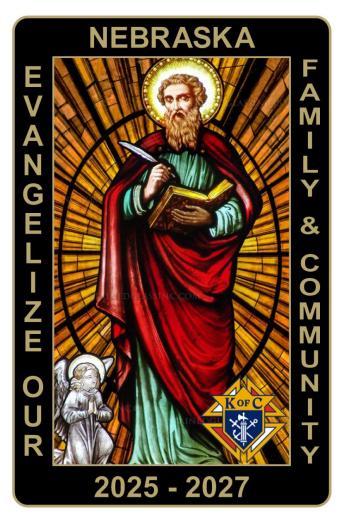
Nebraska State Council Knights of Columbus



2025 - 2026 STATE GROWTH BOOK

State Deputy Mike Schaeffer State Chaplain Rev. William Cremers State Membership Director Rob Ostdiek State Program Director Kevin Ostdiek

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I have been a Knight for 36 years, born and reared in a strong, active Catholic environment. I've been married to my wife, Kris, of 23 years with Sons Brock (21) and Byron (19). Beatrice has been our home for the past 21 years. Council 1723 welcomed me and our family into the community. I am a Past Grand Knight of Council 1723 Beatrice. I am currently the Faithful Comptroller and a Past Faithful Navigator of St. John Paul II Assembly 3146. Previously I have served the state as Athletics Chairman, Event Coordinator Co-Chairman, Regional Growth Director and Membership Director.

I enjoy the community and fraternity of events. I am in honored in serving my brother Nebraska Knights as the leader of the Membership team. I look forward to meeting fellow Knights, growing ourselves and the order.

MEET REGIONAL GROWTH DIRECTOR JOHN FRANSSEN

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My name is John Franssen and I am honored to serve as a Regional Growth Director for our State Council. I became active in the Knights of Columbus in my early teens with the Columbian Squires (Junior Knights) serving Circle #693 in Lincoln as Chief Squire and then State Bursar Squire for the Nebraska State Circle. Soon after my 18th Birthday I joined Fitzgerald Council #833 in Lincoln and held various offices including Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. I became a 4th Degree Sir Knight of Assembly #595 in Lincoln at the age of 19, and am privileged to have served on the State 4th Degree Exemplification team for the last several years.

I was a band director (as well as football and wrestling coach) for 20 years, and in my time away from Lincoln became a member of Council #1717 in David City and #1123 in Hastings. After the passing of my parents (FDM Jim and Madge) in 2011, I resigned from teaching in Hastings and moved back to Lincoln and transferred to St. Mary's Council #9704. Soon after that a long-time friend and Brother Knight asked if I could be more involved and before I knew it, I was Grand Knight for 5 years and then District Deputy #9. I have worked for Nelnet/FACTS Management for 14 years and am currently a K-12 Account Manager. I look forward to helping our State Council in any way, and feel free to contact me for assistance.

Council	City	Council	City	Council	City
833	Lincoln	1336	Falls City	1723	Beatrice
1833	Wahoo	1966	Plattsmouth	3152	Nebraska City
4923	Lincoln	6750	Tecumseh	7021	Auburn
7614	Syracuse	8625	Valparaiso	8889	Brainard
9563	Lincoln	9704	Lincoln	10000	Steinauer/Burchard
10510	Lincoln	10913	Lincoln	11001	Lincoln
11280	Lincoln	11312	Lincoln	11674	Dawson/Shubert
12557	Ashland/Greenwood	13015	Lincoln	13576	Lincoln
15407	Lincoln	15647	Davey	15869	Odell
16878	Lincoln				

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Greg joined the Knights of Columbus 20 years ago and joined the John F. Kennedy Assembly as a 4th degree in 2020. Greg is a member of the St. Isidore Council 12086 and has been a PGK. He served as the council's Church Director presenting the rose for motherhood to mothers at baptism. Greg has assisted with bringing the Shroud of Turin to St. Isidore's Church as well as the production of St. Therese, Story of the Soul to Columbus. He's been a chairman for the St. Isidore bazaar and a committee member for eight years for That Man is You, committee member for National Day of Prayer, and leads the Knights of Columbus Monday night rosary at St. Isidore Church. His faith has been an important part of his life. He made his CEC weekend in 1991 and then went on to serve several positions on the leadership council to include president for nine years. He continues to organize the CEC men's Lenten breakfasts at St. Isidore's for the past 23 years. He has been a Regional Growth Director for Region 2 the past two years.

Greg is married to his wife, Janice, and they have four adult children and six grandchildren. Greg has been an automotive technician in the Columbus area for the past 46 years.

I am honored to continue to serve my Brother Knights as RGD under SD Schaeffer and look forward to working with you.

Council	City	Council	City	Council	City
938	Columbus	1312	Greely	1717	David City
1739	Albion	1794	Humphrey	1918	St. Paul
2292	Ord/Burwell	2388	Broken Bow	2411	Elgin
2716	Schuyler	5383	Osceola	5455	Loup City
7550	Neligh	7699	Lindsay	7825	St. Edward
7954	Fullerton	8986	Madison	9264	Columbus
10607	Genoa	11652	Abie/Bruno	12086	Columbus
13584	Spalding	14423	Shelby	15944	Bellwood

STATE e-Memberhsip CHAIRMAN – ROB OSTDIEK

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MEET REGIONAL GROWTH DIRECTOR – Ken Prokop

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Ken is honored to have been asked by State Deputy Mike Schaeffer to serve as Regional Growth Director. In the past he was honored to have served as Father McGivney Guild Director, Council Director, Regional Growth Director and Community Director at the state level. While serving as Regional Growth Director, Ken was instrumental in holding Regional District meetings annually. He has been District Deputy #15, first for four years, then a second term of three years. He is a member of Council 8579, Wayne, where he is Past Grand Knight and has served various other positions within the Council, currently as Council Lector and Membership Director.

Ken and his wife, Shirley, have two daughters, Teresa (Jason) and their two children, Emilee and Ethan, reside in Papillion. Jason and Ethan are Brother Knights. Tanya (Ryan) have one son Archer and reside in Ralston.

Council	City	Council	City	Council	City
701	O'Neill	1233	Hartington	1238	Creighton
1309	Emerson	1793	Norfolk	2272	West Point
3720	Spencer	3844	So. Sioux City	4707	Atkinson
5143	Randolph	5218	Verdigre	5439	Howells
5881	Stuart	7779	Wisner	7887	Clarkson
8579	Wayne	9898	Leigh	9939	Ponca
10592	Bloomfield	11054	Pierce	11810	Pender
12132	Stanton	12517	Battle Creek	13496	Lyons
14685	Crofton				

MEET REGIONAL GROWTH DIRECTOR Mitch O'Neill

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Mitch O'Neill is single, and lives in Kearney where he is the Associate Director of Application Development for the University of Nebraska at Kearney Information Technology Services.

Mitch has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1994, and the Fourth Degree since 1996. He is a past Grand Knight of Council 10923, and a past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 609. He has been Council 10923's Financial Secretary since 2000, is the current District Deputy in the Kearney area, and is a member of the ceremonial Teams out of Kearney.

Council	City	Council	City	Council	City
1123	Hastings	1159	Grand Island	1708	York
1728	Kearney	1904	Hebron	1906	Lawrence
2040	Lexington	2351	Wood River	4434	Fairbury
7684	Geneva/Grafton/Shickley	7704	Crete	7714	Superior
7966	Wilber/Tobias	8010	Aurora/Giltner	8469	Seward
9562	Grand Island	10155	Roseland	10335	Minden
10386	Central City	10387	Grand Island	10923	Kearney
11363	Grand Island	11737	Denton	11822	Exeter/Friend
11823	Hastings	11824	Doniphan	12687	Elm Creek
14070	Sutton/Harvard	14320	Cortland	14508	Beaver Crossing/Utica

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Kent Lorens is from Stratton Nebraska and is a lifetime parishioner of St. Joseph's parish. His wife Marilyn of 35 years farm and ranch on the family farm south of Stratton. They have 4 grown children and 8 grandchildren. Kent has served as a parish trustee, Acolyte, Lector, and taught CCD over the last 44 years.

Kent has been a third-degree Knight of St. Joseph's Council 10163 Stratton-Benkelman for 35 years, a 4th degree Knight for 16 years. Has served the council as GK, Trustee, Recorder, as well as program and activity chairs. Has served the State as District Deputy 30 for 8 years, and RGD for 2 years. It is an Honor to serve the Nebraska State Council, our Brother Knights, and their councils in any way I can to help them be successful and working with the rest of the membership team.

Council	City	Council	City	Council	City
1126	McCook	1211	North Platte	2373	Orleans
2693	Indianola	4979	Ogallala	5315	Cozad
7081	Imperial	7734	Arapahoe/Cambridge	7778	Grant
8590	Holdredge	10163	Benkelman/Stratton	10506	North Platte
12530	North Platte				

MEET REGIONAL GROWTH DIRECTOR JUSTIN HARTMAN

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My Name is Justin Hartman: I live in Valentine and belong to Council 4633 St. Nicholas. I am a Former District Deputy of District 27 covering Valentine and Ainsworth area. I am the current Grand Knight of Council 4633 for the past 3 years and past Deputy Grand Knight from 2015-2021. My fiancé Mary Kate and I look forward to serving the Region 6 area. I am currently working on the Rosebud Sioux Tribe with the Department of Social Services in Mission, South Dakota as an Employment Specialist for the last 6 years and working on getting my own business going with Landscaping called JDH Creations. Mary Kate and I have multiple hobbies including going on walks, hikes, bike rides, and adventures around the area. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me by email, phone, or text. I look forward to working with my Brother Knights or Catholic Gentleman.

Council	City	Council	City	Council	City
975	Alliance	1128	Chadron	1861	Sidney
2681	Scottsbluff	4633	Valentine	6385	Basset/Ainsworth
10285	Gering	12200	Scottsbluff		

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James joined the Knights of Columbus in 2019 and recently served as District Deputy 34. He is a member of council 10795 and Assembly 2540 serving as Faithful Navigator. He and his wife Brandy live in Bennington and attend St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Omaha, NE. He is looking forward to serving councils in the northern Omaha area and surrounding communities.

Council	City	Council	City	Council	City
1497	Fremont	3736	North Bend	5045	Omaha
7034	Valley	9518	Ralston	9771	Omaha
9918	Omaha	10108	Omaha	10305	Fort Calhoun
10412	Blair	10795	Omaha	10895	Omaha
10909	Omaha	10965	Omaha	11600	Omaha
11700	Omaha	14077	Omaha	14914	Elkhorn
15101	Omaha				

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My name is Bob Hasiak and I live in Bellevue. I joined the Knights of Columbus in March 2007 in Council 6192 where I served as an active member on many council committees, and also as Church Director, Warden, Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight, and Grand Knight, as well as on the First- and Second-Degree teams. I received KofC Awards, such as the Council Knight of the Year twice and the State Knight of the Year Runner-up Award. I am a Former District Deputy where I received Star District Awards. I joined the Fourth Degree in 2011, and a member in the Cardinal Spellman Assembly 3486 where I also serve as the Assembly Purser. My current home Council is St. Matthew's Council 11879.

