior to sending to Supreme



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Remember

1. When using online join process the man becomes an eMember upon verification of his email address and counts as a member for the State Council.
2. When an eMember transfers to a local council he counts as a new member for the local council.
3. When using the Candidate Tab, the new member counts as such for the State Council and Local Council, same for using a Form 100.



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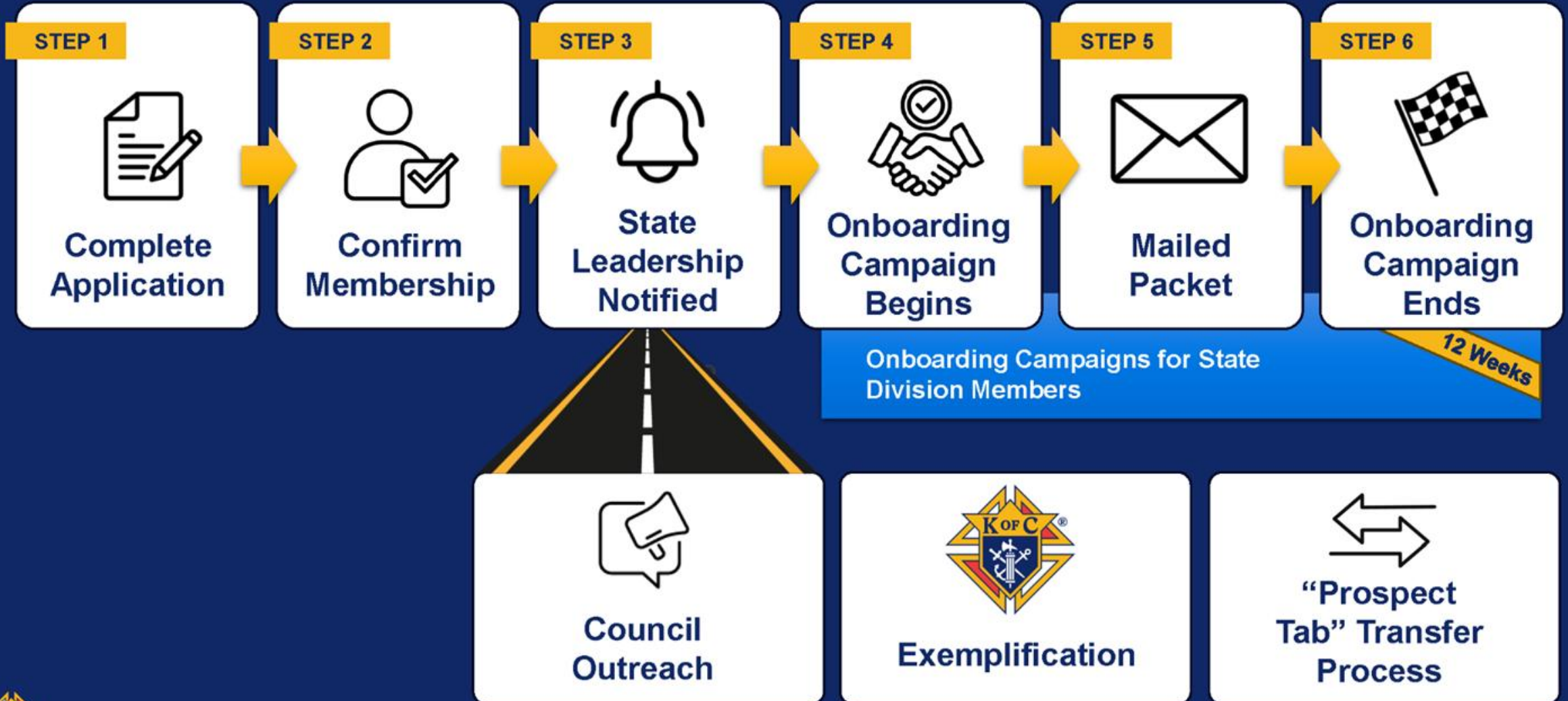
Remember

If a candidate is showing up on your council's prospect tab, he is not a member of your council. He must be transferred into the council by the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary.



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Online Join & Onboarding Process



Every Council Star Council

If we accomplish this goal the State Council will have no unmet goals and we will exceed all of our wonderful accomplishments achieved last year.



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Online Membership

Questions or Comments?



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Online Membership

Vivat Jesus!



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW

**Jeff Wolfe, KHS, M, PGK, PFN
State Program Director**



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Alabama State Deputy

State Program Director
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Community Director
FDM Michael Weist
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Faith Director
Deacon John Cooper
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Family Director
GW Mayer
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Life Director
Deacon Rick Chenault
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rachen77@gmail.com

ALABAMA STATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS



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Faith in Action Programs and SP-7 have been revised

- Each Faith in Action category now has nine recommended programs.
- The point system has been retired.
- Three main requirements on the SP-7 form are required to earn the Columbian Award.
- SP-7 online forms have been simplified to clicking a button and submit.
- Submittals can be put in at any time.
- All changes are to help your Council achieve Star.



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SP-7 REQUIREMENTS

1) Donate at least \$500 as part of the Faith in Action programs:

- ASAP (dollars or item value)
- RSVP
- Food for Families (dollars or 1000 lbs. of food)
- Coats for Kids

2) Complete four Faith In Action programs, one in each category.

- Cannot claim programs already submitted in Requirement 1
- Council must run programs like those described in the Faith in Action Program Guidebook

3) Complete three Programs / Activities

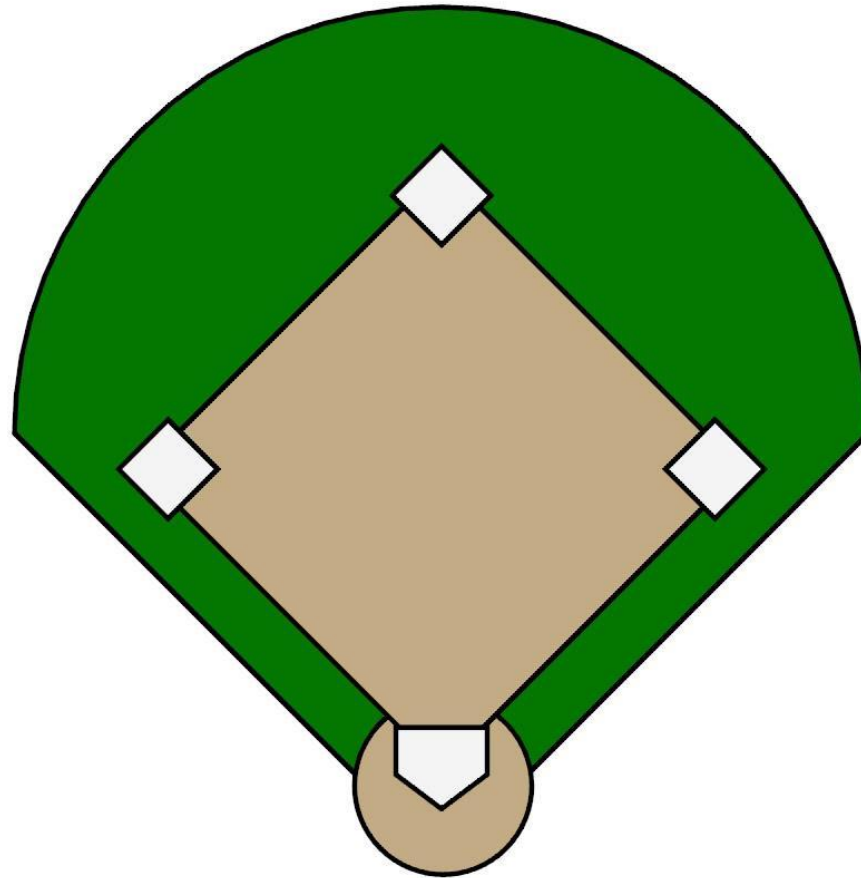
- One to bring men closer to Christ
- One to build fraternity
- One to support your parish or community

Cor can satisfy this requirement

- Councils must offer Cor gatherings that feature prayer, formation, and fraternity at least once per month to all men of the parish
- Councils who use Cor as their option must submit the name and email address of their EFF Director



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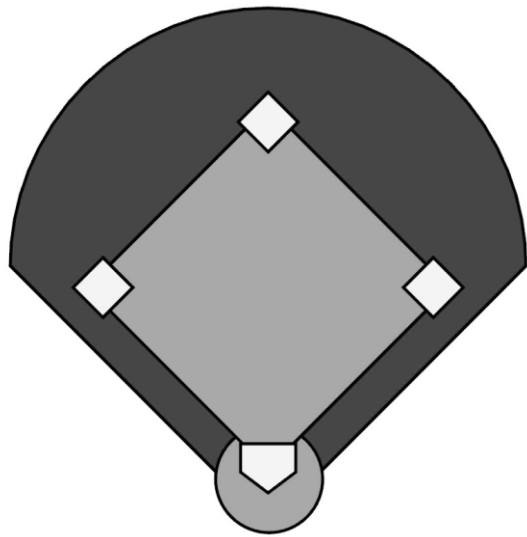
“If you will build it, they will come.”



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“If you will build it, they will come.”

Programs and membership work together.



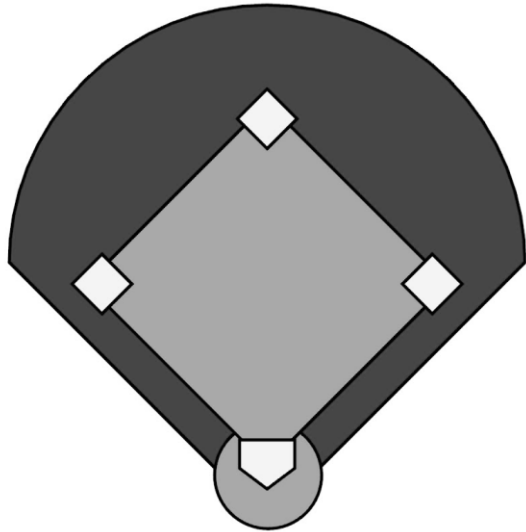
If you build visible Council programs that support the Parish and Community, these will be seen by the Catholic men in your parish.

Those Catholic men would be more inclined to become a Knight if they see your Council in action.



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“If you will build it, they will come.”

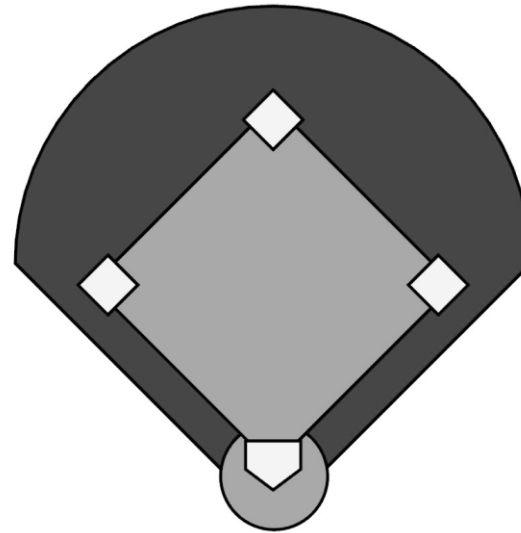


The more Knights you have in your Council, the more can participate in your Council programs.

That would make your job easier in your membership and your participation in the different programs recommended by Supreme and any other good works you can come up with to help your parish and community.



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First Base

Community Programs



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS LINEUP

COATS FOR KIDS

Chair: Mike Weist
kofcmweist@gmail.com
BOGO for the first 64 cases

CATHOLIC CITIZEN ESSAY CONTEST

Chair: Richard Pettys
RPETTYS@STORRSLAW.COM
Grades 8-12
Council grading: October
District grading: November
State grading: January 2027

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Purchase a minimum of 10 wheelchairs

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Chair: Joe Buschell
9-14 (boys and girls)
District Championship: February
State Championship: March

CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE

Celebrate the cultures and traditions of your parish communities.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Chair: Jack Porter
PORTERAVIATION@MSN.COM

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Chair: Thomas O'Donnell
TODONN8501@GMAIL.COM
District Champs by 15 Nov.
State Champions selected Dec.

BRIGHT FUTURES

\$1000 or 200-man hours for school programs and improvements

HELPING HANDS

Serve your community in whatever way is most needed .

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

FDM Mike Weist



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Coats for Kids

COATS for Kids can be accomplished all year. At least \$500 spent in coats qualifies under the SP-7 Requirement 1.

Coat Dropoff boxes do not qualify for the Coats for Kids campaign.

During the 2025 Coats for Kids campaign, 13 Councils in Alabama purchased 52 cases of coats. Supreme matched those coat orders with 52 free cases. A total of 1872 coats were distributed to needy children.

Supreme BOGO Campaign – 64 cases of coats are available for Alabama Councils. The first 64 cases ordered through State qualify for the BOGO case. Councils can order at this meeting and pay State a few week later. State COATS for BOGO order must be submitted by 1 Sep 2026 to the State Council and will be coordinated via the State Community Program Director Mike Weist.



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Coats for Kids

**Consider Lightweight Coats in Alabama - 24 Lightweight per case (\$381)
vs. 12 Heavy per case (\$284 - \$341)**

Coats will be distributed to the Councils (Council pickup) through at least 4 distribution points and points of contact in the state:

- Huntsville
- Birmingham
- Montgomery
- Mobile

Distribution points will be added depending on how many Councils in the state purchase coats.

Distribution will happen in early November. This will allow your Council time to coordinate programs locally to give to those needy children in your community.



Talk to Program Chair Mike Weist for more information.

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State Soccer Challenge

- Schedule between 1 Sept – 15 October
- Order kit from Supreme now
- Focus on the Parish (use it as a recruiting tool)
- **Council Level** – 15 kicks, winners receive a certificate
- **District Level** – 10 kicks, winners receive a medallion (available from Supreme)
- **State Level** – Virtual Competition, District Deputies submit the District winners to the State Coordinator with the Council Level and District Level scores tallied. State winners receive a Knights of Columbus soccer ball and certificate (No trophies)
- State submission due to Supreme by January 15th.



Tom O'Donnell
Soccer Chair
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Basketball Free-throw Competition



- **Council - January 2027**
- **District - February 2027**
- **State - March 2027 timeframe**

State Competition will be similar to the Soccer Challenge – Virtual Competition

District scores will be used in the State Championship

Joe Buschell, Chair

Joe.buschell@gmail.com



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Catholic Citizen Essay Contest

This year's topic:

- “The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.” In 500-750 words, explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy’s 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation.
- Order the essay kits in August
- Council judging should occur in October
- District judging should occur in November
- State level judging will occur by January 5, 2027
- State essay winners will be sent to Supreme for international judging by January 13, 2027. Supreme will announce the winners in March.

Richard R.B. Pettys, Jr.