My wife Suzanne and I have been married for 25 years and have a 24-year-old daughter. We are both retired Federal Employees, but our lives are filled with volunteer work, especially with animals, where we help with the Nebraska Wildlife Rehab Hospital and have a tax-exempt Parrot Care Services organization.

I am happy working with my brother knights, and honored to be a part of the membership team where I look forward to working with you all.

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Council	City	Council	City	Council	City
652	Omaha	3019	South Omaha	5287	Omaha
6192	Bellevue	6268	Omaha	6429	Papillion
7740	Omaha	10047	Gretna	10160	Omaha
10184	Omaha	10815	Omaha	10894	Springfield
11364	Omaha	11800	Omaha	11879	Bellevue
13080	Omaha	13956	Omaha	14470	Omaha
16680	Omaha				

MEET HISPANIC COUNCIL GROWTH COORDINATOR - DAVID DIAZ

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David and JoAnn Diaz have been married for ten years. They are both from rural towns here in Nebraska, Schuyler and David City. Together they are raising their daughter, Ariel, and reprise leadership roles within North American Martyrs Catholic School PTO. David is currently a subcontractor for Hampton Construction.

David joined Council 15407 in 2020 and was assigned the title of Warden and then became Deputy Grand Knight in 2021 and shortly after his Grand Knight answered the call of becoming a seminarian, David stepped into the role as Grand Knight and is currently serving his second term. In 2023 David became the growth coordinator for the Hispanic Council working closely with Cristo Rey Church. In 2024 David also was awarded, Nebraska's Rookie Knight of the Year for all of his innovative ideas that helped raise funds for several different programs for Sacred Heart Parish.

MEET HISPANIC COUNCIL GROWTH COORDINATOR – IGNACIO CERVANTES

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My name is Ignacio "Iggy" Cervantes, and I have been blessed to be a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 10815 in South Omaha for the past 17 years. During this time, I have had the honor of serving as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight (twice), and in various other roles.

My wife Adela and I have been happily married for 25 years, and together we have 4.5 wonderful children: Delania (21), Ignacio IV (19), Emilio (16), our princess Sofia (11), and our 4-year-old Wheaten Terrier, Abby. My family has been an integral part of my journey with the Knights, supporting and participating in every activity we undertake.

I look forward to working with my brother Knights to help grow our councils for the good of the order.

Nebraska Thank You's for 2025 – 2026

Below lists the manner in which the State of Nebraska would like to thank members for inviting men into the order. Everybody deserves a little reward for doing a good job. We hope that you will find a reward that is marginally worthy of your work to grow the order. Consider inviting more Catholic Men to become involved in our Charitable good work, Unity of mission, and Fraternity of brother Knights.

YEAR-LONG THANK YOU'S:

To reward those great advocates for the Knights of Columbus, who work all year long, we have a couple of Thank You's to reward their efforts. Let's celebrate those members that are constantly helping more Catholic Men participate in Catholic charity, unity and fraternity working for the betterment of the Church. Monthly Proposer's report received from Supreme is used to determine.

• **INDIVIDUAL THANK YOU** – Every proposer of 3 new members within one month will earn \$25. For every new member that proposer recruits above 3, they will earn a \$10 bonus.

MONTHLY THANK YOU'S:

1ST **QUARTER – START FAST:** Let's start the year off with a Fast Start! Growing your council to begin the year deserves a little reward, so we've designed a few Thank You's to reward the fast-starting councils:

- COUNCILS will receive a \$5.00 per member cash Thank You for new members brought into the council during July, August and September. 'PROGRESS REPORT USED TO DETERMINE'.
- COUNCILS SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANT Councils that are fully compliant will be entered into a random drawing for \$100 for each region. 'Safe Environment Council Compliance Report' from Supreme will be used to determine.

2ND QUARTER – GROW THE ORDER AND GROW OUR FAITH: Now that we got a good start, we can keep building our councils one member at a time. Evangelization takes an effort from every Knight, and any of our great Knights can earn these Thank You's by growing their council.

- **OCTOBER** Random drawing of one \$100 winner and four \$50 winners from all proposers. Monthly Proposer's report received from Supreme is used to determine.
- **NOVEMBER** Random drawing of one \$50 and one \$25 winner from all proposers in each region. Monthly Proposer's report received from Supreme is used to determine.
- **DECEMBER** 'A Knight Before Christmas' \$500 split equally between all councils that bring in a new member during Advent of 2025. Council Membership Roster will be used to determine award winners.

3RD QUARTER – WARMING UP OUR COUNCILS AND FAMILIES: We can give more Catholic men and their families the warmth of friendship in our councils and our order. Consider using these Thank You's as a gesture to warm the hearts of your council leaders as our councils continue to grow.

- **JANUARY** Random drawing of four \$100 winners from all proposers.
- **FEBRUARY** Sweetheart of a Deal: any council achieving 100% of quota by Feb. 28th, earns \$100.
- MARCH Every council that achieves 100% of their quota will receive 2 free meals to Friday Awards Banquet at State Convention.

4TH **QUARTER – KEEP GROWING ALL YEAR LONG:** Let's keep rolling right on through the end of the fraternal year. We have a few final Thank You's to reward Knights that keep working to grow their council all year long.

- **40 DAY UNDER 40** Top 4 Councils recruiting new members of the age of 40 and under during Lent (February 18th April 4th 2026) will receive \$100
- MAY Random drawing of two \$50 winners from all proposers in each region.
- **JUNE** \$250 for the top recruiting council in each Region in the 4th Quarter.

REGIONAL THANK YOU

- \$150 Drawing from all councils that had a representative present at Regional Meetings held during summer/fall of 2025. District Deputies and State officer attendee(s)/presenter(s) do not make their home council eligible, must have an additional council member present that does not reprise a state support role.
- \$150 Drawing from all councils that had a representative present at Regional Meetings held during winter/spring of 2026. District Deputies and State officer attendee(s)/presenter(s) do not make their home council eligible, must have an additional council member present that does not reprise a state support role.
- Each Council that achieves Gold Membership status, as reported in the ICC Tracker, will be eligible for a
 drawing, by region, to receive a Friday and Saturday evening dinner package for two to the Annual State
 Convention in Kearney. ICC Tracker report and membership reporting of 1 April 2026 will be used to
 determine.

DD THANK YOU'S

1ST QUARTER – START FAST:

• 100% SAFE DISTRICT For districts that are fully compliant, the representing District Deputy will receive \$100. 'Safe Environment Council Compliance Report' from Supreme will be used to determine.

YEAR LONG:

- COUNCILS ACTIVE DD's whose councils are active during the year will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 cash prize at year end. Requirements are: 75% of councils within district demonstrate the following: Attain 100% Membership Quota and have an approved SP-7 acknowledged by Supreme. 'Council Award Progress' report received from Supreme will be used to determine.
- STAR DISTRICT Each DD who achieves Star District will receive a \$25 Gift Card to Knights Gear

Supreme Thank You's for Increasing Membership Council

Father McGivney Award

This award recognizes excellence in your council's membership growth. To earn this award your council must meet or exceed its yearly membership quota. The quota is 6% increase in the council's membership as of July 1 (intake only, minimum of five and maximum of fifteen). Your specific council quota can be found under the Membership tab in Officers Online. There is no application for the Father McGivney Award. Eligibility is automatically determined by the Supreme Council.

Additional Thank You's

Special awards will be announced during the fraternal year for inviting new members to join the order. Watch for electronic communications or check Supreme website award opportunities.

District

Year Long Incentives & Star District Awards

The Supreme website details criteria for quarterly incentives and Star District metrics for achievements in membership, insurance and overall excellence by the councils within the territory of a district deputy.

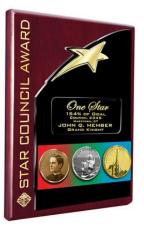
Key Points for Achieving Star Council

To achieve the Star Council Award, a council must:

- Earn the Father McGivney Award
- Earn the Founders 'Award
- Earn the Columbian Award.
- Submit Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)
 - o Due 31 January
- Submit Service Program Personnel Report (#365).
 - o Due 1 July

Specifics for Awards:

- Father McGivney Award Membership Quota Achieved.
 - *6% increase in the council's membership as of July 1 (intake only, minimum of 5 and maximum of 15)
 - o No application for Award, automatically determined by the Supreme Council.
- Founders Award Promotion insurance and fraternal benefits.
 - o Host, or cohost, 2 Fraternal Benefit Events.
 - Total attendance of members, or member eligible men, at these events must equal or exceed:
 - 10 for councils with 99 or fewer members
 - 14 for councils with 100 or more members
 - o Coordinate with local field agent for awareness and collaboration, Councils can combine seminars with other councils.
 - O Submit the new online form #11077 within seven days of the seminar.
- Columbian Award Excellence in your council's programming and charitable outreach.
 - o Columbian Award Application (Form SP-7), due June 30th.
 - 16 Program Credits total required, with four coming from each of the four program categories:
 - Faith, Family, Community, & Life
 - o If the Council meets the requirements of one of the **Featured Supreme programs** in one of the pillars, it counts as meeting **two of the four requirements** for that Pillar.
 - Some of the Featured Programs are:
 - Faith: Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP), Holy Hour, Spiritual Reflection, Into the Breach
 - **Family:** Food for Families, Family of the Month, Family Prayer Night, Family Fully Alive
 - Community: Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Global Wheelchair Mission
 - **Life:** March for Life, Special Olympics, Ultrasound, Pregnancy Center Support (includes Aid and Support After Pregnancy ASAP)
- Be Compliant with Safe Environment Training and Background Checks.
 - o Council positions requiring Safe Environment Training are: Grand Knight and Program Director.
 - Council positions requiring Safe Environment Training and Background Check are: Family Director and Community Director.
 - o If members in certain positions are not compliant within 30 days of Safe Environment Training notification, they are subject to removal from those positions. If members are removed for not being compliant, another Form 365 must be submitted containing all positions within the council.
- * Metrics for 2025 -2026 have not been set at the time of printing, therefore this number may change and will be communicated from the Membership team to councils and will be noted on the Council Billing Statement.



Shining Armor Award

The Shining Armor Award is awarded for service to your council and our Order with distinction. It is awarded to those men that exemplify a true Knight of Columbus. The Shining Armor Award program is designed for members of your council to engage in and maintain an active level of participation in council programs and activities.

To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, during the fraternal year, brother Knights must:

- Be involved in at least three council service programs
- Attend at least three council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third degrees
- Meet with your council's insurance representative
- Invite at least one new member to join the order

These are the basic requirements for the program and your council may wish to add to these requirements as needed. The following materials are available at no charge and can be ordered via Supplies Online:

- Qualification Cards (#4292) help members keep track of their progress toward attaining the Shining Armor Award as the Grand Knight verifies each completed requirement.
- Certificates of Recognition (#4293) are a special way to commemorate the hard work of brother Knights.
- Shining Armor Lapel Pins (#1700) are an honor to wear and serve as a promotion for the program.



Qualification Card (#4292)

Duties of a Proposer

Proposing a new member is a commendable achievement and one in which we are all proud. However, as a proposer, a new e-member, or a completed Membership Document (#100) should not be the final step. The proposer should see that the new member is introduced to his fellow council members and that he and his family are offered the opportunity to become involved in council activities. There are several steps that can be taken to ensure this.