Council 3568

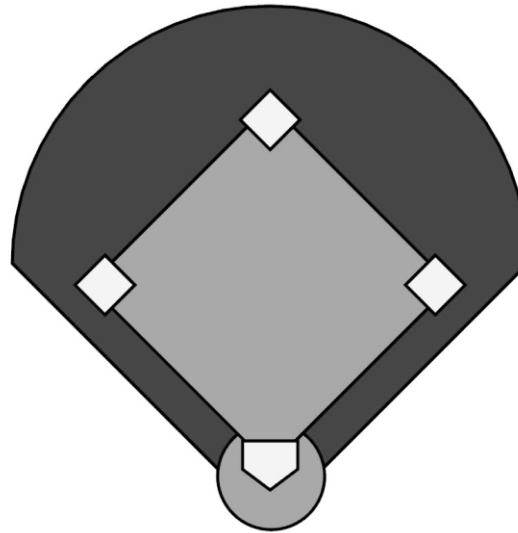
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Second Base



Family Programs



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FAMILY PROGRAMS LINEUP

BUILD A BED

Build beds for children who would otherwise sleep on the floor or in other sub-optimal conditions.

<https://shpbeds.org/>

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Altars for a call to prayer for the deceased; praying at cemeteries; Mass or memorial rosary.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK

Help strengthen families as the domestic church by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics.

QUINCEANERA SUPPORT

Councils can serve as a part of this important milestone by providing resources, manpower, faith gifts and general support.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Chair: Dennis Vaglica

MUSIC4FREEBIRD@YAHOO.COM

Promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes and communities.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR

Recognize twelve families throughout the fraternal year (monthly) and submit a 'Family of the Year' to State

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

\$500 or 1,000 pounds for food pantry – Supreme refunds \$100 per

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

Organize a minimum of four Family Prayer Nights, one for each quarter of the year.

FAMILY PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

GW Mayers



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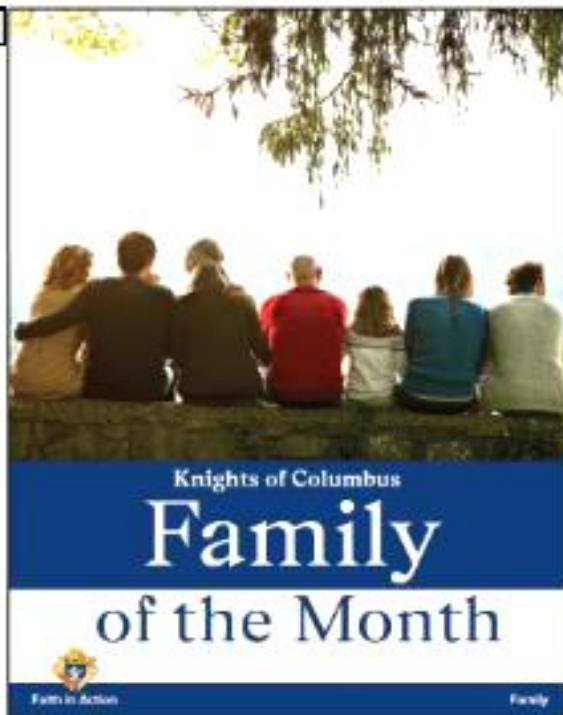
FAMILY OF THE MONTH

June 2025

This month's winner:		
Jurisdiction	Council Number	Nominee Name
Alabama	8696	Dean Kirk

Alabama Council Participation

9550
10354
3568
3986
4083
8696
11480
11672
10232



Incomplete Form Submissions

None



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Keep Christ in Christmas

Highlighted Items For This Year:

- English Cards 5 styles - two from last year; three new ones
- Christmas Rosaries
(Red and Green Beads with symbols related to Christmas)

Please call or email Dennis if your council is interested in participating in this Evangelization Program.

Dennis Vaglica, State Chairman, Keep Christ in Christmas
334-737-8276
music4freebird@yahoo.com



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KCIC Poster Contest

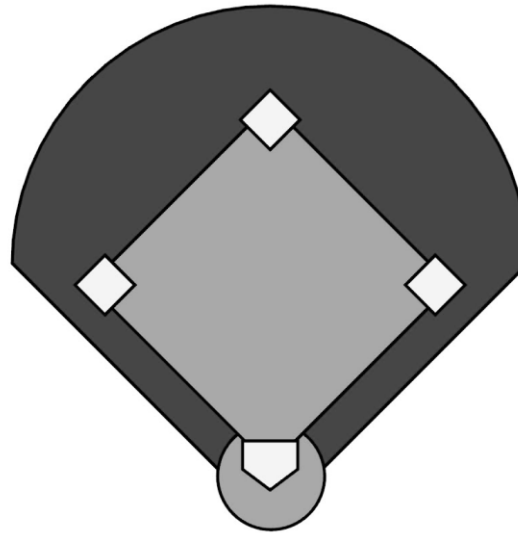
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.
 - The categories are by grade. Kindergarten has its own category to make winning more manageable for that grade, so they are only competing against other Kindergarteners.
 - For more information, please visit www.kofc.org/Christmas.
- KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST RESOURCES
- #5024 Poster Contest Guide Book
- #5025 Poster Contest Entry Form
- Kit contents available on program guide sheets & can be ordered along with additional program material via [Officers Online](#).



Bill Mores
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Chairman
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Third Base



Life Programs



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LIFE PROGRAMS LINEUP

ASAP

For every \$500 a council donates to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home, the Supreme Council will donate an additional \$100 (up to a maximum of \$400 for \$2,000 donated).

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

Chair: Lee John Bruno
LJB@UNITEDFORLIFEFOUNDATION.ORG
Contribute 50% of the cost of an ultrasound machine for a pregnancy center approved by the Supreme Council Dept of Fraternal Mission. Forms 10715 / 10716

CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF

Councils will aid this cause by collaborating with their parishes to spread awareness and raise funds to help these Christians and those in their care.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Coordinate a min. of 25 participants for a national, state or local March for Life or rally; charter a bus; or organize a local march or rally

GOSPEL OF LIFE

Educate your council and wider parish community on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Chair: Daniel Shaughnessy
DJSHAUGHNESSY256@GMAIL.COM
Work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor or volunteer for events in the local community.

SILVER ROSE

Chair: John Blackburn
AL.SILVER.ROSE24@GMAIL.COM

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE WITH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Councils can host a Holy Hour and choose a variety of intentions for which to seek Our Lady's intercession

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Welcome individuals or families who might not normally feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass.

LIFE PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Deacon Rick Chenault



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Life Program Notes

Deacon Rick Chenault – State Program Director

Theme

“Building a Culture of Life in Alabama...One Council, One Family, One Child at a Time.”

Scripture:

“I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

(John 10:10)

Motto:

**Protect Life
Strengthen Families
Witness to Christ**



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Life Program Notes – Primary Goals

Natural Family Planning Initiative

Knights Ultrasound Initiative

Walking with Moms in Need

Respect Life Education

Prayer Initiative

Youth for Life

Legislative Awareness

Additional Programs

**Details in the slides sent to the
Grand Knights**

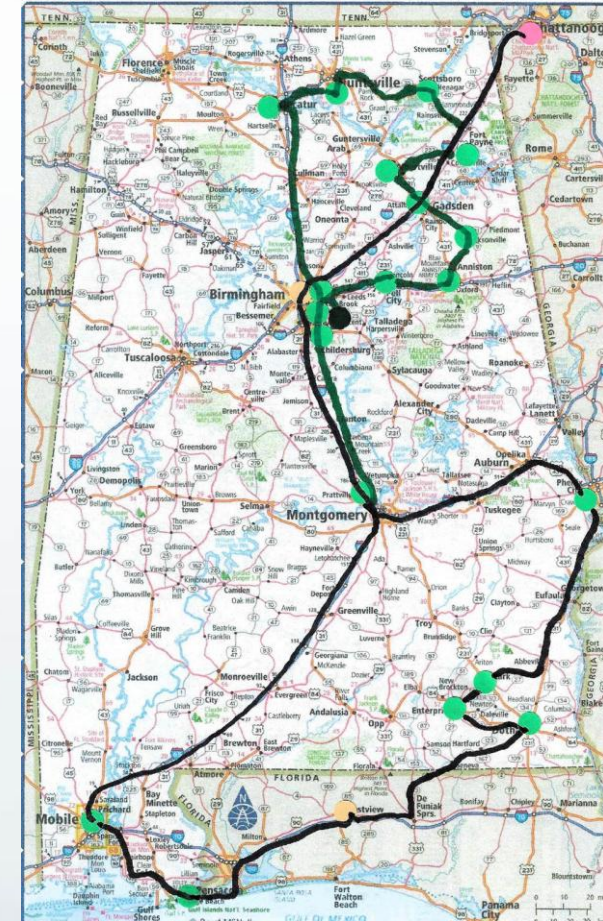
Communication Plan

- Monthly Life Newsletter
- Monthly Zoom meeting with Council Life Directors
- Quarterly training
- Resource library
- Life Chairman Handbook
- Email updates
- Success stories
- Recognition awards



Silver Rose Report

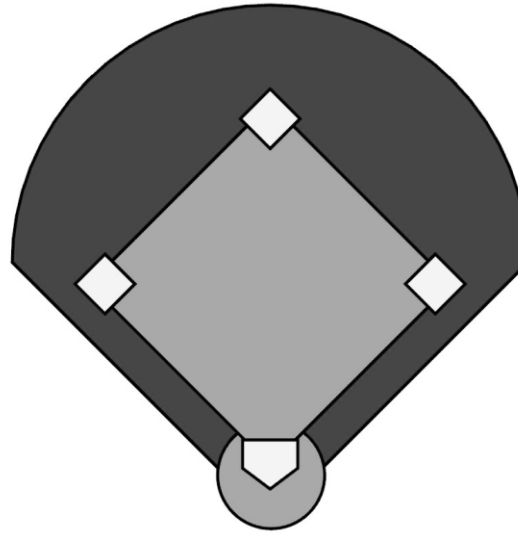
- Silver Rose enters the state on 8/23/26 from Tennessee and leave on 9/20/26 for Mississippi.
- Rose will visit 27 parishes while in Alabama.
- Critical: DDs will keep the Rose moving from location to location and on time.
- It's time to schedule next year's pilgrimage.
- If your Council wants the Rose next year, let John know.



John Blackburn
334-714-0167

AL.SILVER.ROSE24@GMAIL.COM

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Home Base Faith Programs



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FAITH PROGRAMS LINEUP

RSVP

Donate at least \$500 to support our seminarians and postulants.

PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

PSD Danny Garcia
256-604-2756

DANNYGARCIA@KOFALABAMA.ORG

Unite your community in a special act of prayer and devotion to the saints by hosting the pilgrim icon.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Day-long event at minimum.
10 members or 10% if not self planned and executed

IMITATING SAINT JUAN DIEGO

Promote devotion to St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

INTO THE BREACH

8 'Into the Breach' sessions or
5 'Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family' sessions

HOLY HOUR

Hold a minimum of four Holy Hours (one per quarter) or organize and support two Holy Hours and at least one Eucharistic Procession

¡VIVA CHRISTO REY!

Celebrate the sanctity of the Mexican Martyrs, including members of the Knights of Columbus, who were killed for their faith.

ROSARY PROGRAM

Hold Rosary prayer services at least four times a year

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

Visit kofc.org/gifts to order online through Knights Gear

FAITH PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Deacon John Cooper



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Home Enthronement

- Families place an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a prominent place in the home.
- Enthronements are:
 - Reminders that Jesus is King
 - Opportunities for family prayer
- Home enthronement resources can be distributed after the Holy Hour *or at any time*
- *Enthronement kits available on Supplies Online*



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FAITH IN ACTION



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Council Directors

Program Director - Appointed by the grand knight

- Collaborates with the grand knight in setting the calendar of council programs for the year
- Manages FIA program directors as they implement the council's programs and activities
- Keeps accurate records of council programs for reporting on the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728 and the Columbian Award Application #SP-7
- Keeps council's public relations chairman informed of all programs and activities for promotion to local media

Must complete Safe Environment Training (From Supreme and Diocese)



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Council Directors

Community and Family Directors

- Appointed by the Grand Knight, in consultation with the Program Director
- Responsible for all Community / Family based council programs
- Keeps accurate records of the council's programs in their Faith in Action categories

Must complete Safe Environment Training (From Supreme and Diocese) and background check.



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Council Directors

Faith and Life Directors

- Appointed by the Grand Knight, in consultation with the Program Director
- Responsible for all Faith / Life based council programs
- Keeps accurate records of the council's programs in their Faith in Action categories



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ANNUAL AWARDS RECOGNITION State Convention

April 9-11, 2027

***Awards packets/instructions will be provided to
District Deputies and Grand Knights after:
1 Jan 2027***

***Deadline for council submission for state awards:
1 March 2027***



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State Program Director

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Griffin Shreves, PSD, District Master

District Master Report





#1 Goal for Fraternal Year 2026-2027

Every Assembly can be a STAR Assembly!



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Fraternal Year planning for Assemblies



Star Assembly

- Civic Award - 4 Patriotic Programs
- To be a Patriot Award application
- Membership growth goal of 6%
- Complete forms #186 officers report, #1728 Fraternal survey, #1315 Audit



Every Assembly a STAR Assembly



Upcoming Events

Annual Father James E. Coyle Memorial Mass, Celebrant, Bishop Steven J. Raica

Honor Guard

Tuesday, August 11, 10:00 A.M, Cathedral of St. Paul

Honoring the life and legacy of Fr. James E. Coyle

This will be televised by EWTN

Here is the sign-up link please share it freely

[Signup Genius for 4th Degree Honor Guard](#)



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Upcoming Events



**October 23-24, 2026:
Bienville Provincial Meeting
in Nashville, Tennessee
More information forthcoming**



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Fourth Degree Exemplifications

Scheduled in Alabama 2026-2027



September ? Dothan

October 3 Huntsville

October 10 Mobile

January 2027 Hoover

May 2027 Madison



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**New Exemplification is being presented and is
be Open to the Family.**