- If the council has an admissions committee, then accompany him to the Admission Committee meeting. Introduce him to the members present.
- After this meeting, go with him to his Charity, Unity & Fraternity Exemplification and remain with him throughout the event. Following the exemplification, introduce him to his fellow council members.
- Take on a sponsorship role with the newly initiated member and his family. Help him to understand and to learn council procedures, such as meeting times, committee assignments, etc. Introduce him and his family at council events. Encourage him to involve his family in council sponsored activities.
- Contact him before the council meetings and offer transportation, if necessary. If the new member should happen to become inactive for some reason, visit with him. Explain our concern about his absence and offer support or assistance.
- Encourage him to earn "Shining Armor" status within the council.

Your personal touch will guarantee that your new member will become an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

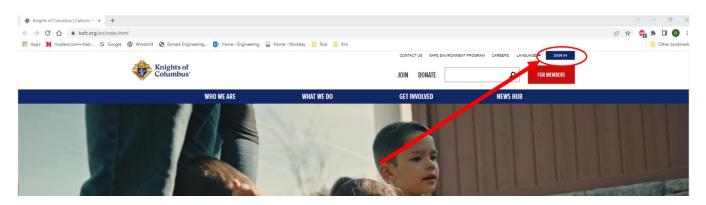
Using Officers Online

Supreme's website has a wealth of resources to help your council grow. This includes articles and videos that can be read and downloaded from the main site. The most directly useful information to help your council remain in contact with Supreme and know what forms have been processed are located in the Officer's Online section of the website.

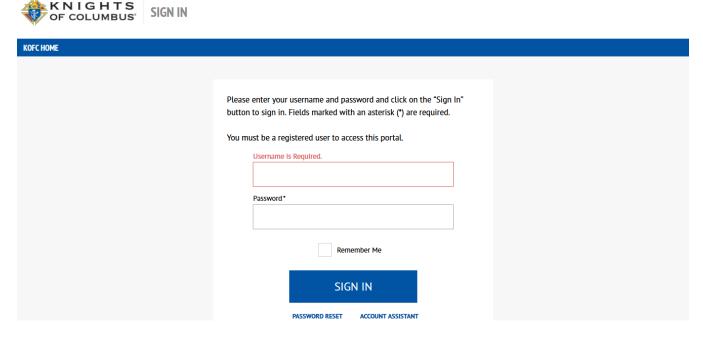
Access to the Officers Online section is controlled by username and password, which will be issued by email from Supreme after the council's "Report of Officers Chosen for Term" (Form #185) has been received and processed. If you have not received your login credentials from Supreme by the end of July, you can either contact Supreme, or work with your RGD and the State Membership Director to get this resolved.

Once you receive your credentials, the following guide will show you what is available within Officers Online, and how to access them:

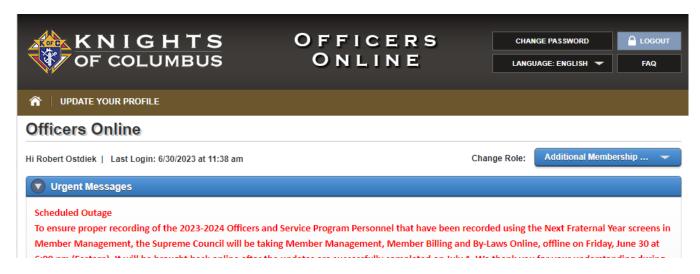
Within your internet browser, go to www.kofc.org. To log into Officers Online, click on the "Sign In" button in the upper right corner of the screen:



Clicking on the "Sign In" button will take you to the login screen for Officers Online. From this screen, enter your login credentials and click "Sign In" at the bottom.



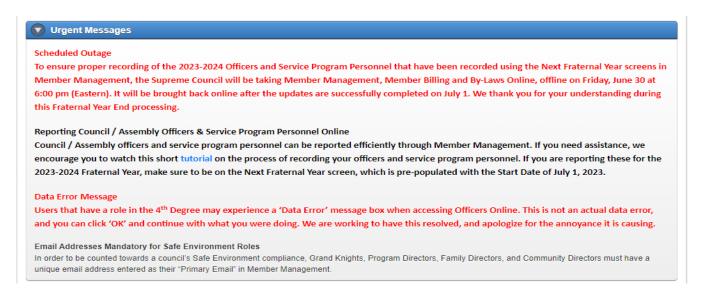
You will now be taken into the Officers Online site (this may take a few seconds to load depending on your internet connection and bandwidth):



At the top of the page, there are several buttons that will help control your access and content on the site:

- will log you out of the Officers Online section.
- Will allow you to choose a new or different password, as well as change your security questions.
- Membership Director the button below the top ribbon displays the role that you are working in. If you have multiple roles, either within your council or assembly or with the state, you can click on this button to switch between roles.

The top section of the website contains messages and information from Supreme that you should be aware of. This section typically contains urgent messages for your council. You should check this section for new messages and information every time that you login:



Below the messages section, there is a ribbon that will show you which council or assembly you are accessing. If you have access to multiple councils (such as by a District Deputy), you will be able to choose different councils from this ribbon, by clicking on the council and selecting the desired council from the list:

Nebraska #9 #11001 (Lincoln)

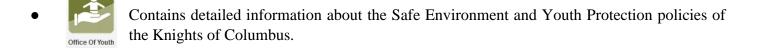
The next section contains several applications which you may need to reference from time to time while conducting the business of your council. It is recommended that you explore these sections as you have time to learn more about the order and how your council should conduct its business:

• Contains information about conducting the business of the council and order, regulations and policies of the Knights of Columbus.

Officers Desk

Corporations

Supplies Online



• Contains the policies and regulations regarding the use of Home Corporations by councils and assemblies.

Is the link to the Knights Gear store where you can purchase KofC clothes, accessories, and other paraphernalia. Items in the store make great rewards for Brother Knights that have earned distinctions within the council.

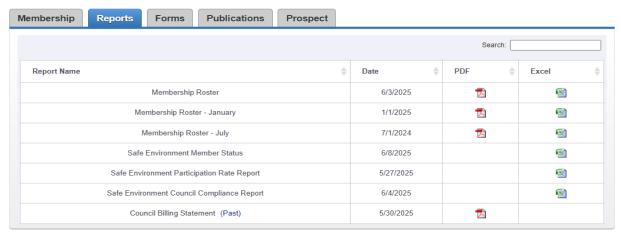
Is the link to the KofC supply department, where you can order supplies such as membership brochures and information, degree kits, certificates, and other incentive items for the Council.

At the bottom of the page, you will find several tabs which will allow you access and submit council information to Supreme:

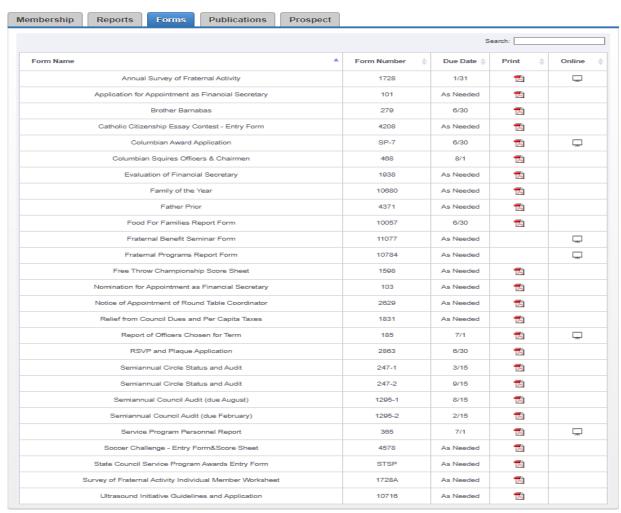


• The "Membership" tab comes up by default when you login to Officers Online. It contains your council's progress in growing the council membership and insurance within the current month and year. This information is updated daily at 6:00 am Central Time.

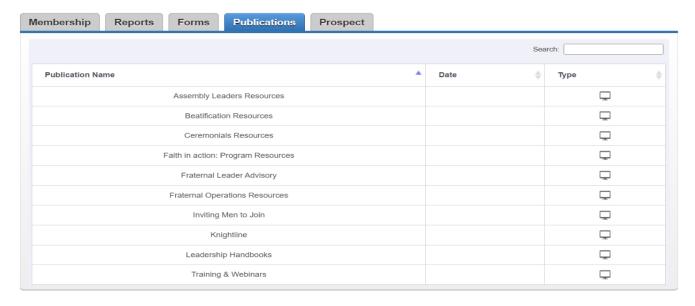
- The "Reports" tab contains all of the council reports that track the council's information and progress:
 - o The "Date" column contains that date that the report was run by Supreme.



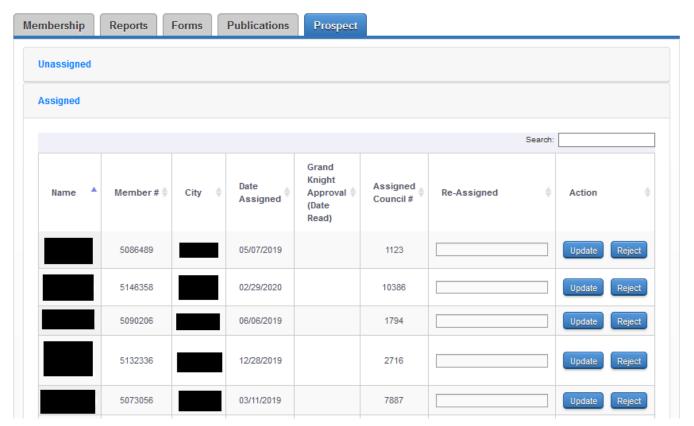
- The "PDF" column contains a link to all reports that are available in the .pdf format, which should open in most browsers (or which can be opened using the Adobe Acrobat application).
 - To open one of these reports, click on the button next to it.
- o The "Excel" column contains a link to all reports that are available in the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet format. To open one of these reports, click on the button next to it.
- The "Forms" tab contains all of the forms that councils are either required, or may want, to submit to Supreme in support of their council members and activities:



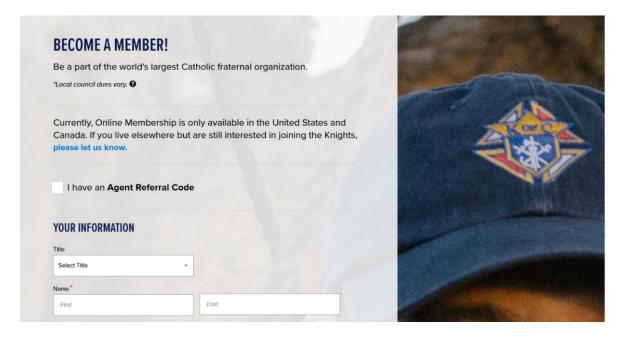
- o The "Form Number" column contains the unique number identifier of this form.
- The "Due Date" column contains the date that the form should be submitted by to Supreme. If the column is listed as "As Needed", it means that that form can be submitted at various times, and even multiple times throughout the year.
- o The "Print" column contains the forms that can be printed and filled out by hand and submitted through the postal service or by scanning and emailing them to the appropriate department at
 - Supreme. To use one of these forms, click on the button next to it and then print it. These forms are available in the .pdf format, which should open in most browsers (or which can be opened using the Adobe Acrobat application).
- o The "Online" column contains the forms that can be filled out and submitted electronically without needing to print them. To use one of these forms, click the □ button next to it and fill the necessary fields in the form.
- The "Publications" tab contains various communications to council leaders from Supreme that can be accessed electronically:
 - o The "Date" column contains the date that the document was created by Supreme and made available to council leaders.
 - o The "Type" column contains a link to these documents that can be accessed through a browser.
 - Documents with a
 button next to it are available online and can be viewed directly in your browser.



- The "Prospect" tab contains all of the e-Members that have either indicated that they are interested in joining your council, or been assigned to your council by the State, based off of their address and parish. These Online Members can be contacted periodically to invite to full membership in your council:
 - o The process for transferring these Online Members into your council, or rejecting them, is covered in the "Knights of Columbus e-Membership" section of this book.



Knights of Columbus e-Membership

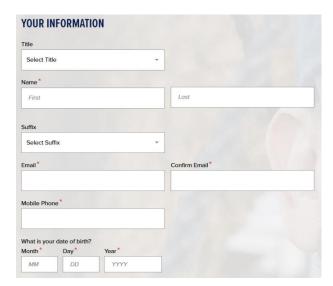


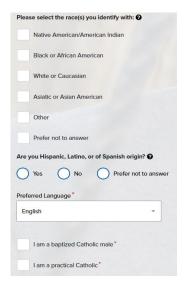
A Walk-through guide can be downloaded from the Supreme Website *Publication 11422*)

Utilizing the e-Membership, or the Online Membership, tool to help grow your council is an effective way to men into our Order. Online Membership allows men to participate in the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus while they consider how involved they want to become. This can be particularly effective when discussing membership with young family men who are busy with family activities, involved with their children's youth sports and other activities, because it introduces them to the Knights without requiring a large time commitment.

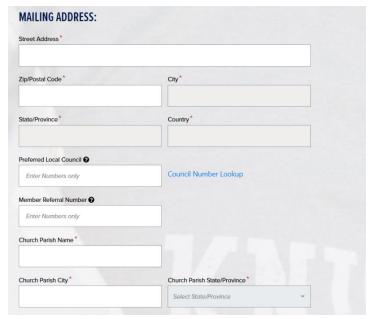
The applicant will enter information that pertains to them, proposers (or referring members) may assist the applicant's in entering information on an electronic device however there are couple areas that the applicant must complete themselves. Those areas are the acknowledgements of:

- I am a baptized Catholic male
- I am a practical Catholic
- I agree to abide by the Laws and Rules of the knights of Columbus...





The applicant will then enter their address along their Church Parish Information. The Church Parish Information assists in connecting the e-member with a council that supports that parish. If a proposer (or referring member) is assisting they should enter the Preferred Local Council, along with their membership number in the appropriate boxes. An applicant can also look up local councils by selecting the 'Council Number Lookup' link and then choosing the appropriate 'Find By' criteria.

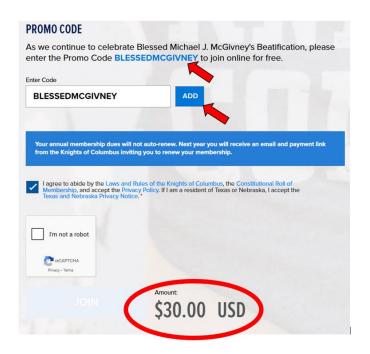


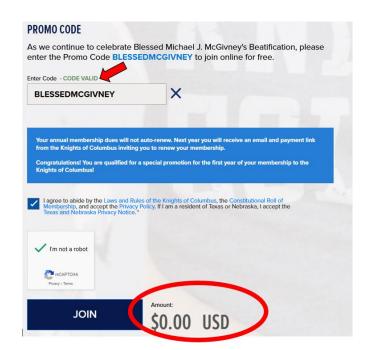
There are opportunities to avoid the \$30 application fee. If working with a field agent they can provide an 'Agent Referral Code'. Select the box 'I have an Agent Referral Code'; this will open a box in which the code can be entered, once entered, click the 'ADD' button and confirm the code is valid. If unsuccessful confirm the code with the field agent and try again. Scroll to the bottom of the application and confirm that \$0.00 is displayed in the 'Amount' area.





When not working with a field agent, scroll to the bottom of the application and click on the blue text of 'BLESSEDMCGIVNEY'. The box will populate with the same, click the blue 'ADD' button and confirm the code is valid. Confirm that \$0.00 is displayed in the 'Amount' area.





After Selecting the 'Join' button, the applicant will receive an email from Supreme in which the applicant must 'Confirm' their membership. They have 24 hours to confirm, if they have not, they will receive a subsequent 2nd and 3rd email inviting them to confirm their membership. If they do not confirm the applicant would need to resubmit a new application. There is no harm or risk of duplication to this.



Once the membership has been confirmed by the applicant they will be directed to the supreme website with a welcome message.



Additionally, e-mails will be sent to the state membership team for awareness. If the member noted a 'Preferred Council' in their application the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of that council will also receive an email acknowledging the availability of the prospect to their council.

State Council Message when Member Joins Online

State Membership team members will receive email notifications when e-members sign up in the state of Nebraska. The e-mail will advise if the member has interest in an established council in the state and that council number and location will be noted. Otherwise it will note the member belongs to the state of Nebraska and the membership team will review his address and parish he attends and assign him to the council most local to him.



Dear Brother Knight,

John E Member has joined the Knights of Columbus online and is interested in transferring to Council 7704, in Crete, Nebraska.

Please contact him in the next few days to begin coordinating his transfer.

OR

Dear Brother Knight,

John E Member has joined the Knights of Columbus online and is now a member of the **NE** state division. **Please contact him in the next few days to assess his interest in joining a local council.**

An effective way of leveraging the Online Membership platform to grow your council is to use the Join Online Business card (Form #11689 – *pictured below*). This card provides quick information about the Knights of Columbus and directs a prospect to go to the <u>kofc.org/joinus</u> site to sign up as an online member. This site contains informative videos and other information about the Knights which will aid you in educating a prospect about who the Knights of Columbus are and what we do.

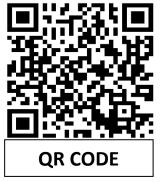
As you can see, the card contains a space for the Council Number, so that the prospect can enter that as part of their online membership enrollment. Once they enter your council number and complete the online membership enrollment, they will appear on your council's Prospect tab on Officer's Online.





Note that most materials now contain the 'QR CODE' that allows smart phones to recognize and take individuals directly to the supreme website. This code can be downloaded from the State website and applied to materials developed by the council. Consider working with the parish and adding to the bulletin announcements. The possibilities are near 'limitless'.

After a prospect enrolls in the online membership program, you will be able to locate and obtain contact information for follow up. Online members will be assigned to your council as member-prospects if the member indicates that they'd like to join your council, or if your state team has assigned them to you as



a member-prospect. Having the member complete a Charity, Unity, & Fraternity (CUF) degree exemplification makes him eligible to join the council formally as a 3rd degree brother knight. To complete the process, enter the CUF date in Prospect Tab of Officers Online below the 'Ceremonial Date' and select 'Transfer'. This brief guide will show you how it works and removes the requirement of submitting a Form 100.

Finding and Transferring Online Members to Council Rosters

All Online Members who express interest in joining a local council will appear under the "Prospect" tab in Officers Online

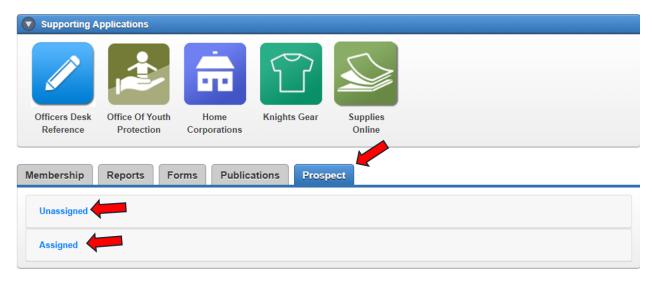


When a new member enters a 'Preferred Council' in their application and completes the process the member will show in the council's prospect tab. Should the member not select a council he will be placed into the Nebraska 'Unassigned' portion of the prospect tab. Only state membership team members have access to these members however they can assist you and your council by assigning them to your council. The state team will regularly review the unassigned list and assign them to councils based upon the criteria of their home address and the parish they indicate as their home parish. Therefore, it would be a good practice to review your councils prospect tab regularly (weekly).

State Officers that have the role(s) of: State Membership Director, Online Membership Chairman, or Online Membership Coordinator will have access to the prospect tab and be able to move prospects between the Assigned and Unassigned groupings along with transfer from one council to another as necessary. Assure you have the appropriate role selected if you hold additional roles at local and state levels.



The prospect tab has two lists for state teams, "Unassigned" and "Assigned". Councils will only have an "Assigned" section. Online Members "assigned" as prospects to your council will appear in your prospect tab in Officers Online. This tab will only be seen by Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. District Deputies also can view assigned member-prospects for councils in their districts.



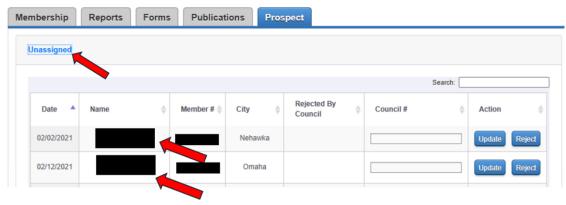
This "Assigned" list will include online members who have expressed interest in joining locally and have said that they want to convert to your council. These members are automatically "assigned" to the council number they entered. The list may also include members who have been assigned to your council by your state team. This can occur when a member indicates that he wants to convert to a local council but doesn't know which council to join. The state will assign prospects based on where the member lives and which parish he belongs to.

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		Lincoln	06/11/2025		9704		Update	Reject
		York	06/10/2025		1708		Update	Reject

To view additional information about the member, including contact information, you can click the member's name, and an info window will pop up.

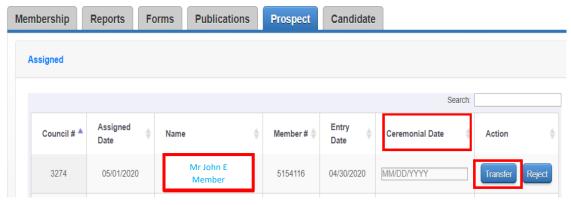
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The Unassigned Prospect list will show those prospects that have initiated the process of joining the Knights of Columbus but did not specify a council when completing the on-line form. (See Following Page)



Moving Online Members to Council Rosters

Once your council has gone through the admissions process, and the member has participated in a Charity, Unity & Fraternity degree exemplification you can transfer him by simply adding the degree date in the "Financial Secretary (Ceremonial Update)" section and clicking the transfer button.

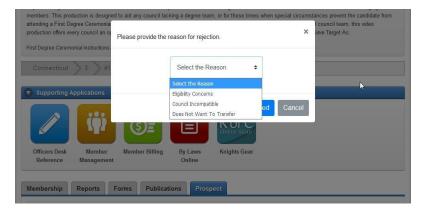


Once the update is submitted, the member will be automatically transferred into his new council. You will not need to submit a Form 100. The member will no longer appear in the "Prospect" tab.