SPECIAL INCENTIVE

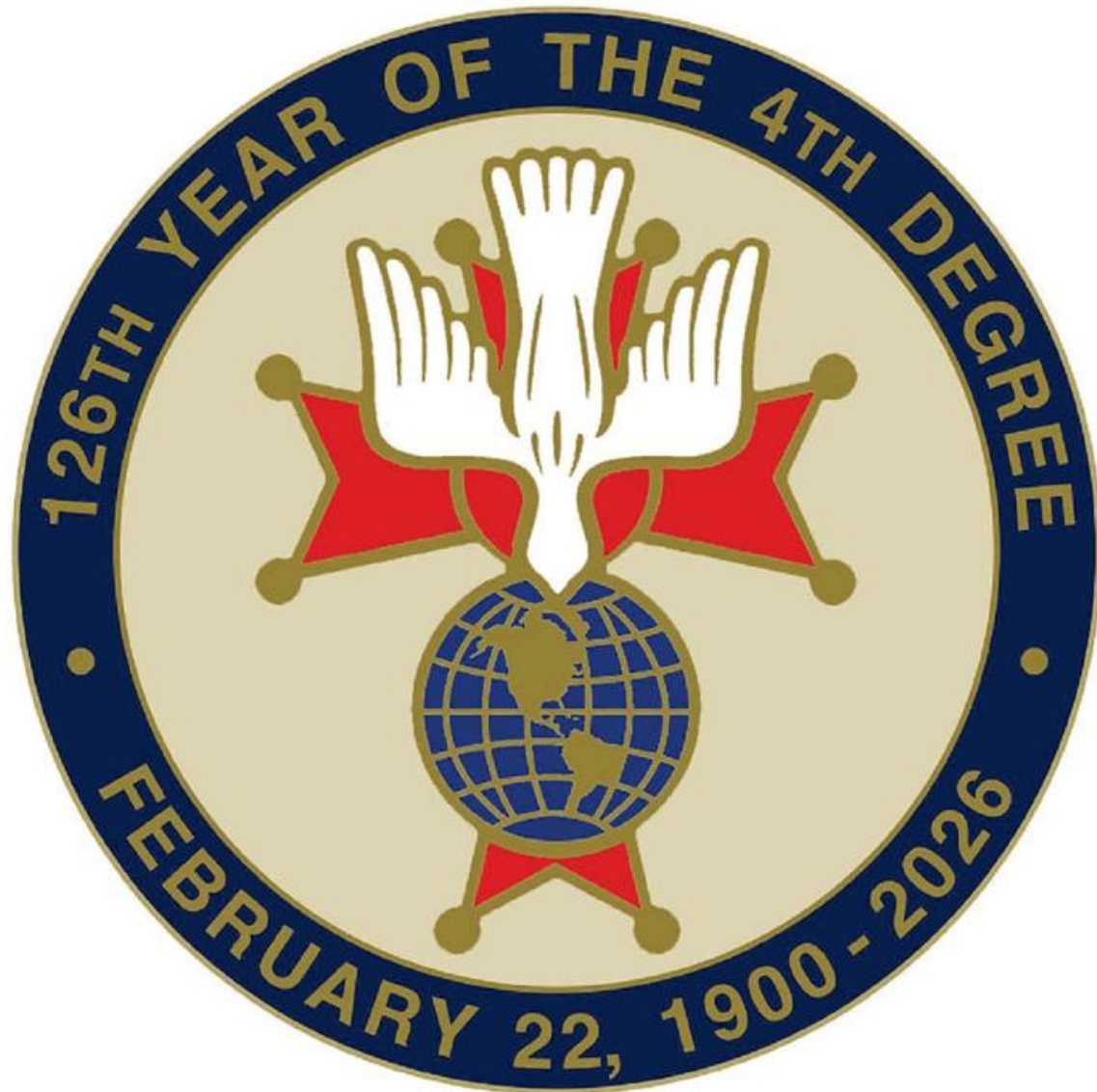
**The 4th Degree Candidate and Proposer will
receive a**

**126th Year of the 4th Degree and USA
Semiquincentennial Medallion celebrating
Faith and Patriotism**



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THE 126TH ANNIVERSARY 4TH DEGREE MEDALLION



We need you to join the Color Corps of the 4th Degree.



The Color Corps. Is made up of the Honor Guard and Color Guard members who serve the 4th Degree Assemblies by;

- ❖ Presenting & Posting the flag of our nation at Knights of Columbus events.
- ❖ Stand as part of an honor guard for brother Knights funerals.
- ❖ Participate in Honor Guards for Priests' celebrations, like anniversaries
- ❖ Participate in Honor Guards at your Bishops request, for example the dedication of a new Church.
- ❖ Take part in Honor Guards for Holy Relics or Eucharistic Processions
- ❖ Being part of the 4th Degree Exemplification team
- ❖ Honoring our Veterans at Memorial Day events and other patriotic celebrations



Our Official Dress Uniform of the Fourth Degree

- ✓ Blazer/w Fourth Degree Lapel Pin
- ✓ Trousers
- ✓ Tie
- ✓ Beret w/Badge

Order the Official Dress Uniform at:

KOFCUNIFORM.COM or get in your car
and go visit The Supply Room
located in Oxford, AL.

Color Corps Regalia sold separately and consists of:
Service Baldric worn over the blazer,
Silver Fourth Degree Sword, and White Gloves.





Joe Flaherty, III, PSD, FDM Vice Supreme Master

Vice Supreme Master Report on the Bienville Province



Knights of Columbus Bienville Province Monthly Meeting



VICE SUPREME MASTER OVERVIEW

Joseph E, Flaherty III, PSD, FDM, Vice Supreme Master

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VICE SUPREME MASTER

Joseph E Flaherty III, PSD, FDM

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New Member Goals and YTD Gain As of 06/30/2026



<i>District</i>	<i>Goal</i>	<i>YTD Gain</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	142	100	70%
AR	114	55	48%
LA	293	219	74%
MS	104	54	51%
TN	187	242	129%

Total Bienville Province Goal: 79.76% based on 670 new members



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**I am pleased to share the Bienville Province Membership
through the end of June:**

In our Division II We are in 1st

Overall Division We are in 7th Place

Bienville Province @ 79.76% of goal.

Congratulations,
let's keep the Momentum going buy increasing our goals.



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New Assembly Development



- 1 New Assemblies created in the Province.
- Alabama – Huntsville's New Assembly # 4080



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STAR DISTRICTS

***I personally want to see the Bienville Province
kick butt all over the place!***



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Fraternal Year planning for Assemblies

Star Assembly



- **Civic Award - 4 Patriotic Programs**
- **To be a Patriot Award application**
- **Membership growth goal of 6%**
- **Complete forms #186 officers report**
- **Complete forms #1728 Fraternal survey,**
- **Complete forms #1315 Audit**



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STAR ASSEMBLY

‘The Star is in Sight’



- ✓ Form 186 – Officers Chosen **Due Date June 30th 2026**
- ✓ Form 1315 – Annual Audit **Due Date Aug 1st 2026**
- ✓ Form 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities **Due Date Jan 31st 2027**



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STAR ASSEMBLY

‘The Star is in Sight’



- ✓ Form TBP-1 - To be a Patriot Award
- ✓ **Due date to District Masters 4/30/2027**
- ✓ **Assembly;** Original entries must be submitted TO THE MASTER by **April 30.**
- ✓ **Due date to Vice Supreme Master 5/15/2027**
- ✓ **MASTERS** — Select top entry from district and submit to vice supreme master by **May 15.**
- ✓ **VICE SUPREME MASTERS** — Select top entry from province and submit to supreme master by **May 31**
- ✓ Form 2321- Civic Award **Due date 6/30/2027**



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



"How to Grow Your Exemplifications".

The Fourth Degree will host the next District Master and Assembly quarterly training on **July 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM, CT 8:00 PM ET: "How to Grow Your Exemplifications"**.

In addition to Vice Supreme Masters and District Masters of the Fourth Degree, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, and ALL Assembly Officers are encouraged to attend. If you are not repeating in your officer role for the 2026-2027 fraternal year, please forward this invitation to your successor.

District Masters can email any questions to: Joseph E Flaherty VSM

The Catholic Patriot



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please let me know of any upcoming events so that I can place on the District Master's schedule for the Bienville Province.

Joseph E Flaherty III, PSD, FDM.

Vice Supreme Master

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Communications Update

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FORM 4 DIRECTIONS

Make sure FN's & FC's filled the Form 4 out Correctly



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Chain of Command Reminder

- 1). Assemblies Needs to go through their Faithful Navigators**
- 2). Then to the District Master**
- 3). District Master to the Vice Supreme**



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The New 4th Degree Exemplification





Families and Friends are Welcome!!

Membership Recruitment

Use your biggest resource: **Council Grand Knights**



- Faithful Navigators need to know the Grand Knights assigned to their assemblies
- **Share best practices for membership growth with all assemblies**
- Have an assembly representative at 3rd degree exemplifications with info on the next 4th Degree exemplification & each assembly's annual activities
- Ideas for program activities that the 4th can assist in at each Parish in there District.
- The 4th Degree **MUST** be visible in each Parish



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Membership Recruitment

**Membership Drives to support your planned
Exemplifications:**

- **Membership Drive Ideas**

- * Breakfast, Picnic, Family Day at the Assembly
- * Think about how YOU would like to be recruited!
- * Sample agendas & invitations are Available.

- **Make sure all Assembly officers attend IN UNIFORM.**



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STAR DISTRICTS

***I personally want to see the ALABAMA District of
Bienville Province***

Kick Butt all over the Place!



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Honor Guard and Color Guard Training



District Marshall; should be setting up training in their District.

Color Core Commanders; should be setting up training in their Assemblies.

Making sure you give a time and location to your District Master.



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Our Official Dress Uniform of the Fourth Degree

- ✓ Blazer/w Fourth Degree Lapel Pin
- ✓ Trousers
- ✓ Tie
- ✓ Beret w/Badge

Order the Official Dress Uniform at:

KOFCUNIFORM.COM or get in your car
and go visit 'The Supply Room'

**230 Supply Room Rd, Oxford, AL 36203.
(833) 562-4327 ext 168**

Color Corps Regalia sold separately and consists of:

Service Baldric worn over the blazer,
Silver Fourth Degree Sword, and White Gloves.



For sizing, visit our website or contact a sales representative for assistance.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FOURTH DEGREE

BIENVILLE PROVINCE MEETING



Provincial Meeting will be held on October 23-24, 2026
Meeting is in Nashville, Tennessee.

Information and Registration Form has been sent out

Our meeting will be held at Bishop Richard Pius Miles Hall, 3129 McGavock
Pike, Nashville, TN.

Mass on Saturday evening is at 5:00 pm.



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Committee Reports Lightning Round

(Time Permitting, State Deputy Discretion)

Directors and Chairs Reports

1. Bill Mores - McGivney Guild
2. Joe Flaherty - NCD
3. Joe Flaherty - PSF
4. Tom O'Donnell - ID
5. Tom O'Donnell - Soccer Kick
6. Joe Buschell - Free Throw
7. John Blackburn - Silver Rose
8. Skip Gentle - Ultrasound
9. Daniel Shaughnessy - Special Olympics
10. John Blackburn - Knights on Bikes
11. Danny Garcia - Pilgrim Icon
12. Dennis Vaglica - KCIC
13. Bill Mores - KCIC Poster Contest
14. Alan Cannon - Training
15. Chris Karigan - Technology

**Quick 1 minute
Reports**



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Blessed Fr. McGivney Guild



1. Open to anyone devoted to Father McGivney and who wishes to invoke his intercession and assist in his sainthood cause through prayer.
1. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions. **No reason why you and your members should not be enrolled in this vital communication.** Sign up members as they join your council.
1. **Enroll via (fathermcgivney.org)** more than 180,000 members currently enrolled.

Join today to receive periodic updates on the progress of Fr. McGivney's cause for canonization!



Bill Mores, Chair
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Priesthood Scholarship Fund



- There are two significant life affirming works that the State Council supports (1) Ultrasound Fund (2) Priesthood Scholarship Fund.
- **“Change and Save Lives”**
- How can you help with this life affirming work?
 - Donate your mileage checks back to the state which will be deposited into the PSF. Box located in front of the ST..
 - Make contributions to these two funds a part of your council's annual budget.
 - Contributions can be sent to the State Treasurer for the PSF.
 - Contributions for the ULtrasound Fund can be sent to Pete Parrish for deposit in the State's USF account.



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New Council Development

- Blessed Michael McGivney had a vision in which every parish could be served by a Knights of Columbus council.
 - This vision includes councils based at colleges and universities, cultural parishes and Eastern Rite churches.
- **Notify me with potential locations for a new council. I can order a NCD kit.**

Together We Can Grow The Order And Make A World Of Difference To A Parish!

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Intellectual Disabilities

Tom O'Donnell

Last year – 24 Councils participated and collected \$64,591

Over 48 Years - \$6,006M

80% of collections distributed Councils to local ID Charities
20% to ID foundation (Per the State ByLaws)

Submissions for Capital Expenditures

1 March - Requests to ID Foundation

Must be from a 501C3 organization

Must be submitted via and endorsed by a Council

Soccer

Tom O'Donnell

Virtual State Competition

Scores from Council determined District submissions

District scores (10 kicks) were added to Council Scores to determine State scores

District winners receive a medallion which is available free from Supreme

State winners received a certificate and a K of C Soccer Ball

This is an excellent event to showcase the Knights as Family Friendly

KofC Training Resources

- **Supreme Webinars**
- **Supreme On Demand Videos**
- **Alabama Training Director**



KofC Training Resources

- Supreme Webinars
 - Live - Announced via Supreme Email and the FLA
- Supreme On Demand Videos
 - <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/fraternal-training.html>



KofC Training Resources

- Alabama Training Director
 - Live Webinars
 - Announced via Email
 - Biweekly September - December
 - Individual by phone or email
 - “Did You Know ...” emails



KofC Training Resources

- **Refuse to be Confused!**
- Email me
 - alan.cannon@charter.net
- Call or Text Me
 - (C) 205-276-6861
- The only dumb question you have is the one you don't ask!



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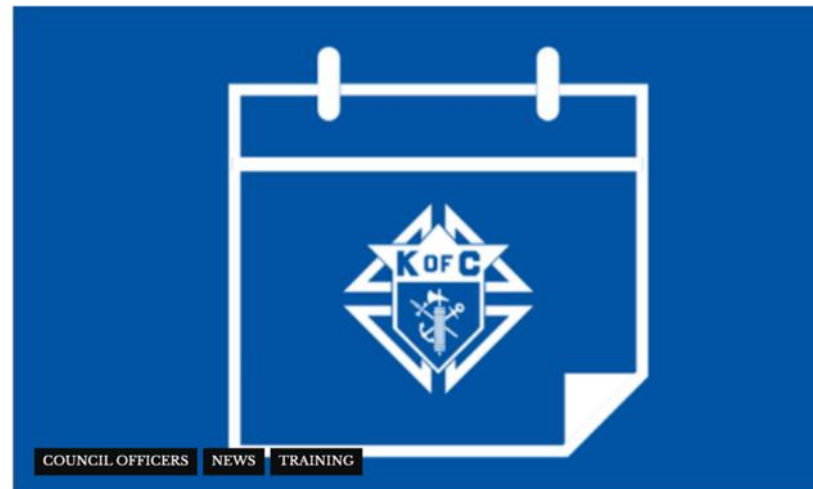
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NEWS

2024 Organizational and District Deputy Kickoff Meeting Materials

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COUNCIL OFFICERS NEWS TRAINING

Grand Knight Training Part Three – July 24

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Unfinished Business



New Business



Concluding Remarks

JC Reiher
Regional Growth Director



Concluding Remarks

Past State Deputies
(All Present)



Concluding Remarks

State Officers



You are NOT in this alone!

If you need help, advice or just want to talk...