Remember: councils will receive a +1 membership quota credit when an online member converts into their council. If the online member is an insurance client, the council will also receive a +1 insurance quota credit for that member.

Rejecting Transfers

If, for some reason, the online member is not going to transfer into the assigned council, you may "reject" the member by clicking "reject" and selecting a reason from the drop-down menu.



Rejecting an online member for transfer will result in the member reappearing in the "Unassigned" section of the state's "Prospect" tab, where the state can look into the matter further, and inform Supreme Council staff as needed.

Entering a Form 100 in Officers Online

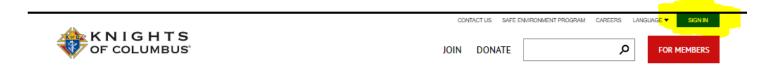
Supreme an online Form 100 that can be submitted through the Member Management portion of Officers Online. Councils can still send paper Form 100s to Supreme for all membership changes through the traditional methods:

- The simplest and quickest way to do this is to scan the Form 100, or take a picture of it, and send the image to membership@kofc.org.
- You can also send the paper form through the mail to Knights of Columbus; Attn: Membership Services; 1 Columbus Plaza; New Haven, CT 06510.

However, the online Form 100 can be used instead of these traditional methods in several circumstances. This can be used by your council's Financial Secretary for processing new members, reactivations and transfers. Deaths and suspensions must still be processed with use of the paper Form 100s through the traditional means. Below is the process for a Financial Secretary to enter a new member into the Online Form 100:

The online Form 100 process allows you to enter your candidates' information before they have taken their degree and joined the Knights. This allows the council to keep track of their candidate information within Officers Online and share this information between all officers that have access. After the candidate completes their degree, the Financial Secretary can then complete the process to add them to the council's roster. The Financial Secretary can also delete the candidate's information and remove them from the system if necessary.

Go to <u>www.kofc.org</u> in your internet browser. From the home page, click the "Sign In" button in the upper right corner of the screen.



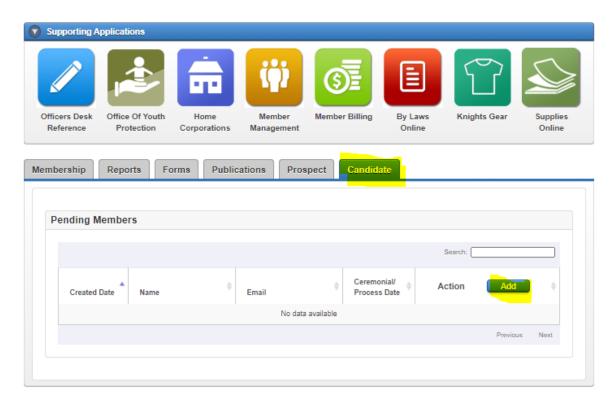
From the next screen, enter your Financial Secretary credentials and click the "Sign In" button to log into Officers Online.



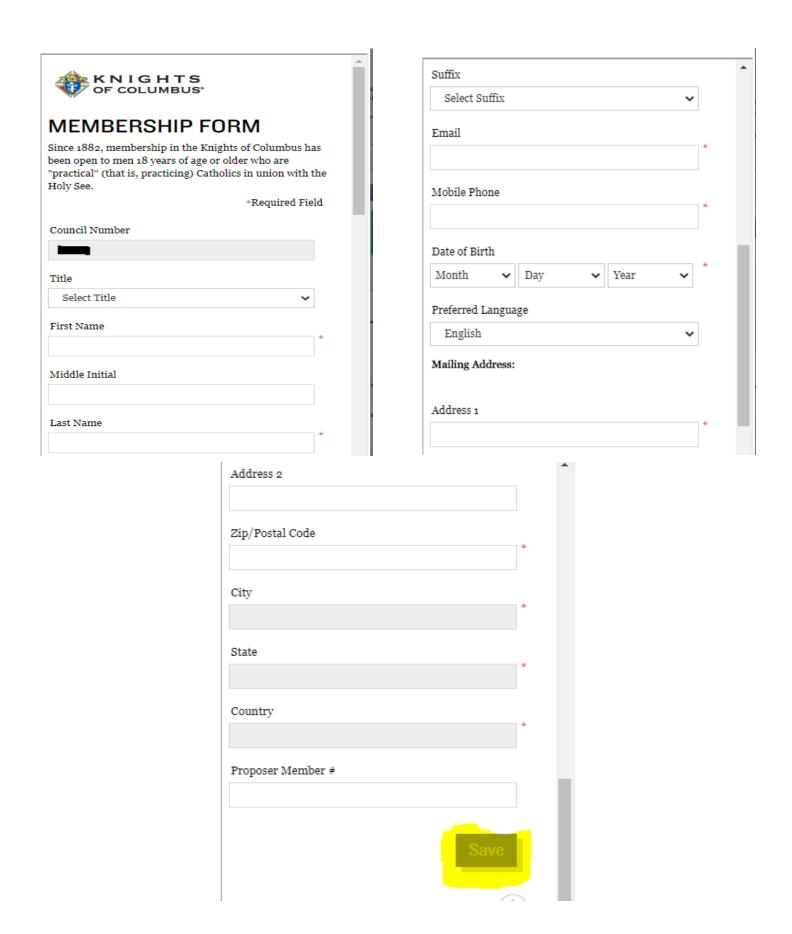
If you have multiple roles within your Council, Assembly or with the State, make sure that you are working under your role as Financial Secretary.



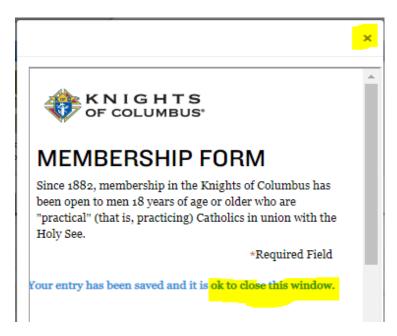
On the Officers Online home screen, scroll to the bottom where you can see the various tabs containing council information. Select the "Candidate" tab. From there, click the "Add" button.



Fill in all of the new member's information on the membership form as shown in screen shots on the following page:

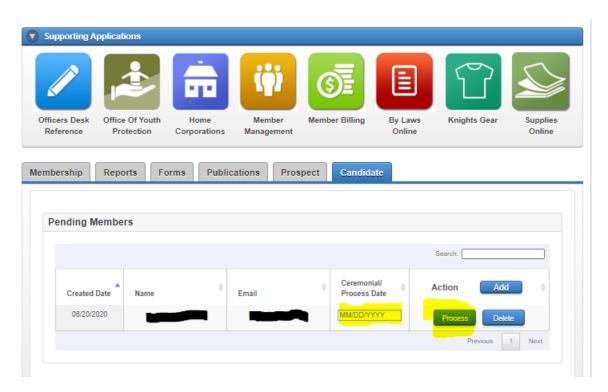


Select "SAVE" when you have finished entering your candidate's information. If successful, you should get the message that <u>your entry has been saved</u>.



Click the top-right [X] to close the window once your entry has been saved. It will take a little time before the entry appears under the Candidates list. Normally, you will need to log out and back into www.kofc.org before the new candidate information displays

Once the candidate has taken his Degree, update the Ceremonial/Process date and select the "Process" button to complete his addition to your council.



If you have a situation where the candidate changed his mind and no longer wishes to join, you can select the "Delete" button and remove his information from the Candidate tab. If the candidate is delayed in completing his degree, you can leave his information on the Candidate tab until he does join.

Online Form 100 / Candidate Tab FAQ

Does the Online Form 100 / "Candidate" tab fully replace the paper Form 100?

In order for a council to submit information into the "Candidate" tab, they should first have a man complete and sign a paper Form 100. Once the information is submitted into the "Candidate" tab, the completed paper Form 100 should be kept for council records and shared with state and district leaders as well as general and field agents, as you normally would.

What types of member transactions can be processed using the "Candidate" tab?

New members, reactivations and transfers can be processed using the "Candidate" tab. Deaths and suspensions must be processed by submitting a completed paper Form 100 via e-mail or postal mail to the Supreme Office Membership Records Department.

Who can add a member to the council using the "Candidate" tab?

Only a council's grand knight or financial secretary will have the "Candidate" tab on their Officers Online screen and only they can submit information via this application.

How long does it take for a member's information to be processed using the "Candidate" tab?

New members who have not previously been a squire, member or insurance client, will be processed nearly instantaneously. Reactivations, transfers and other applicants who may have a previous client account, will go to a Membership Records Department member to be reviewed and processed. These applications should be processed and posted within 2-3 business days.

What fields are required on the candidate tab?

In order to submit a member transaction via the "Candidate tab", the following fields must be submitted: First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, Cell Phone, Email, Address, Zip/Postal Code, City, State, and Country. Fields such as Title, Middle Initial, Suffix, Address Line 2 and Proposer are optional fields. An individual's membership number is not required to process transferring members and, thus, not a field on the "Candidate" tab.

What if a member does not have an email or cell phone number? Are these fields required?

When using the "Candidate" tab, these fields are required and applicants that do not have one or both of these fields should have their council submit the paper copy of their Form 100 via e-mail or postal mail to the Supreme Office Membership Records Department.

How does the "Candidate" tab work for transfers?

Enter information as you would for a new member. Be sure to include his name as it appears on his membership card. When submitting the member's information, place the date that he was voted into the council as the 'process date'. The Supreme Council's system will identify the member by name and date of birth to be processed separately as a transfer instead of a new member. Providing the membership number of transferring members is not needed for processing and, thus, not a field on the "Candidate" tab.

What's the difference between the "Prospect" tab and the "Candidate" tab?

The "Prospect" tab lists men who have joined the Order online and have either expressed interest in joining your council or have been assigned to your council by your jurisdiction's Online Membership Coordinator. The "Prospect" tab is not connected with the "Candidate" tab. The "Candidate" tab is used solely for the processing of new members, reactivations or transfers to your council who have completed and signed a paper Form 100.

What does the email a member receives look like?

All members processed through the "Candidate" tab receive the following email. The language of this email is based on the language you use when inputting the member.

Dear [Name],

Congratulations on becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus Council [Council #].

Thank you for accepting the challenge and becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus and welcome to our brotherhood.

Fraternally,

[Your Council's Grand Knight]

Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus Council [Council #]

Will anyone else (State Deputy, District Deputy, Field Agent) receive an email notification of the member's addition to the council?

No, only the member will receive an email confirmation that he has been added to your council. Even when using the "Candidate" tab, your council should continue to share the information from the completed paper Form 100 with state and district leaders as well as general and field agents, as you normally would.

Reasons Why We Grow the Order

- Build up the Church
- Support our Pastor and all Clergy
- Evangelization of our Catholic Faith
- Grow and enhance witness to our Catholic Faith
- Promote and engage others in a better prayer life
- Sharing opportunity to serve others
- Give back to the community
- Develop relationships with other Catholic families
- Assist others to become leaders
- For activity suggestions and programming ideas
- New members bring new experiences, ideas and talents
- New members infuse new enthusiasm into a council
- Support the financial needs of the council, through dues and working at fund-raising events
- Provide opportunity to participate in the Order's top rated insurance programs
- They can participate in our annuities, long term care programs and other fraternal benefits
- Eventual replacement of what we contribute today, as volunteers and as leaders
- Growth of our Order. With 2.1 million members and growing. Strength in numbers
- For continued growth in volunteer hours and dollars contributed to worthy causes
- Fulfill Fr. McGivney's Vision
- Fulfill Catholic teaching: to know, love and to serve Him on this earth and be happy with Him in heaven
- Knowing we did something good for another Catholic man and his family, the Church and community

OUR MISSION

Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.