- **State Officers, Directors, Other DDs, IPSD**
- **State Training Director / Financial Secretary Training**
 - **Brother Alan Cannon**
 - **Cell: 205-276-6861**
 - **Email: alan.cannon@charter.net**

State Answer Man - Mike Weist, State Council Director



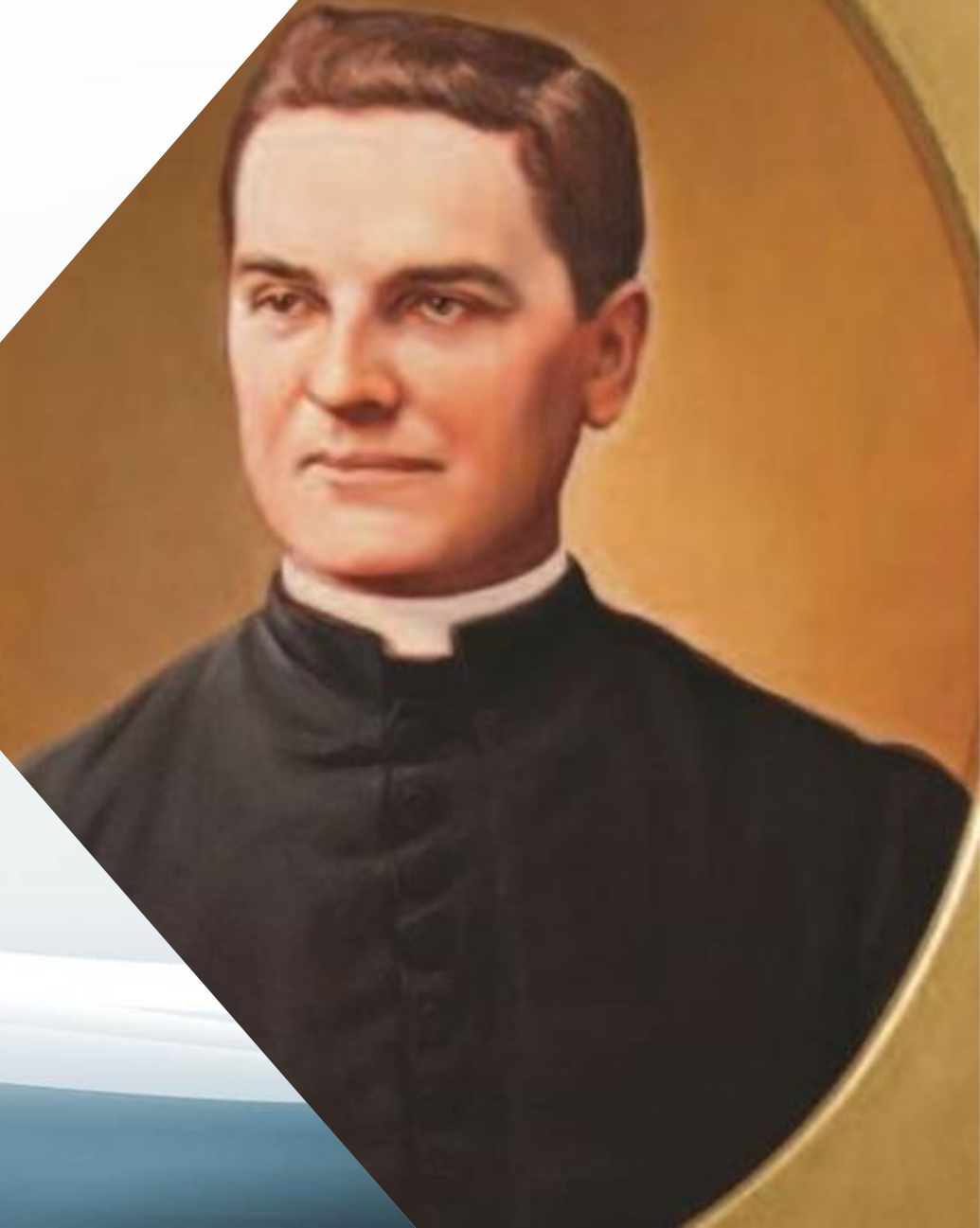
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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.



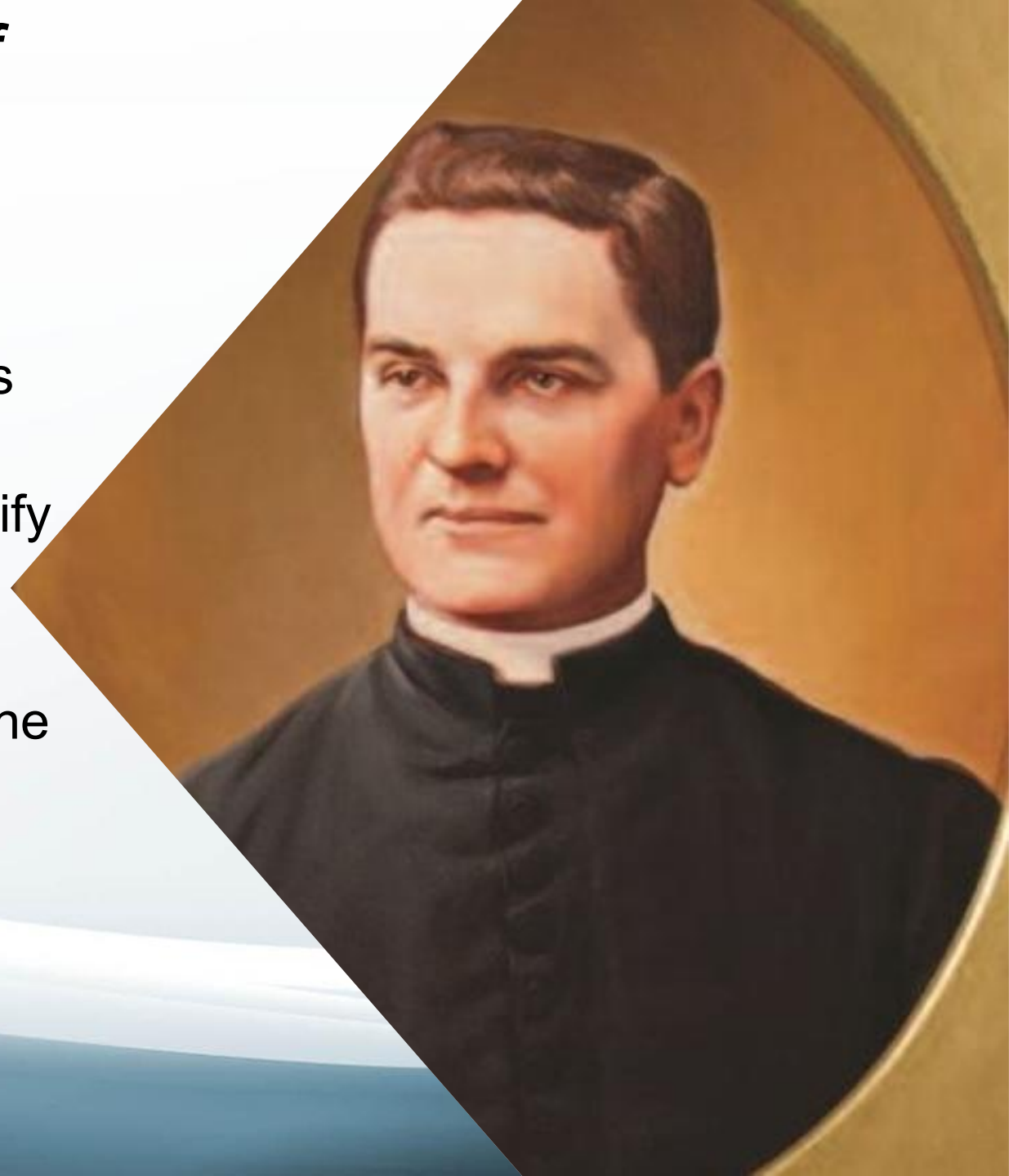
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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PROGRAM NOTES



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SP-7 REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Donate at least \$500 as part of the Faith in Action programs:
 - ASAP (dollars or item value)
 - RSVP
 - Food for Families (dollars or 1000 lbs. of food)
 - Coats for Kids

Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or Coats for Kids. *

- ☒ ASAP - donate a minimum of \$500 (funds or item value) to a pregnancy resource center, maternity home or similar pro-life organization.
- ☐ Food for Families - donate a minimum of \$500 or 1,000lb of food.
- ☐ RSVP - donate a minimum of \$500 to a seminarian, religious postulant or novice.
- ☐ Coats for Kids - donate a minimum of \$500 towards the purchase of coats for people in need.