Membership & Admission Committees

An important part of implementing your plan to grow your council is to use a Committee approach to the key responsibilities of finding and recommending new members to the council. The job of growing your council should not be left up to one person. It takes a team to shoulder this responsibility and develop the prospects that will be your future council members and leaders.

Creating a Membership Committee will allow the burden of finding and recommending new members to be shared among several members of the council. The committee then brings their plans for growing the council to the council to be implemented.

Suggested Membership Committee Members

- Council Membership Director
- Chaplain or Pastor
- Field Agent
- At least three members who are qualified
- Note that the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary are NOT included in this list

Suggested Team Member Qualifications

- Knowledgeable of Knights of Columbus
- Active in parish and community
- Willingness to promote and recruit
- Someone active in sales type work

Successful Procedures

- Assign two men to recruiting teams
- Seek pastor's approval of prospect's Catholicity
- Set goal and monitor progress toward the goal

Sales Tools

- Supreme brochures and flyers from "Membership Packet".
 - Your Financial Secretary may order additional brochures from the Supreme Council Supply Department
 - o Also, your field agent may have some material in his inventory
- Any issue of Columbian magazine
- Copies of letters written by the Bishop and Pastor
- Newsletter from your Council
- List of council activities or attractive brochure
- Application for Membership Form 100

Steps to Membership Growth

- Make an appointment with prospect and his wife. Make a short presentation on reasons for joining the Knights of Columbus. Listen well, ask questions, and be prepared to answer questions.
- Assist with completion of Form 100 and ask for a check to include his dues for the year or remainder of year and any initiation fees your council may assess.
- Notify prospect of upcoming degree dates and locations. Offer to give him a ride to the degrees.
 - o If he is unable to make a scheduled Admission degree, explore using the DVD degree at a time that will work for him.
- Remind him of meeting dates and offer a ride. Introduce him to the council members and assist him in selecting an activity in which he and his family may wish to participate.

Using a Membership Committee Interview

- Determine the Catholicity of the Candidate
- Present the candidate with a brief history of the Order
- Inform the candidate of the benefits of membership
- Use Questionnaire and Supplemental form to determine his interests
- Encourage involvement in the service programs
- Advise him on what is expected as a member and solicit his interest in the councils varied activities
- Determine his ambition to assume a leadership role
- Stress timely payment of all dues
- Encourage attendance at business meetings
- Stress advancement through the higher degrees of the Order
- Explain the Shining Armor Program for new members
- Assign a mentor or the proposer to guide him through the first few months of his membership; instructing, informing and staying in close contact with him.
- If you utilize activity committees, assign him to an activity committee.

Utilizing an Effective Membership Committee

The Grand Knight appoints three members of the council to an admissions committee. It is recommended that the committee chairman is the Council Chancellor and the remaining two appointees are the Membership Director and Program Director. Others such as the Financial Secretary, Chaplain and the Insurance Representative may also be assigned to this committee.

The Council Chancellor serves as chairman of this committee as his duties consist, along with assisting the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight with their duties, of having the responsibility for the total participation of the membership in the activities of the council. With approval of the Grand Knight he shall institute a program to develop the availability and interest of the members in specific activities. He shall exercise a special interest in new members and those members who are sick or in distress.

The Council Program Director has the overall responsibility for guiding the membership in the performance of value-filled activities and effectively involving the members and their families.

The Council Membership Director is responsible for the continued growth of the council by recruiting new and former members, assuring the retention of all members and conducting activities that affect membership recruitment growth.

The committee is guided through the interview by using the Admissions Committee Questionnaire. General information is asked of the candidate as well as his expectation or desire for personal involvement whether in activities and programs or in membership growth. The supplemental information form seeks permanent contacts, asks about his Catholicity, however practical Catholicity should always be verified with his Pastor or Council Chaplain, the interview inquires more deeply into the candidate's desire to serve and in what specific capacity. After satisfying these requests, information on upcoming degree dates, meeting times and dates, council's committee structure and the opportunity to earn the Shining Armor Award should be presented. This form shall be kept in the member's file, as well as a copy may be given to the program or membership director depending on the candidate's interests.

The interview should be completed prior to the business meeting at which time election and voting on the candidate occurs. This provides the council membership an opportunity to be apprised of essential qualifications of the candidate such as practical Catholicity and level of intended involvement in council activities. After election, providing approval, the candidate should be scheduled for a first degree exemplification as soon as possible. A long interval to the first degree date or uncertainty when the next first degree will occur will lessen the candidate's enthusiasm to proceed with his membership.

The proposer or mentor should accompany the candidate to the admissions committee interview, first degree and then to his first meeting. Either he or the Chancellor introduces the new member or members to the council membership. Depending on the new member's interest and involvement desired, he should be assigned to either the program or membership director's team. He should also be assigned to a committee where he can best satisfy his expressed interests; church, pro-life, youth, etc. A popular program being used in many states is the "Power of Ten" program. With this program, every member of the council is assigned to one of ten committees. Each has a chairman and co-chairman and is given responsibility for certain activities conducted by the council and for recruiting at least one new member each year. Close contact and frequent involvement are also significant benefits of this program.

Planning Growth Activities

For your council to be successful in growing its charitable outreach, it needs to plan what it is going to be doing throughout the whole year. You can be accidentally successful occasionally, but by creating a plan, you can improve your odds of finding more Catholic men who want to join your council's efforts to help families, your parish, and your community.

At the start of the fraternal year, the Grand Knight, officers, and key council members should hold a Planning Meeting in which they review and schedule the activities of the council for the upcoming year. Key events, such as Church Drives and Exemplifications need to be included in this plan. But it should also include dinners and fund-raisers that the council will be holding, as well as family and youth events. Since these events attract families, parishioners and community members who are not Knights, the Membership Committee should be aware of these events and plan to have someone there that can talk with non-Knights about possibly joining at every event. Every council event is an opportunity to find potential new members.

Below are a couple of council Membership Planners that show how this would work. The planner on the left takes a look at the year as a whole and can help you spread your events out throughout the year. The page on the right is an example from the Fraternal Leader Success Planner, which allows you to plan each month's activities in detail.

Planning your council's activities for the whole year is a great help in organizing your council's work – even if you know that some of the events will change or can only be tentatively scheduled. It should also help you to distribute your membership activities throughout the year, since some men are more open to joining during the times of the year when they are less busy. (For example, a father that coaches his kids football team may be more willing to join in the spring or summer when he isn't busy with practices and games.) Be sure to use your council's Fraternal Leadership Success Planner to create your plan for council growth.

Council#:	Location:	Total Member	s:
FY: July	June Supreme Quota:	Council Goal:	
JULY Action Plan:	AUGUST Action Plan:	SEPTEMBER Action Pian:	OCTOBER Action Plan:
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Organizing a Delta Church Drive

As your council works to welcome more men and grow its impact, a church membership drive will be essential to your success. A Delta Church Drive is a modern way to conduct church drives utilizing all of the tools available to your council maximizing the impact that you have with men in your parish and provide ample possibilities for following up with your prospects. It helps the council connect with all parishioners, by offering everyone a prayer card, which then provides an opportunity to discuss the Knights of Columbus with men and families who may benefit from membership. Follow the steps of the guide or utilize those pieces most applicable to your council and parish.

Choose a Week

The timing of your church drive is crucial to its success. Consider holding a drive during a busy time at the parish, such as the beginning of the School Year or Lent, when men are starting to take a more active interest in committing to their faith and parish life. Discuss your options with your pastor and work with him to set the best date for the church drive. Working with your pastor and getting his approval and support are key to the success of any drive. We are there to support him in his work and mission, not to work against him, or be a nuisance to him.

Plan the Details

Once you have your pastor's approval for the week to hold the church drive, you'll want to plan the details of the entire event. Take into account the projected Mass attendance when planning the number of workers that you will need at each Mass. Set your goals for the drive. Lock in the dates for your council's information night and degrees that will follow the church drive. Decide whether your council will offer a Raffle Prize, such as a Bible or gift card to a local restaurant, for all prospects that sign up during the drive.

Plan for Electronic Prospect Form Submission

Use Supreme link: https://info.kofc.org/us.html (pictured to the right). The form allows you to collect all your prospect information in one place and allows Supreme and your council to easily remain in contact with all of your prospects. Supreme will use the information to send out informative emails to the prospect, and your council can also use this to encourage the prospect to attend information nights and degrees. Have electronic devices (computer, tablet, phone, etc...) available at the drive or any council event for prospects to enter their information.

As part of the process, identify an officer in your council who will be responsible for tracking these prospects. The email address entered in this field will receive a notification that the prospect filled out the form and will be the reply email address on the email sent to the prospect. Each council does this differently, so it is up to your council's discretion as to who will serve as the contact person for new prospects. This can be your email address or a designated council officer. We recommend discussing this with your council to determine best practice.



When you fill out this form, you'll be put in touch with your local Knights of Columbus council, and receive information about the Knights and what they do. You can unsubscribe from our messages anytime.

First Name:	*
Last Name:	*
Email Address:	*
Phone Number:	
City:	
State:	* NE •
Preferred Council Number:	* 1723
Council Contact Email:	* rob.ostdiek1989@gmail.co
	Submit

Order Supplies from Supreme

As soon as you have decided to hold a Delta Church Drive, be sure to review the supplies that you will need for this drive. If you are short of any, order the supplies that you will need from Supreme through the Supplies Online portion of Officers Online:



- Delta Church Drive Kit English or Spanish
- New Member Kits
- Other brochures and posters

You can easily find the Delta Church Drive Kit, by searching "Delta" from the Supplies Online home screen. This kit contains materials for a successful Church Drive at a parish of up to 800 Sunday Mass attendees. Councils serving larger parishes can request multiple kits for their Church Drive by emailing councilgrowth@kofc.org. Contents of the kit are: prayer cards, information pamphlets and prospect cards. The "Holy Family" prayer card (as seen to the right) is included with the kit, but a council may choose to use another prayer card if that is their desire (especially if the parish is





praying for something in particular, or has a special devotion to a particular saint).

Be sure that you have enough New Member Kits for use during the Exemplifications that will follow the drive. You want to have a kit for every prospect that you hope to bring in during the drive. Ordering other brochures and posters will help you to advertise the church drive and your council's activities, both prior to the drive, and throughout all of your efforts to grow your council.

Bulletin Announcements Prior to the Drive

Work with your Pastor and parish office to have announcements of your upcoming drive placed in the bulletin. Be sure that you plan this well in advance so that the announcements can run at least two or three weeks prior to your church drive. This announcement can be tailored to be specific to your council, but should be similar to the following:

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council # will be holding a membership drive at (all Masses) the weekend of (dates). Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #____ for local information.