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SP-7 REQUIREMENTS

- 2) Complete four Faith In Action programs, one in each category.
- Cannot claim programs already submitted in Requirement 1
 - Council must run programs like those described in the Faith in Action Program Guidebook

Complete one Faith program: *

- ☒ RSVP
- ☐ ¡Viva Cristo Rey!
- ☐ Holy Hour
- ☐ Imitating Saint Juan Diego
- ☐ Into the Breach
- ☐ Pilgrim Icon Program
- ☐ Rosary Program
- ☐ Sacramental Gifts
- ☐ Spiritual Reflection



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SP-7 REQUIREMENTS

- 3) Complete three Programs / Activities
- One to bring men closer to Christ
 - One to build fraternity
 - One to support your parish or community

Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen the bonds of friendship between the men of your council and/or parish) and one to support your parish or community. These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirements 1 and 2. Conducting *Cor* at least once a month satisfies all three of the program / activity criteria for this requirement.

Did your Council conduct *Cor* at least once a month during this fraternal year? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Complete a program or activity to bring men closer to Christ. *

Program Name

Catholic Movie Night

Program/Activity Description *

The council hosted a watch party of For Greater Glory for the parish.



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PROGRAMS and the SP-7

Grand Knights and Program Directors - Develop the SP-7 and the annual program calendar, from past years programs. Use those that worked or modify / rework those that did not.

Present a 'plan for the year, the quarter, and the month to their councils, Pastor, and the District Deputy.

Order the kits needed for the year all at once or as needed.



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PROGRAMS and the SP-7

Do not limit your programs to KofC recommended programs.

Most faith filled ideas will translate into a viable program. If you need program ideas, consult your District Deputy, other councils and your Pastor.

When in double select '**Other**' and provide a program description on the form 10784 and SP-7.

The SP-7 should be treated as a working / living document that is under constant review.

Use the council budget to fund your programs and your programs to fund your budget.



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PROGRAMS and the SP-7

Do not perform programs for the sole purpose of populating the SP-7, **but do** keep the SP-7 in mind when you develop your programs to support your church and you pastor.

Program points will come easy if you annotate your work and submit the 10784s for accountability as you complete the program.

Submit the SP-7 'online' using the 'online tab' when all data is received for fastest processing.

Submit the SP-7 after 1 April or as soon as the portal is open.

Corrections to the online submission is via a PDF form at this time.



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LIFE NOTES



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Life Program Notes – Primary Goals

Natural Family Planning Initiative

Promote:

- NFP awareness weekends
- Parish education nights
- Couple-to-couple mentoring
- Physician education
- Resources for engaged couples
- Support for newly married couples

Goal:

- Every council sponsors or assists with at least one NFP educational event annually.

Knights Ultrasound Initiative

- One of the greatest Life programs ever created.
- Objectives:
- Raise funds for additional ultrasound machines
- Partner with pregnancy resource centers
- Work with bishops
- Identify underserved counties
- Publicize every successful placement

Goal:

- Place several new ultrasound machines throughout Alabama during your term.
- One ultrasound machine can save thousands of babies over its lifetime.



Life Program Notes – Primary Goals

Walking with Moms in Need

Encourage every council to adopt one pregnancy center.

Support through:

- diapers
- wipes
- formula
- maternity clothes
- parenting classes
- volunteer hours
- transportation
- financial assistance
- Life doesn't end at birth.
- The Knights should become known as the men who stay with mothers afterward.



Respect Life Education

Provide quarterly resources to every council.

Possible topics:

- Beginning of Life
- End-of-Life Ethics
- Assisted Suicide
- Human Dignity
- Adoption
- Foster Care
- Chastity
- Theology of the Body
- Catholic Medical Ethics

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Life Program Notes – Primary Goals

Prayer Initiative

No pro-life movement succeeds without prayer.

Promote:

- Monthly Holy Hours
- Rosaries
- 40 Days for Life participation
- First Saturday devotions
- Adoration
- Family Rosary
- Holy Innocents Memorial Masses
- Prayer outside abortion facilities
- Prayer should become the foundation of everything.

Youth for Life

Develop future Knights.

Encourage:

- High school students
- Young adults
- Squires
- College Knights
- March for Life participation
- Essay contests
- Poster contests
- Pro-Life scholarships
- Leadership opportunities



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Life Program Notes – Primary Goals

Legislative Awareness

Without becoming partisan,

Educate members about:

- Current legislation
- Catholic teaching
- Respectful civic engagement
- Writing legislators
- Voting according to a well-formed conscience

Additional Programs

Promote:

- Special Olympics
- Support for persons with disabilities
- Post-abortion healing ministries
- Project Rachel
- Support after miscarriage
- Infant loss ministry
- Hospice ministry
- Elder care
- Care for veterans
- Foster families
- Adoption support
- Birth mothers
- Hospitals
- NICU families
- Hospice volunteers
- Pro-life physicians
- Medical students
- Seminarian education



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Life Program Notes – Primary Goals

Communication Plan

- Monthly Life Newsletter
- Monthly Zoom meeting with Council Life Directors
- Quarterly training
- Resource library
- Life Chairman Handbook
- Email updates
- Success stories
- Recognition awards



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Life Program Notes – Suggested Annual Calendar

July

- Leadership training

August

- Back-to-school family support

September

- Respect Life preparation

October

- Respect Life Month
- Life Chains
- 40 Days for Life

November

- Adoption Month

December

- Christmas support for pregnancy centers

January

- March for Life
- Holy Hour for Life

February

- Ultrasound fundraising

March

- Lenten Rosaries
- Walking with Moms

April

- Divine Mercy
Healing after abortion

May

- Honor Mothers
- NFP promotion

June

- Fatherhood Month



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics follows the school calendar. Activities will resume in late August.

- Use July / August to appoint a Council coordinator and identify a team.
- Identify Council capabilities, plan a budget, monitor the Special Olympics calendar.
- Submit Form 10784 after the events.

Action Plan

- Check the website www.specialolympicsalabama.org for activities. Select an event, introduce yourself, and meet the points of contact.
- Create a plan for coaches, guides, score keepers, etc.



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Goals:

- By December 31, support one event and donate a minimum of \$100.
- Submit Form 10784 after an action, event, or donation.

For more information, contact Daniel Shaughnessy
djshaughnessy256@gmail.com.

Check the Special Olympics Alabama site or contact Ms. Finlay Witherington at soaltraining@bellsouth.net or 334-242-3383.

Donations to “Special Olympics” at Special Olympics Alabama,
P.O. Box 6239, Montgomery, AL 36106-9998



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Pilgrim Icon Program

Danny Garcia, PSD

Direct Desk Line: 256-722-7929 x102

Email: dgarcia@stjohnbchurch.org

Why should the program be significant to you?

- **Fosters Devotion:** It aims to enhance devotion to the Sacred Heart among KC members, encouraging spiritual growth and connection to faith.
- **Community Engagement:** The program facilitates prayer services across various councils and parishes, allowing members to come together in worship and reflection.
- **Cultural Heritage:** By featuring icons of saints and significant religious figures, the program helps preserve and promote Catholic traditions and teachings.



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Sacred Heart Images Available through Supplies Online

<https://kofcfraternal.mymarketingbench.com/Home.epm>



Unframed Print - \$1
(#4361)



Framed Print - \$20
(#PT-8)



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Pilgrim Icon Report

- Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon is Available to Councils Upon Request.
- Would like to hear from Council as to when they want the icon so that a schedule can be developed and the icon kept moving throughout the state of Alabama.

PSD DANNY GARCIA

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256-604-2756 Cell Number



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Alabama Knights on Bikes

- Knights & others who ride motorcycles is support of K of C Programs
- Escort Silver Rose, Pro-Life Ride, Blessing of the Bikes, etc.
- Contact Brother John Blackburn for more info
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