As you can see, this announcement contains a link to the e-Membership sign-up page. This will allow any Catholic man to immediately join the Knights of Columbus, start receiving benefits, but still let your council know their interest in being a part of your council – even before you hold your church drive.

Create and Train Your Teams

At every Mass during your drive, you will want to have a team of council officers and members. This team consists of men taking on very important roles:

- Coordinator
- Ambassadors
- Pulpit Announcer

The Coordinator ensures that all team members are there for their assigned Mass, makes sure that ambassadors have the prayer cards and other supplies that they need, and then aids prospects in entering their information in the prospect electronic prospect form. On the day(s) of the drive, the Coordinator should meet with the celebrant to remind them of the drive and ensure that they are comfortable with how the drive will be conducted. Ambassadors will be those council officers and members who greet parishioners as they enter and leave Mass, distribute prayer cards to all attendees, and discuss the benefits of membership with prospects,

gathering their contact information. The Pulpit Announcer will discuss the Knights and their work during the Mass.

Ambassadors are trained to greet everyone as they come to Mass and offer a prayer card to each person. They should use a greeting similar to, "Welcome. Here's a little gift from our Knights of Columbus council. It's a prayer card." They should feel comfortable asking men whether they are a member of the Knights of Columbus, and if they are not members, the ambassador should be able to make a friendly request if the man would be interested in receiving information about the Knights and consider joining our order. If a man is interested, the Ambassador should collect the man's contact information by entering it into the council's electronic prospect form. After Mass, the Ambassador should again be present to greet everyone as they leave Mass, saying, "Thank you for hearing our story today." They can also follow up with possible prospects or check with men who may have decided that they want more information after hearing the pulpit announcement. They should let these prospects know that they will be hearing from our council today.

It should be decided what the team members will wear during the drive. If a lay person is making the pulpit announcement, he should dress well so as to show respect to the pastor and the congregation. Ambassadors should be encouraged to wear council shirts so that they can be easily identified.



Pulpit Announcement

With the permission of your pastor, an officer or member of the council should make a brief announcement about the Knights and your council during the Mass(es). The Knight(s) that make the announcement should be well spoken and knowledgeable about what the council does within the parish and community. If he is comfortable, having your council chaplain (whether he is a priest, deacon, or lay-person) make this announcement can have a great impact.

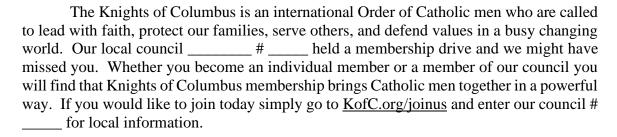
Regardless of who makes the announcement, they should make sure that it is welcoming, informative, and brief. This announcement should highlight the benefits of membership in the Knights and your council, but not be so long that it abnormally lengthens the Mass. A good time limit would be between 90 seconds and two minutes. The person making the announcement should review and practice the announcement ahead of time so that they can deliver it smoothly, without stumbling over words or phrases.

The announcement should close with an invitation for all men and families that are interested in learning more about the Knights to speak with a council member at the end of Mass. They can let them know where council members will be stationed and possibly how to identify them (if they are all wearing council shirts that are easily identifiable).

Follow up After the Drive

To ensure that your drive is successful your council team needs to make sure that each prospect is contacted and that other events are planned to continue the prospects' education about the Knights of Columbus:

- Make sure that all prospects' contact information has been entered into the prospect electronic form and submitted. Ideally This can be done during the drive if the ambassadors all have smart phones or tablets with access to the electronic form.
- Place a post-drive announcement in your bulletin to remind possible prospects of the opportunity to join the Knights. This announcement should run two or three weeks after the drive, and at least until you hold an Exemplification. Possible wording for this announcement is:



- Hold an informational night where men can learn more about the Knights of Columbus and what your council does. Reach out to your field agent and ask him to speak about the Order's insurance program. Hold the raffle during this event, and draw the winner from all prospects, whether they have agreed to join or not. Publicize the winner in the bulletin the following week.
- Have at least one Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity planned. As necessary, direct prospects to live-streamed degrees from Supreme or the State councils.
- Expose prospective members to all facets of the Knights of Columbus. Start by organizing some of the Faith in Action programs listed at kofc.org/faithinaction. Your events don't need to be large-scale; you could gather for daily Mass, grab dinner as a council or help your parish with a project. This will allow men to see the diversity and influence of your council.
- Remain vibrant and exciting by conducting an event for new members. It can be as simple as a dinner with the Knights and their families or something more involved, such as a community service project. Finding ways to keep new members engaged will keep them interested and active.

Join Us

Men will join the Knights -- if you ask them. Invite them to join by completing a Form 100 or visiting <u>KofC.org/joinus</u>. Extend the invitation to your greater community: advertise <u>KofC.org/joinus</u> in your parish bulletin, with your pastor's permission, and in community news outlets.

To Order Your Church Recruitment Drive Kit from the Supreme Website

- Log on to <u>www.kofc.org</u>
- Sign into Officers Online
- Click on Supplies Online Icon
- Scroll Down and Click on Kits Icon
- Click on Church Recruitment Drive Kit
- Fill out order Form
- Submit Order

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



INQUIRIES GUIDE FOR ADMISSION COMMITTEE

Questions listed below are offered as a guideline for the members of the Admission Committee. Your council's field agent should be invited to attend this meeting. The candidate's responses to these suggested questions should be helpful in determining his attitudes, talents, and general interest as a prospective member of your council. The candidate should be made to feel welcome at the meeting which should be conducted informally.

ON THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CANDIDATE

- A practical or practicing Catholic man in union with the Holy See is a man who accepts the teaching authority
 of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic
 Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. Are you a practical or practicing Catholic?
- Do you know your pastor or any of bis assistants personally?
- Are you a member of any parish organizations? Do you hold, or have you held, office in any of these organizations?
- Have you worked as a volunteer in any parish project?
- Do you subscribe to Catholic periodicals, newspapers, etc.?
- Do you serve as a deacon, eucharistic minister, lector, usber or in some other ministry?

ON THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE CANDIDATE

- Are you a member of any civic, trade, professional or other fraternal organizations?
- Do you bold, or bave you beld, office in any of these organizations?
- Have you served, or are you serving on any committees for organizations such as the Red Cross, Cancer/Heart associations, Special Olympics, etc.?
- Do you bold, or bave you beld an elective or appointed office in the municipal, state or provincial government?
- · Are you a registered voter? Do you regularly vote in local, state or provincial and national elections?

ON OUR ORDER

- Wby are you interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?
- · Were you invited to join or did you ask to join?
- Has anyone explained the member benefits to you or the financial obligations such as initiation fees or annual dues?
- What is your personal project or interest in the neighborhood, parish or community?
- What is your favorite bobby, sport or recreational activity?
- Every K of C council has an organizational format of elected and appointed officials. Would you be interested in serving or assisting in some administrative capacity now or in the future?
- What do you expect your K of C membership to provide you and your family?
- What do you hope to contribute to our council?

The members of the Admission Committee and the field agent should be prepared to answer any questions raised by the candidate. They should be encouraged to give the applicant a brief explanation of the insurance features of our Order and the various aspects of our charitable service programs.



REPORT OF ADMISSION COMMITTEE

To: Grand Knight	Council Number:
The Admission Committee	interviewed
	on
name	date
and it is now in order for the applic	tion discloses that said applicant is a practical Catholic cation to be presented to the Council.
Further, we recommend the favorable	following Council action: unfavorable
	Committee determines the applicant is not a practical mittee must sign below – otherwise the signature of the
Submitted by:	Admissions Commitee Chairman
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Member Retention Billing Procedures

A vitally important part of the financial welfare of the council is the collection of dues and per capita assessments from members. The Grand Knight and the Trustees should, therefore, always be certain that the following retention process is to be followed.

Please note that Financial Secretaries should use the Member Management and Member Billing applications, located in the secure Officers Online area of www.kofc.org, to perform the tasks listed in this section online. Instructions, recorded webinars, and help are available within the online application.

- 1. The Financial Secretary mails the membership bill "First Notice" 15 days before the billing period to each member.
- 2. If payment is not received in 30 days, the Financial Secretary will mail the membership bill "Second Notice".
- 3. If payment is not received within 30 days from the date the "Second Notice" was sent, the Financial Secretary will provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and amounts due for each member in arrears to the retention committee for personal follow up.

The committee should include but is not limited to the Retention Committee Chairman (<u>as reported on the Service Program Personal Report</u> - typically the Deputy Grand Knight), the Trustees, and the proposer, if available. (NOTE: The Financial Secretary is NOT a member of the Retention Committee.)

The Retention Chairman (typically the Deputy Grand Knight) shall assign a member of the retention committee to discuss the reasons for non-payment: discuss any personal situations prohibiting payment: or to offer a cooperative remedy to the delinquency situation.

The Retention Chairman will notify the Grand Knight of the results of the contact. If directed, the Financial Secretary forwards a "Knight Alert" letter to the delinquent member, signed by the Grand Knight after the Retention Committee has done their work.

NOTE: The Retention Committee should make use of various methods, including internet search engines, in its attempt to locate the member if unreachable.

The committee members provide a written report of their findings to the Retention Chairman.

The Retention Committee Chairman will then compile a report on all members in arrears to be presented to the Grand Knight who will present the findings at the next officers meeting to determine if members are to be suspended or need assistance. Personal financial difficulty is not a sufficient reason for suspension.

If the member is experiencing financial difficulty, the Retention Committee can recommend to the Grand Knight that he advise the Financial Secretary to accommodate the member with a payment plan or other financial arrangement that is acceptable to the council.

- 4. If after 15 days of sending the "Knight Alert" the member still has not paid his dues or no satisfactory arrangement has been made, the "Notice of Intent to Retain" is prepared and signed by the Financial Secretary and countersigned by the Grand Knight.
 - a. The "Original Copy" is sent to the delinquent member.
 - b. The "Supreme Office Copy" is forwarded to the Department of Membership Records.

The Supreme Knight then mails a personal letter to the delinquent member to convey the Supreme Knight's interest in having the member retain his "good standing" status.

- c. The State Retention Chairman, on behalf of the State Deputy will have the responsibility of monitoring the conservation listing, posted each Saturday morning on the Supreme web site in the Officers Online area. The same has the responsibility to ensure that the District Deputy and State Retention Team have access to the conservation list. He should also communicate with the member, offering assistance and advising him that the District Deputy in his area is available to help with any particular problems.
- d. The District Deputy has the responsibility of monitoring the conservation listing, posted each Saturday morning on the Supreme web site in the Officers Online area, to access the list of members needing to be contacted. He personally contacts the delinquent member to discuss the nonpayment situation. In the course of the visit, suggestions as to possible solutions should be recommended, and the District Deputy will volunteer to assist the member, if the need exists.

The District Deputy determines whether personal contact has been made by the council. The response and reaction received from the delinquent member is recorded and then forwarded as soon as possible to the State Deputy for review.

- e. The "Council Copy" is retained for council files.
- 5. If the delinquent member does not meet his obligation or arrange a satisfactory payment schedule within 60 days following processing of the Notice of Intent to Retain, then the council may file a Membership Document (#100), indicating suspension. Both the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary SHALL sign the form prior to filing the Form 100 with the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council office will not process the suspension unless a "Notice of Intent to Retain" has been on file for the required 60 days.
- 6. The "Notice of Intent to Retain" becomes null and void 90 days following the date it is recorded at the Supreme Council office. After the 90-day period has elapsed, the form will be removed from the file under the assumption the council has been successful in retaining the member.
- 7. If, subsequently, the member on whom the council previously filed a "Notice of Intent to Retain" again becomes delinquent, the entire billing/retention process must be re-implemented as described.

Every Financial Secretary has received clear and concise instructions on this procedure. It is the duty of the District Deputy to make certain that they are being carried out by the Financial Secretary and Retention Committee of each council in his district.

It is the State Deputy's responsibility to ensure that the State Membership Director, the State Retention Chairmen and the District Deputy follow the retention procedures.

Examples of a Fraternal Year or Calendar Year Billing Cycle

Calendar Year Billing

- 1st Notice sent to member on December 15th
- 2nd Notice sent to member on January
 15th
- Retention Committee contacts those in arrears
- Knight Alert Letter sent February 15th
- Notice of Intent to Retain sent March 1st
- File a Form #100 with the Supreme Council on May 1st but no later than June 1st

Fraternal Year Billing

- 1st Notice sent to member on June
 15th
- 2nd Notice sent to member on July
 15th
- Retention Committee contacts those in arrears
- Knight Alert Letter sent August 15th
- Notice of Intent to Retain sent September 1st
- File a Form #100 with the Supreme Council on November 1st but no later than December 1st

It is the State Deputy's responsibility to ensure that the State Membership Director, the State Retention Chairmen and the District Deputy follow the procedures.

Reasons that Members Drop Out of the Knights

Surveys of Knights of Columbus members who have been suspended or withdrawn from the Order consistently show the same reasons that members drop out. The list of reasons below are the results of a couple of these surveys. They are offered to remind your council of the often-simple things that you could do to keep these members engaged and interested in working with you.

As you can see, these reasons could have been overcome with a little more effort on the part of the council, either to communicate with and welcome the member, or by showing the charity and prayerful help that we are all called to provide to our Brother Knights.

- 1. Lack of communication
 - a. No council newsletter
 - b. Did not have a sponsor / had no personal contact from the council
 - c. "I have no idea what is going on"
- 2. No activities
 - a. Council has no programs for my family or for me
- 3. Poorly run ceremonials
 - a. Not impressed with the Charity, Unity, & Fraternity exemplification
 - b. Did not take the second, third or fourth degrees
 - c. Was never contacted about Charity, Unity, & Fraternity exemplification degree dates.
- 4. Not needed
 - a. I went to a few meetings, but no one spoke to me
 - b. Did not feel welcome or needed
 - c. I volunteered to help but was never contacted
 - d. I felt that they were running a closed shop
- 5. Not prayerful enough, too secular
 - a. "Whenever I went to the council, the members that were there just sat around the bar and talked about everyone"
- 6. I was never told anything about the Knights of Columbus
 - a. I was given a pamphlet at my first (Charity, Unity, & Fraternity exemplification) degree
 - b. I have no idea how this organization functions
- 7. Having money problems
- 8. Working two jobs
- 9. Unemployed
- 10. Having family or medical problems
- 11. Have no time to get involved

The following pages contain an example of a membership experience survey. This interest survey can be used to help increase your council's interactions with its members and help find the programs and activities that would most interest them. It could help your council eliminate several of the reasons that members listed for dropping out.

Member Experience Interest Survey

To our new and current members, please know that we value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions, and we rely on your participation for the continued success of our council and parish. Our Knights of Columbus council conducts a variety of programs – activities where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. In an effort to ensure a great Knights of Columbus council experience, we ask that you complete the following survey. Thank you and *Vivat Jesus!*

GENERAL INFORMATIO	N				
Name:					
E-Mail: Phone:					
Marital Status: Married	Single Widower If Ma	rried, Wife's Name:			
Number of Chil	dren: Boys Girls				
Occupation:		Parish/Church:			
Hobbies/Interests:					
FAITH IN ACTION PROG	RAMS				
Please list your preferences for	those Faith in Action programs y	ou would be interested in volunte	eering at or attending.		
FAITH	FAMILY	COMMUNITY	LIFE		
General Interest in Programs Designed for Faith Formation Into the Breach Pilgrim Icon Program Build the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Sacramental Gifts Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) Other:	General Interest in Programs Designed to Strengthen Families Family of the Month Keep Christ in Christmas Family Fully Alive Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Family Prayer Night Good Friday Family Promotion Food for Families Other:	General Interest in Programs Designed for Community Service Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Soccer Challenge Helping Hands Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Other:	General Interest in Programs Designed to Create a Culture of Life Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Pregnancy Center Support Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Novena for Life Mass for People with Special Needs March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Other:		
How much time do you think you can contribute to council activities? 1 hour per month 1 hour per week Multiple hours per week What are some ideas you have for new or improved programs?					
	eading any new or improved prog nbership in our council?				
Please submit this form to you	r Grand Knight				

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Locating "Lost" Knights on your Roster

Here are some tools your council could use to help find "lost" members. If your council finds that they cannot locate a member that has moved, using some of the following sites may help you find the member and allow you to either keep him on your active roster or help him transfer to a new council:

A couple of the free search sites are:

• www.whitepages.com

One of the better pay sites available is:

• www.peoplefinder.com

Of course, one of the best ways to locate someone and quickly establish contact with them is to work through social media. This can be especially effective for finding younger members who may have moved away:

- www.facebook.com
- www.x.com (formerly Twitter)
- www.instagram.com

The "Best Practice" is to work with the Financial Secretary, council's Retention Committee and the District Deputy to coordinate efforts for finding these "lost" knights. If a council can locate a member, you have a chance to get them to "save" them as members. They can now pay their dues and receive communications from the council, which will help to get them active again.

If you find that a member has moved out of the area, locating them may allow you to help them transfer to another council in their new location. On the following page, there is an example of a Moving Notice, which can be used to inform the council in a member's new location that there is a Knight that could transfer into their council and continue his membership in the Order.

<u>Moving (Change of contact information):</u> Members should advise their current councils Financial Secretary and Grand Knight of your intention to move and your new address along with changes to phone and email address information. If you are moving outside of your current council's jurisdiction look for a council that is connected to your new parish and connect with that council. Your current councils' leaders may be able to help you in that effort along the assistance of District Deputies or other state leaders.

Accidental Death Benefit: It may be of value to remind every member in good standing with their council and whose council is in good standing of this benefit that is of no cost to them. The benefit is available to members and their wives and can have a value up to \$5000. K of C Brochure #2773 details this benefit.

Affiliate Member Initiative

The Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI) recognizes that some members, who share our values and support our mission, are unable to remain active in their local councils. This may be due to poor health, financial stress, family problems, lack of transportation, medical concerns or many other reasons.

The AMI allows these men to be designated as Affiliate members and removed from their local council rosters. The Supreme and State Councils will then engage Affiliate members by keeping them informed of major initiatives and giving them opportunities for volunteer service and charitable contributions.

The net result is that local councils will be able to devote more time to volunteer service and more funds to charitable causes. Council leaders will be able to give greater attention to active members and prospects. The AMI clearly benefits members and councils alike.

The process is detailed in publication #11729 (Affiliate List Submission Process) in accordance with the Temporary Billing Procedures detailed in publication 11619 (Fraternal Excellence Guide). Spreadsheets (lists) may be submitted anytime, but those received after May 1st may not be reflected on council rosters until after July 1st. Please note:

Members who ask to withdraw from the Order may not be designated for Affiliate status. Email their resignation letter along with their name and membership number to membership@kofc.org so they can be properly removed from the Order.

Questions can be asked by email to affiliate@kofc.org or phone at (800) 380-9995.

Round Table Program

Publication #10506 - Council Development & Retention Guidelines details the process well.

A parish round table serves a parish in any number of ways. However, the ultimate aspiration of any parish round table remains the same:

To actively engage Knights of Columbus members in order to aid the parish and sustain visible Catholic action through works of charity in every parish and mission throughout the Order, and in sustainable parishes to form the round table into a fully functioning council.

There are many benefits in establishing a parish round table for the parish, its priest, and Knights. Having a Knights of Columbus parish round table creates a unique and effective support structure within the parish. Whether it's fundraising for a new roof, or actively participating in the parish's ministry, devoted Knights serve as invaluable resources for realizing the needs of the parish.

The benefits of a round table for local councils and its members are also evident. Through personal service to our respective parishes, the Order is able to truly fulfill its commitment to serving the Catholic Church, as well as our communities. And, as Knights, being active in our own parishes helps strengthen our personal faith and often helps create a better place for our families to grow theirs in spirituality and service.

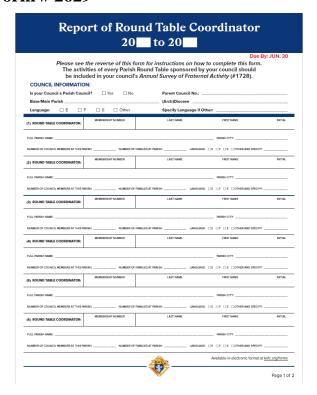
There are no elected offices in the Knights of Columbus round table. The grand knight appoints a coordinator as the designated leader of the round table and its members and acts as liaison between the round table and the council. Meet as necessary to aid the pastor and parish community.

The parish round table has no dues. Members continue to meet their financial obligation to their council, and the parish round table projects are council projects. The parish round table coordinator must communicate with the grand knight and the council to ensure the project's success.

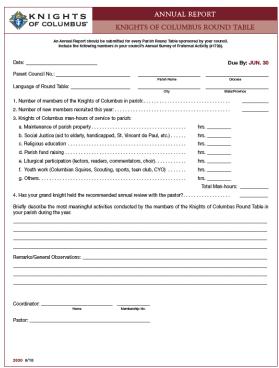
The only paperwork consists of two reports (*Examples of these forms are below*.):

- Report of the Parish Round Table Coordinator (Form #2629) DUE: Annually by June 30th
 - This report is emailed to councilgrowth@kofc.org for processing. Copies to: State Deputy, State Executive Secretary, State Round Table Coordinator (Membership Director Rob Ostdiek), Council File
- The Annual Report of the Knights of Columbus Round Table (Form # 2630) DUE: Annually by June 30th

Form # 2629



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Form 2630 — Annual Report of Round Table

(7) ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR:	MEMBERSHP NUMBER	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INTIAL
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The grand kright and his officers make lists of council members who belong to those area parishes. All will automatically become part of that parish round table. New parishioners of the parish may be recruited, as well. The grand kright, with the help of his officers insurance agent, informal council members who belong to the designated parish, applian that the forther round table had then explain the benefits to them. The grand kright and a knight parishioner call on the pastor to offer help. Since the pastor assigns the projects, there will be no conflict with vestinging prougs. The grand kright parishioner and in the pastor to offer help. Since the pastor assigns the projects, there will be no conflict with vestinging prougs. The grand kright presents the priest with all soft fragitists who will be a simple projects the parish that the country and the present cannot be the home parish of a council, unless the home count is established in different language.

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SEND ORIGINAL TO: Department of Fraternal Mission (email: councilgrowth@kofc.org)
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